

CITY OF REYNOLDS
JULY 15, 2024 @ 6:30 pm
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council convened at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2024, at the Train Depot with the announcement of a quorum.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Fred Waller, Danny Peed, Timishea Price, Hiram Couch, Brandon Hunter, Tommy Beeland, Hanna Sloan, and Assistant City Clerk Tammy Jones.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

INVOCATION: Tommy Beeland

INVITE CITY ATTORNEY – Hiram Couch made a motion to invite City Attorney Brian Causey to council meeting. Tommy Beeland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA

The city clerk received a notice asking to be added to the agenda for the meeting. Brandon Hunter made a motion to add Melinda Mathis to the agenda under Other Business. Timishea Price seconded the motion. All voted in favor, the motion passed.

Hannah Sloan made a motion to adopt the proposed agenda. Timishea Price seconded the motion. All voted in favor, the motion passed.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Fire Chief Sam McCrary briefed the council:

- Three calls last month, all inside the city.
- The Fire Department has one firefighter in training.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **June 26, 2023, Council Meeting** – Danny Peed made a motion to accept the minutes. Hiram Couch seconded. All voted in favor, the motion passed.
- **June 29, 2023 Special Called Meeting** – Hiram Couch made a motion to adopt the minutes. Brandon Hunter seconded. All voted in favor, the motion passed.
- **September 18, 2023 Council Meeting** – Danny Peed made a motion to adopt the minutes. Hiram Couch seconded. All voted in favor, the motion passed.
- **October 16, 2023 Council Meeting** – Danny Peed made a motion to adopt the minutes. Timishea Price seconded. All voted in favor, the motion passed.
- **November 27, 2023 Council Meeting** – Timishea Price made a motion to adopt the minutes. Danny Peed seconded. All voted in favor, the motion passed.
- **March 18, 2024 Council Meeting** – Danny Peed made a motion to adopt the minutes. Hiram Couch seconded. All voted in favor, the motion passed.

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- **June 17, 2024, Work Session** – Danny Peed made a motion to accept the minutes. Tommy Beeland seconded. All voted in favor, the motion passed.
- **June 17, 2024, COUNCIL MEETING** – Danny Peed made a motion to accept the minutes. Brandon Hunter seconded. All voted in favor, the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee: - Danny Peed reported working on budget.

Property Committee: - No report

Police Committee: - Hiram Couch is looking forward to riding in the new Tesla.

TAYLOR COUNTY FAMILY CONNECTIONS REPORT

TCFC Coordinator Yoland Majors briefed the council regarding the summer program at TC Elementary School.

POLICE REPORT

- Chief Holder reported that the police department has lost five officers in the last year, and it is important to stay competitive. Effective, January 1, 2025, policy requires all mandate to be trained for 24 weeks instead of the current requirement of 12 weeks plus an additional 12 weeks for state accreditation which means being without the new officer for a total of 36 weeks. Chief Holder mentioned retention of employees being important as to not go through the training and losing officers for 36 weeks.
- Chief Holder mentioned that they were going to be receiving a Tesla donated to the department. July 23rd he will be attending the Chief Conference. September 19th @ 6:30 pm will be the police banquet. Community Day is scheduled for August 3rd from 10:30 to 12:00 pm.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

- Director Scott Jones and clerk met with the Watkins Engineer to discuss the USDA Letter of Conditions. The city has completed the necessary documents that is required. The engineer is still working with GDOT to finalize the needed permits. The city still does not have a definite bid date yet.
- Asbestos drinking water results for 2nd quarter were negative.
- We have started the mosquito spraying program. The company will spray twice a month @ \$500 per spray.
- GDOT gave an update on the bridge replacement on HWY 128. GDOT said that the highway will remain open throughout construction and will not have a detour put in place. Construction is due to begin in early 2027.

FINANCE REPORT

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Brandon Hunter – updated council on the budget. Nine employees will receive raises effective on August 15, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS

- BUDGET - TC Commissioner Takema Carson announced to the council that the City of Reynolds will no longer be responsible for paying \$10,000.00/yr to the recreational department in the county.
- Budget Public Hearing are scheduled for July 30 @ 11:00 am and August 1st @ 6:00pm
- POLICE DEPARTMENT TESLA VEHICLE – 2023 Telsa - Hiram Couch made the motion to accept the gift of the 2023 Telsa from the Taylor County Rehab Facility. Timishea Price seconded the motion. All voted in favor

NEW BUSINESS

- RESOLUTION CALLING OF REFERENDUM ALLOWING RETAIL CONSUMPTION OF DISTILLED SPIRITS - Hiram Couch made a motion to add referendum to vote on the November ballot whether allowing retail consumption of distilled spirits be sold in the city. Timishea Price seconded the motion. Danny Peed and Tommy Beeland opposed. The motion carried 4 to 2.
- CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING / PARADE DATES - Parade will be held December 7th @ 10:00 am. Christmas Tree lighting on November 29 @ 6:00pm.
- ROSALYNN CARTER BUTTERFLY GARDEN – HANNAH – Councilwoman Sloan presented to the council the upcoming Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Garden fully funded by the GA Farm Bureau. This garden will place the city on the map as there are several Rosalynn Carter gardens around the state.

OTHER BUSINESS

- STREET REPAIR – DAWN KINSEY-OGBURN - citizen expressed concern to the council and asked questions about paving and drainage repairs of several streets within the city.
- GENERAL QUESTIONS – MELINDA MATHIS – citizen came asking “what are the requirements to be in the city limits”?
- MULTIVERSED, MULTIDIMENSIONAL, CLASS ACTION – TIMISHEA PRICE – Councilwoman Price addressed the council with her opinion on different accusations.

ADJOURNMENT

Danny Peed made a motion at 8:00 p.m. to adjourn. Brandon Hunter seconded. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned.

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