

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

June 8, 2022

SHENANDOAH CITY COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John G. Escoto at 7:00 p.m. City Council members present, Councilmember McLeod, Councilmember Bradt, 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, CVB Director John Mayner, and Communications Manager Debbie Pilcher were also present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. CALL OF ROLL

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. INVOCATION

Pastor Daniel Lumpee, a resident of Shenandoah, gave the invocation.

5. CITIZENS FORUM

Responses to inquiries are limited by state law to a recitation of existing policy or a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry. Any deliberation or decision by Council shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda of a future meeting.

Janeu Houston – To hear citizen comments, please click [HERE](#)

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

Ray Orsak – To hear citizen comments, please click [HERE](#)

Gary Henson – To hear citizen comments, please click [HERE](#)

Jon Samuelson – To hear citizen comments, please click [HERE](#)

Jim Wallace – To hear citizen comments, please click [HERE](#)

Juan Obando – To hear citizen comments, please click [HERE](#)

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Marion Crosby – To hear citizen comments, please click [HERE](#)

Theresa Danz – To hear citizen comments, please click [HERE](#)

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

6. Discussion and possible action to recommend award for engineering services for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) eligible projects.

COUNCILMEMBER FLETCHER MADE A MOTION TO AWARD SERVICES FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS TO BLEYL ENGINEERING, COUNCILMEMBER RAYMAKER SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 4/0.

7. Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of police vehicles.

COUNCILMEMBER FLETCHER MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLES, COUNCILMEMBER MCLEOD SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 4/0.

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHENANDOAH, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR A HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION ON MUNICIPAL AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF SHENANDOAH, TEXAS FOR THE YEAR AND FOR EACH YEAR THEREAFTER UNTIL OTHERWISE PROVIDED.

COUNCILMEMBER MCLEOD MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION OF \$100,00 FOR DISABLED RESIDENTS AND FOR RESIDENTS OVER THE AGE OF 65 ON MUNICIPAL AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF SHENANDOAH, TEXAS FOR THE YEAR AND FOR EACH YEAR THEREAFTER UNTIL OTHERWISE PROVIDED, COUNCILMEMBER RAYMAKER SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 4/0.

9. Discussion and possible action to determine the process for filling the unexpired term of City Council Position 3.

COUNCILMEMBER MCLEOD MADE A MOTION TO DETERMINE THE PROCESS FOR FILLING THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF CITY COUNCIL POSITION 3 BY REQUESTING THAT RESIDENTS SUBMIT AN ONLINE APPLICATION THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE JUNE 9, 2022 WITH

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A CLOSING DATE OF JUNE 16, 2022 BY 5PM, COUNCILMEMBER BRADT SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 4/0.

10. Discussion and possible action to adopt the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHENANDOAH, TEXAS SETTING FORTH BENEFITS AND COMPENSATION AFFORDED TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

COUNCILMEMBER RAYMAKER MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH BENEFITS AND COMPENSATION AFFORDED TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, COUNCILMEMBER FLETCHER SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 4/0.

11. Discussion and possible action to adopt the minutes of the March 23, 2022 regular meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADT MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 23, 2022 REGULAR MEETING, COUNCILMEMBER RAYMAKER SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 4/0.

12. City Attorney updates.

Mr. Ferebee stated that he had no updates at that time.

13. City Administrator updates.

- Public Works Department working to repair significant damage to the Vision Park roundabout
- Holly Hills Trails Park close to complete but would not be accessible for 3 months or so to allow temporary irrigation of the park
- Independence Celebration set for June 25, 2022 at the City Park from 10 am-noon

14. COUNCIL'S INQUIRY

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sect. 551.042, the Mayor and Council Members may inquire about a subject not specifically listed on this Agenda. Responses are limited to a recitation of existing policy or a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry. Any deliberation or decision shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda of a future meeting.

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Councilmember McLeod requested a resolution regarding property tax relief, which was seconded by Councilmember Fletcher.

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 Escoto adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

ADJOURN

The Council may vote and/or act upon each of the items listed on this Agenda. One agenda item will be discussed at a time unless logic and practical consideration allow similar topics to be considered together for purposes of convenience and efficiency. The Council may retire into executive session concerning any of the items listed on this Agenda, whenever it is considered necessary and legally justified under the Open Meetings Act.

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: 
Courtney Clary, City Secretary

DATE APPROVED: 08/10/2022




John G. Escoto, Mayor