

City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2024

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL: Mayor Pexton called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following City Council members present: Mayor Kim Pexton, Councilperson Ron McNare; Councilperson Perry Hershberger; Councilperson Matt Schmidt; and Councilperson John Bartling. Douglas Youth Hockey representatives Talon & Ruby led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present: JD Cox, City Manager; Mike Armstrong, City Attorney; Todd Byerly, Chief of Police; John Harbarger; Public Works Director; Mary Nicol, Administrative Services Director/Treasurer.

Disclosures by City Council Members: None.

General Agenda (Corrections/Additions): Councilperson Hershberger moved to approve the general agenda as presented. Councilperson Schmidt seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comments: None.

Consent Docket: Minutes: City Council Work Session: February 12, 2024; City Council Meeting: February 12, 2024. Councilperson Schmidt moved to approve the Consent Docket. Councilperson Bartling seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Presentation:

Proclamation: Music in Our Schools. Councilperson Hershberger read the proclamation.

Douglas Ice Cats: Paul Bauder, Vice President, and Jake Marcus, volunteer, approached council regarding resolution consideration to add 1¢ general purpose tax to ballot.

Rural Growth Strategies: Robert Harrington, David Gaines, and Rob O'Brien reviewed progress on an economy study.

Public Hearings:

Liquor License Renewals: Renewal of all liquor licenses as follows: Retail: Beggar LLC dba The Liquor Cabinet; CIB LLC dba The College Inn; Douglas Liquors LLC dba Douglas Discount Liquors & Tobacco; Underwood Ventures Inc dba Northgate Liquor & Lounge; Barkandi LLC dba Indian Curry House; H4U Inc dba Plains Trading Post; Coopers Arena LLC dba The Arena; Pinz LLC dba House of Pinz; TBK Club LLC dba Douglas Community Club 19th Tee; P&Z Inc dba Double D Liquors; Round Rock Entertainment LLC dba LaBonte Bar; Homax Oil Sales Inc dba Sunset Liquor; and Three Boys Inc dba The Waterhole. Limited Retail (Club): Samuel Mares Post Number 8 dba American Legion and Moose Lodge #602 dba Moose Lodge #602. Restaurant: Four Seasons Chinese Restaurant dba Four Seasons Chinese Restaurant; Los Espinos LLC dba LaCosta Mexican Restaurant; and The Depot LLC dba The Depot. Bar and Grill: 307 Horse Racing Inc dba 307 Horse Racing. Mayor Pexton opened the public hearing at 5:59 p.m. Director Nicol provided an overview. No Public Comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:02 p.m.. Councilperson McNare moved to approve all licenses as presented with the exception of Samuael Mares issuance contingent on the show

cause hearing being held and confirming tips training status for both individuals cited for compliance failures. Councilperson Schmidt seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Council Action Items:

Ordinance No 1037: An Ordinance Amending Section 8.20.190 Removal of Snow and Ice and adding Section 10.92.080 Snow Emergency Routes. City Manager Cox provided a brief overview. Councilperson Hershberger moved to approve Ordinance No 1037 with changes as follows: add a map for emergency route, include an exception for parade or parkway, and c.2 to read “on the following day”, on its First Reading. Councilperson McNare seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance No 1038: An Ordinance Amending Section 15.04.010(C) of the Douglas Municipal Code Pertaining to Building Permits. City Manager Cox provided a brief overview. Councilperson Bartling moved to approve Ordinance No 1038 as presented on its First Reading. Councilperson Schmidt seconded. Brief discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

Memorandum of Understanding: Sheep Mountain Well Transmission Line: Director Harbarger provided a brief overview. Councilperson Schmidt moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Converse County concerning a ground water transmission line from new Sheep Mountain Well #2 and furthermore authorize the City Manager to sign all associated documentation. Councilperson Hershberger seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Board Appointment: Arts & Culture Board of Trustees. Director Nicol provided a brief overview. Councilperson Bartling moved to table the board appointment to the arts & culture board of trustees. Councilperson McNare seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Pawn Brokers License: Douglas Pawn: Director Nicol provided a brief overview. Councilperson Hershberger moved to renew the pawnbrokers license for Douglas Pawn for the term March 1, 2024, thru February 28, 2025, as presented. Councilperson McNare seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Council Information:

Douglas Historic Preservation Commission Minutes: January 17, 2024. Financial Report: January 2024.

City Manager’s Report:

City Manager Cox provided an update on multiple recent and current items.

Good People Doing Good Things:

Councilperson Schmidt advised he was contacted by a victim of domestic violence and recognized Officer Howard for her excellent work. Councilperson Hershberger recognized the community, as he had noticed several people helping to put up fences blown down from winds and assisting animals who had gotten out.

Community Updates:

Event Calendar: A video presentation of upcoming events was presented.

Adjourn: Councilperson Bartling moved to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of February 26, 2024. Councilperson Schmidt seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:36 p.m.

Kim Pexton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Nicol, City Clerk

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