

City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
March 25, 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 High School band, led by Mr. Brown, sang & played the National Anthem.

Also present: JD Cox, City Manager; Mike Armstrong, City Attorney; Clara Chaffin, Community Development Director; 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: Dax McCarty & Macey Moore addressed Council regarding fees for events at Bartling Park.

Consent Docket: Minutes: City Council Work Session: March 11, 2024; City Council Meeting: March 11, 2024; Ordinance 3rd Reading: Ordinance No 1038; Wastewater Treatment Plant Bypass Rehabilitation Project. Councilperson Bartling moved to approve the Consent Docket as presented. Councilperson McNare seconded. Brief Discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

Presentation:

Douglas High School Band: Douglas High School Band members performed for the assembly in recognition of Music Appreciation Month.

Wyoming State Fair: Rindy West, Courtney Kunkel, & Deanna Brow addressed Council requesting contribution to Wyoming State Fair Endowment.

Arts & Culture Presentation & Update: Michelle Carter, Besty Varland, & Josh Butts provided update on activities for the last 6 months and upcoming events.

Public Hearings:

Liquor License Bar & Grill Application: Ramos Café LLC. Mayor Pexton opened the public hearing at 6:12 p.m. Director Nicol provided an overview. No Public Comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:14 p.m. Councilperson Hershberger moved to approve the Bar & Grill Liquor License for Ramos Café LLC for the licensing term of April 1, 2024 thru March 31, 2025 contingent on receipt of food permit. Councilperson Schmidt seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Show Cause Hearing

Samuel Mares Post Number 8, The American Legion. Mayor Pexton opened a show cause hearing at 6:14 p.m. Director Nicol provided an overview. Show Cause Hearing closed at 6:17 p.m. Councilperson

McNare moved to impose a six month probationary period contingent on no further violations during that time with additional action taken in the event of a further violation. Councilperson Schmidt seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Council Action Items:

Liquor License Dispensing Area Request: Round Rock Entertainment LLC, LaBonte Bar: Director Nicol provided a brief overview. Macey Moore answered questions from Council. Councilperson Schmidt moved to approve the dispensing area changes for Round Rock Entertainment LLC, LaBonte Bar as presented. Councilperson Bartling seconded. Brief discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney Services Agreement: City Manager Cox provided a brief overview. Councilperson McNare moved to approve amendment #3 to the contract with Peasley & Armstrong LLP. Councilperson Schmidt seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Bid Acceptance: Downtown Alley Improvements Project: Director Harbarger provided a brief overview. Councilperson Hershberger moved to accept the bid from Ramshorn Construction in the amount of \$1,430,125.00 for the Downtown Alley Improvements Project and furthermore authorize the City Manager to sign all associated documents. Councilperson McNare seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Proposal Acceptance: City Works: Director Chaffin provided a brief overview. Councilperson Bartling moved to accept the proposal from Centricity as presented in an amount not to exceed \$77,000 and authorize the City Manager to approve and sign all associated documents. Brief discussion. Councilperson Schmidt seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval Corrective Deed: Other Side of the Tracks: Attorney Armstrong provided a brief overview & answered questions from Council. Councilperson McNare moved to approve the corrected deed for the other side of the tracks as presented. Councilperson Hershberger seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Council Information:

Converse County Tourism Promotion Board Meeting Minutes: January 2024.
Financial Report: February 2024.

City Manager's Report:

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

Good People Doing Good Things:

Councilperson McNare recognized Landfill employees as it has been cleaned up & looks very nice. Councilperson Schmidt recognized Blend Coffee for the impact they have made by opening doors, providing coffee and cookies, allowing Veterans & First Responders to meet.

Community Update

Director Nicol reviewed upcoming events

Adjourn: Councilperson Bartling moved to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of March 25, 2024. Councilperson Hershberger seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Kim Pexton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Nicol, City Clerk
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