

CITY OF DIMMITT
Regular Meeting
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Castro County
Dimmitt, TX

The City of Dimmitt Council members met in a regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall as scheduled and posted 72 hours before the meeting.

Mayor-----	Scott Sheffy
Mayor Pro-Tem-----	Steve Buckley
Council member-----	Gloria Hernandez
Council member-----	John Nino
Council member-----	Chad Okamoto
Council member-----	Sergio Navarro(absent)
Council member-----	Janie Bugarin(absent)
Council member-----	Dewayne Espinosa
City Attorney-----	Underwood Law Firm(absent)
City Manager-----	Daniel Jackson
City Secretary-----	Elaine Kern

- Item No.1. Call meeting to order.
Mayor Scott Sheffy called the meeting of January 15,2024 to order at 6:30 p.m.
- Item No.2. Consider and approve the minutes from December 18, 2023, regular meeting.
Mayor Scott Sheffy indicated that the council members had previously received and reviewed the minutes from December 18, 2023, regular meeting. Council member Steve Buckley made a motion to approve the minutes. Council member Chad Okamoto seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.
- Item No.3. Hear public comments.
Jill Perez and Scott Mescort spoke on behalf of their pet ducks, asking the council to consider changing the ordinance not claiming ducks as livestock. Michael Keith also spoke during public comments on his grievance with the Police Department.
- Item No.4. Discussion of current financials.
Mayor Scott Sheffy and City Manager Daniel Jackson feel the city finances are on track.
- Item No.5. Consider action to approve Order of Election for City of Dimmitt Election May 4, 2024.
Election to include:
- Council Member- District 1
 - Council Member- District 2
 - Council Member- District 3
 - Council Member- District 4
- Council member John Nino made a motion to accept the Order of Election May 4, 2024. Council member Dewayne Espinosa seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.
- Item No.6. Discuss and consider action on two applicants for water service outside of City Limits.
City Manager reported to the Council members the city has two citizens asking for water service outside of City limits. Council members discussed what all it would entail to provide water service, including double check valve and paying a tap fee. Council member Chad Okamoto made a motion to approve action. Council member Dewayne Espinosa seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.
- Item No.7. Discuss and consider action on bids received for the 2011 John Deere backhoe.
Only one bid was submitted for the 2011 John Deere backhoe. The sealed bid was opened and the bidder was Maricela & Felipe Flores of Dimmitt, Texas. The bid was for \$35,000. Council member Steve Buckley made a motion to approve the submitted bid. Council member Chad Okamoto seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Item No.8. Adjourn into executive session in accordance with the Texas Municipal Government Code Section 551.072 and 551.074.

- Tex. Gov't Code §551.072 deliberation on the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
- Tex. Gov't Code §551.074 discussion of personnel matters, which may include, but is not limited to, the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.
 - Dimmitt Police Department personnel

Adjourned into executive session at 6:50p.m.

Item No.9. Reconvene into open session and consider action, if necessary, on executive session.

Reconvened 7:28 p.m. No further action taken.

Item No.10. City Manager's Report.

City Manager Daniel Jackson reminded all the upcoming Council Members of the first day to file January 17, 2024, and the last day to file is February 16, 2024. Mr. Jackson reported TECQ has approved well #10 for temporary use. We are working on getting all the equipment on the well to make sure it is running smoothly, and we will run more tests.

Mr. Jackson also reported the drought contingency plan has been submitted to the engineers at Parkhill, Smith & Cooper. The drought contingency plan was drafted in 2011, it is out of date, we need to update and file with TECQ.

TXDOT has started taking bids from contractors for the super two highway project on 385 from Vega to Littlefield. Mr. Jackson explained we have contractors contacting the city to inquire on water rates and the cost to rent a meter to put on the fire hydrants.

Mr. Jackson received an email from Texas Parks and Wildlife, the City of Dimmitt splash park will be recommended for funding on January 25, 2024. Mr. Jackson reported this is a \$650,000 project, the grant is a one-to-one match. The \$50,000 will be the administrative cost. The city's cost will be \$300,000. But while doing the application, Mr. Jackson was able to secure \$150,000 from the Dimmitt Community Foundation. The City's cost will only be \$150,000. Texas Parks and Wildlife board will need to approve the funding.

Item No.11. Adjourn.

Adjourned 7:40 p.m.


Mayor Scott Sheffy


City Secretary Elaine Kern