

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLARENDON, TEXAS
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Fangman at 5:20 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Jacob Fangman
Mayor Pro Tem Larry Jeffers
Alderman Eulaine McIntosh
Alderman Terri Floyd
Alderman Tommy Hill
Administrator David Dockery
Utility Clerk Kimberly Cooper

ABSENT: Alderman John Lockhart

OTHERS PRESENT: Cindy Cockerham, Roger Estlack, Mandy Smith, and Josh Smith

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED TAX RATE OF .610083
FOR THE 2023 TAX YEAR.**

Mayor Fangman closed the Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m. and opened the Regular City Council Meeting.

INVOCATION: Mayor Pro Tem Jeffers

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Cindy Cockerham lives at 1005 W 3rd Street and the house next door to her on the corner of Sims and 3rd is unkept and presents safety hazards. The grass is over 5ft tall and presents a fire hazard, and there are feral cats and skunks living at the property. This property is just on the west side of the football field, next to the school and is a hazard to the school kids. She is asking for the house to be inspected and possibly condemned.

AUTHORIZATIONS BY CITY COUNCIL:

22-190

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- Meeting Minutes for Regular Meeting August 10, 2023
- Meeting Minutes for Called Meeting August 4, 24, & 31, 2023
- Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department Report
- Donley County Commissioners Report
- Burton Memorial Library Report
- Clarendon Municipal Court Report
- ~~Code Enforcement Report~~
- ~~Animal Control Report~~

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Jeffers and seconded by Alderman Hill to approve the consent agenda as presented. With each Alderman voting AYE, the motion carried.

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2. Discussion and possible action on the Council Report (List of Bills).

A motion was made by Alderman McIntosh and seconded by Alderman Hill to approve the Council Report as presented. With each Alderman voting AYE, the motion carried.

22-192

3. Discussion and possible action on the Statement of Revenue and Expense.

A motion was made by Alderman McIntosh and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jeffers to approve the Statement of Revenue and Expense as presented. With each Alderman voting AYE, the motion carried.

22-193

4. Discussion and possible action on an Ordinance approving the property tax rate for the 2023-2024 Fiscal year for the City of Clarendon.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Jeffers that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.610083, which is effectively a 3.56% increase in the tax rate and seconded by Alderman McIntosh, approving an Ordinance setting the property tax rate for the 2023-2024 Fiscal year for the City of Clarendon. With a roll call vote, Mayor Pro Tem Jeffers, AYE, Alderman McIntosh, AYE, Alderman Floyd, AYE, and Alderman Hill, AYE, the motion carried.

22-194

5. Discussion and possible action on approving a Resolution to ratify the previous year's tax rate to support the 2023-2024 Fiscal year Budget for the City of Clarendon.

A motion was made by Alderman Floyd and seconded by Alderman Hill to approve a Resolution to ratify the previous year's tax rate to support the 2023-2024 Fiscal year Budget for the City of Clarendon. With each Alderman voting AYE, the motion carried.

22-195

6. Discussion and possible action on renewal of the Publicity and Tourism Agreement with the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce.

A motion was made by Alderman McIntosh and seconded by Alderman Floyd to renew the Publicity and Tourism Agreement with the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce for a two-year period. With each Alderman voting AYE, the motion carried.

22-196

7. Discussion and possible action on renewal of the Publicity and Tourism Agreement with the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Jeffers and seconded by Alderman Hill to renew of the Publicity and Tourism Agreement with the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation for a two-year period. With each Alderman voting AYE, the motion carried.

22-197

8. Discussion and possible action approving the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation annual budget for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year.

A motion was made by Alderman McIntosh and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jeffers to approve the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation annual budget for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. With each Alderman voting AYE, the motion carried.

22-198

9. Discussion and possible action approving the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation Hotel Occupancy Tax budget for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year.

A motion was made by Alderman Hill and seconded by Alderman McIntosh to approve the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation Hotel Occupancy Tax budget for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. With each Alderman voting AYE, the motion carried.

22-199

10. Discussion and possible action on approving the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce Hotel Occupancy Tax budget for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year.

A motion was made by Alderman Floyd and seconded by Alderman Hill to approve the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce Hotel Occupancy Tax budget for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. With each Alderman voting AYE, the motion carried.

22-200

11. Discussion and possible action on setting the compensation and conditions for administrative consulting.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Jeffers and seconded by Alderman McIntosh to approve setting the compensation and conditions for administrative consulting at sixty-five (\$65) dollars an hour up to fourteen thousand (\$14,000) dollars, change to part time but still contribute to TMRS retirement, taxes, and pay phone bill through January 2024. With each Alderman voting AYE, the motion carried.

22-201

12. Discussion and possible action on approving additional funding to allow for the upgraded handrails within the Downtown Revitalization project area.

A motion was made by Alderman McIntosh and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jeffers to approve seven thousand (\$7,000) dollars for additional funding for the upgraded handrails within the Downtown Revitalization project in the event the change order from TDA is not approved. With each Alderman voting AYE, the motion carried.

22-202

13. Discussion and possible action on awarding a bid for paving twelve blocks of street on S. Davis, S. Hatzzell, S. Wells, E. 3rd and E. 4th streets with two-course chip-seal.

A motion was made by Alderman McIntosh and seconded by Alderman Hill to award a bid for paving twelve blocks of street on S. Davis, S. Hatzzell, S. Wells, E. 3rd and E. 4th streets with two-course chip-seal to Bryers Paving LLC in the amount of eighty-seven thousand four hundred forty-eight (\$87,448) dollars and ninety-two cents. With each Alderman voting AYE, the motion carried.

22-203

14. Discussion and possible action on amending the Employment Agreement with the City Secretary.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Jeffers and seconded by Alderman Floyd to approve amending the Employment Agreement with the City Secretary to replace the phone allowance of thirty-five (\$35) dollars a month with a hotspot allowance of thirty-two (\$32) dollars and twenty-three cents a month. With each Alderman voting AYE, the motion carried.

22-204

15. Discussion and possible action on approving a Resolution, approving application for a City credit card for the Administrator and setting a credit limit.

A motion was made by Alderman McIntosh and seconded by Alderman Hill to approve a Resolution, approving application for a City credit card for the new Administrator Brian Barboza and setting a credit limit of ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars. With each Alderman voting AYE, the motion carried.

22-205

16. Discussion and possible action on authorizing the City Administrator, Brian Barboza, to be a signatory to the City's bank accounts.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Jeffers and seconded by Alderman Hill to approve authorizing the City Administrator, Brian Barboza, to be a signatory to the City's bank accounts. With each Alderman voting AYE, the motion carried.

22-206

17. Discussion and possible action on the City Administrators Report.

- Project Updates
- Update on Employees
- Incoming City Administrator Brian Barboza

MAYOR COMMENTS: Mayor Fangman thanked Administrator Dockery for all he has accomplished since he has been with the City and to welcome Brian Barboza and thanked him for being at the meeting to see how they operate so that he will be ready for next month's meeting. He also thanked the council for all the work done during the past year and the accomplishments made, and their attendance at all the extra meetings. He thanked Utility Clerk Kimberly Cooper for being there and covering the meeting for the secretary.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mayor Pro Tem Jeffers said that it has been a rough year and that he appreciates the Council sticking together and getting things done with David's guidance, he hopes next year will be a lot easier. Alderman Hill agreed and thanked Administrator Dockery for all he has done. Alderman Floyd appreciates everyone for the time they have put in and all the hard work and hopes for smooth sailings from now on.

Adjournment:

There being no further business on the agenda, a motion was made by Alderman Hill and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jeffers to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m., with each Alderman voting AYE, the motion carried.

Jacob Fangman
Jacob Fangman, Mayor

Attest:

Machiel Covey
Machiel Covey, City Secretary