

# MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

February 9, 2022

## SHENANDOAH CITY COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor M. Ritchey Wheeler at 7:00 p.m. City Council members present, Councilmember McLeod, Councilmember Bradt, Councilmember Escoto, Councilmember Fletcher and Councilmember Raymaker. City Administrator Kathie Reyer, City Secretary Courtney Clary, City Attorney William Ferebee, Finance Director Lisa Wasner, Public Works Director Joseph Peart, Police Chief Troy Dunlap, CVB Director John Mayner, IT Manager Chris Grizzaffi, and Communications Manager Debbie Pilcher were also present.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### 2. CALL OF ROLL

Mayor Wheeler stated for the record that all members were present.

### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 4. INVOCATION

Mayor Wheeler gave the invocation.

### 5. CITIZENS FORUM

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Esther Lum – To hear citizen comments, please click [HERE](#)

Betty Anderson – To hear citizen comments, please click [HERE](#)

Alex Warmath – To hear citizen comments, please click [HERE](#)

### 6. COUNCIL'S INQUIRY

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Councilmember Raymaker announced that he would be running again in the May 7, 2022 election.

**INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:**

7. Discussion and possible action to approve a new banking institution.

COUNCILMEMBER FLETCHER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A BANKING CONTRACT WITH ALLEGIANCE BANK, COUNCILMEMBER RAYMAKER SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

8. Discussion and possible action to award a contract for the ACP waterline replacement project.

COUNCILMEMBER ESCOTO MADE A MOTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE ACP WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT TO G&A BORING DIRECTIONAL, COUNCILMEMBER RAYMAKER SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

9. Discussion and possible action to award a contract for the Research Forest Lift Station Rehabilitation Phase 2.

- a) Approval of \$85,000 in additional funding for construction
- b) Approval of the \$288,700 project to Solid Bridge Construction

COUNCILMEMBER MCLEOD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE \$85,000 IN ADDITIONAL FUNDING AND TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO SOLID BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION FOR THE RESEARCH FOREST LIFT STATION REHABILITATION PHASE 2, COUNCILMEMBER BRADT SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

10. Discussion and possible action to approve funding for the Pineroft force main upsizing.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE FUNDING FOR THE PINEROFT FORCE MAIN UPSIZING, COUNCILMEMBER FLETCHER SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

11. Discussion and possible action to adopt the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHENANDOAH, TEXAS, (or "City") declining

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to approve the change in rates requested in Entergy Texas, Inc.'s ("ETI" or "Company") Statement of Intent filed with the City on January 31, 2022 AND FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE WAS CONSIDERED WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS LAW.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADT MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE DECLINING TO APPROVE THE CHANGE IN RATES REQUESTED IN ENTERGY TEXAS, INC.'S ("ETI" OR "COMPANY") STATEMENT OF INTENT FILED WITH THE CITY ON JANUARY 31, 2022, COUNCILMEMBER MCLEOD SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

12. Discussion and possible action to appoint members to the Sick Pool Committee.

COUNCILMEMBER RAYMAKER MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE SICK POOL COMMITTEE AS PRESENTED IN THE AGENDA PACKET, COUNCILMEMBER ESCOTO SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

13. Discussion and possible action to adopt the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHENANDOAH, TEXAS ADDING A NEW SUBPART 15 TO THE EXISTING SECTION 70-81 (A); AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COUNCILMEMBER RAYMAKER MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ADDING A NEW SUBPART 15 TO THE EXISTING SECTION 70-81 (A) REGARDING VEHICLES IN DRIVEWAYS, COUNCILMEMBER BRADT SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

14. Discussion regarding parking at the Toddler Park.

Mr. Peart stated that the MDD Board reviewed some designs for additional parking at the January 26, 2022 meeting, and requested that staff bring the project to City Council for feedback and to find out if there was an interest in moving forward with the project.

Councilmember Raymaker stated that he felt the design proposal was the best he had seen, and that he liked the idea of adding additional parking options.

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Mayor Wheeler stated that he preferred the angled parking option over the street parking spaces.

Councilmember Fletcher stated that the MDD Board discussed additional angled parking and street parking options so that there are street parking options available if the angled parking spaces are full.

Councilmember McLeod stated that he was on board with the angled parking spaces with the handicapped ramp and stated that he felt the angled spots would provide ample parking without changing the front of the park by attempting to add spaces on the curb as well.

15. Discussion regarding political signs at city hall.

Ms. Reyer stated that the sign ordinance allowed for one political sign per candidate and that these signs could be placed at 5:00 p.m. the day before election day and then picked up by 7:00 a.m. the day after election day. Ms. Reyer stated that there was a request made to allow for more than one sign per candidate and to extend the window of time to put signs out and pick them up.

Councilmember stated that he was not opposed to allowing for more than one political sign but suggested capping the amount at five signs or less.

Councilmember Fletcher stated that he felt that locations that allow numerous political signs causes chaos and that it can be overwhelming when voting locations are littered with political signs.

Councilmember McLeod stated that he did not agree with allowing more political signs but was not opposed to allowing the signs to be out a little longer.

Councilmember Escoto stated that he liked the idea of capping the number of signs.

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Mayor Wheeler stated that he agreed with extending the amount of time between candidates putting their signs out and picking them up and suggested designating one to two signs allowed at designated locations around the City.

Councilmember Fletcher stated that he would not be opposed to allowing political signs to be a little larger.

Councilmember McLeod stated that most voters know who they are voting for before they arrive at the polling location.

Mayor Wheeler asked that the agenda item be brought back to Council as an action item.

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17. City Administrator Updates.

Ms. Reyer provided the following updates:

- Chief Dunlap was absent from the meeting after being invited to join a committee responsible for doing a TPCA audit of another agency
- The City received a project funding request letter for the Texas Water Development Board loan. The request would go to the board for consideration in March with staff recommendation to approve

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Councilmember Raymaker requested that Troye review the strategic plan for the police department to assess future needs.

Mayor Wheeler wished everyone a Happy Valentines Day and thanked the staff for all that they do.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Public notice is given that the City Council may elect to go into Executive Session at any time during the meeting in order to discuss any matters listed on the Agenda when authorized by the provisions of the Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, to receive advice from legal counsel, to discuss matters of land acquisition, personnel matters or other lawful matters that are specifically related to items listed on this Agenda. Prior to any such closed session, the Mayor, in open session, will identify the agenda item to be discussed and the Section or Sections of Chapter 551 under which the closed discussion is authorized.*

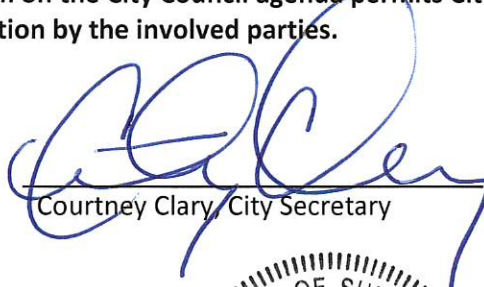
There being no further business, Mayor Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

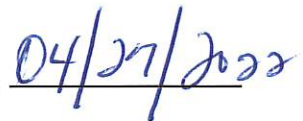
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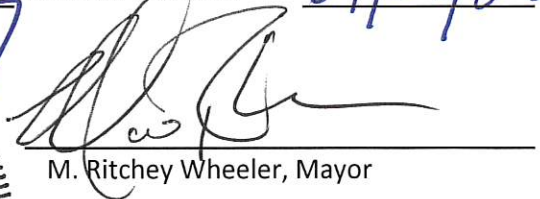
**Any discussion item on the City Council agenda permits City Council to question the involved parties or receive a presentation by the involved parties.**

SUBMITTED BY:

  
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Courtney Clary, City Secretary

DATE APPROVED:

  
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04/27/2022

  
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M. Ritchey Wheeler, Mayor

