



MINUTES Regular Meeting Azle City Council

505 W. Main Street
Azle, Texas 76020

October 18, 2022

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brundrett called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM

Members Present:

Mayor	Alan Brundrett
Mayor Pro Tem	Randa Goode
Councilmember	Derrick Nelson
Councilmember	Amy Estes
Councilmember	Stacy Peek
Councilmember	Rouel Rothenberger
Councilmember	Brian Conner

Staff Present:

Tom Muir	City Manager
Lawrence Bryant	Assistant City Manager
Cara White	City Attorney
Yael Forgey	City Secretary
Susie Hiles	Assistant to the City Manager
Rick White	Director of Public Services
Victor Gonzalez	Assistant Library Director
Will Scott	Fire Chief
Lee Godbold	Assistant Fire Chief
Cat Schlueter	Human Resources Manager
Beckie Wethington	Human Resources Generalist

INVOCATION

Steve Sandfort, Senior Pastor of The Edge Church, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Brundrett led the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

PRESENTATIONS

1. Eagle Scout Project Presentation - Hunter Morgan

Mayor Brundrett Recognized Hunter Morgan, Boy Scout Troop 147, who presented his community project to receive his Eagle Scout ranking. Mr. Morgan built a receptacle box where citizens can retire their old/worn out flags for proper disposal. Mr. Morgan's Troop will periodically retrieve and properly dispose of those flags.

2. Community Waste Disposal's presentation of the STAR awards to the City

Mr. Robert Medigovich from Community Waste Disposal (CWD) presented the State of Texas Alliance for Recycling (STAR) awards:

Volunteer of the Year was presented to Mayor Alan Brundrett for his volunteer work in the community; and

Honorable Mention for the Superior Material Recovery Award was presented to Mayor Alan Brundrett, City of Azle, and Servolution Network Board President Eric Ogea for the city cleanups, residents' and Servolution's use of re-mixed paint to help beautify the community, and re-mixed paint used to line the football and other youth sports fields.

3. Department Presentation - Water/Wastewater/Utility/Garage.

Mayor Brundrett recognized Public Services Director Rick White, who gave an overview of the Water, Wastewater, Utility Maintenance, and Garage activities for the past year.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Consider and take action approving the minutes of the September 20, 2022 regular meeting.

Councilmember Rothenberger moved to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2022 regular meeting as presented. Councilmember Peek seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Alan Brundrett, Randa Goode, Derrick Nelson, Amy Estes, Stacy Peek, Rouel Rothenberger, Brian Conner

5. Consider any action approving the annual re-appointments to the Boards and Commissions.

Councilmember Conner moved to approve the annual re-appointments to the Boards and Commissions as presented. Councilmember Nelson seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Alan Brundrett, Randa Goode, Derrick Nelson, Amy Estes, Stacy Peek, Rouel Rothenberger, Brian Conner

6. Consider any action on Ordinance No. 2022-26 reauthorizing updated service credits and providing for an increase to the employee contribution rate associated with the City's employee retirement benefit plan with the Texas Municipal Retirement System.

Mayor Brundrett recognized Assistant City Manager Bryant who gave an overview of the request to increase the employee TMRS retirement contribution rate from 6% to 7% beginning January 1, 2023. This will help the city provide a more competitive benefits package.

Councilmember Rothenberger moved to approve Ordinance No. 2022-26 reauthorizing updated service credits and providing for an increase to the employee contribution rate associated with the City's employee retirement benefit plan with the Texas Municipal Retirement System, as presented. Councilmember Conner seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Alan Brundrett, Randa Goode, Derrick Nelson, Amy Estes, Stacy Peek, Rouel Rothenberger, Brian Conner

7. Consider any action on Resolution No. 2022-18 supporting “Azle Christmas on Main Street,” providing Police and Fire assistance, supporting the closure of Main Street and waiving all applicable fees.

Councilmember Conner moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-18 supporting the Azle Area Chamber of Commerce's “Azle Christmas on Main Street,” providing Police and Fire assistance, supporting the closure of Main Street and waiving all applicable fees as presented. Councilmember Rothenberger seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Alan Brundrett, Randa Goode, Derrick Nelson, Amy Estes, Stacy Peek, Rouel Rothenberger, Brian Conner

8. Consider any action authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Texas Municipal League Health Benefits Pool to provide employee health insurance.

Mayor Brundrett recognized Human Resources Manager Cat Schlueter, who, along with the City's benefits consultant, Tammera Hollerich, Insurance Benefits Team (IBT), stated next year's employee health insurance premium renewal rate will increase by 13%. In addition to the current PPO and HSA options, employees will have a third "buy up" option - an HMO, which includes lower deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums.

Councilmember Conner moved to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Texas Municipal League Health Benefits Pool to provide employee health insurance as presented. Councilmember Rothenberger seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Alan Brundrett, Randa Goode, Derrick Nelson, Amy Estes, Stacy Peek, Rouel Rothenberger, Brian Conner

9. Consider any action authorizing the City Manager to execute agreements for group dental coverage and term life/disability coverage with Humana and SunLife Assurance Company, respectively.

Mayor Brundrett recognized HR Manager Cat Schlueter who gave an overview of the City's dental/term life/disability coverage, noting no increase in the term life/disability premium and a 13.9% increase in dental premiums. Staff recommended continuing the current disability/term life policies through SunLife for the new plan year that begins January 1, 2023; and recommended continuing the existing dental policy through Humana.

Councilmember Rothenberger moved to authorize the City Manager to execute agreements for group dental coverage and term life/disability coverage with Humana and SunLife Assurance Company, respectively, as presented. Councilmember Conner seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Alan Brundrett, Randa Goode, Derrick Nelson, Amy Estes, Stacy Peek, Rouel Rothenberger, Brian Conner

10. Consider any action authorizing the City Manager to execute an interlocal agreement with the Tarrant County Emergency Service District No. 1 for Fire/EMS services.

Councilmember Rothenberger moved to authorize the City Manager to execute an interlocal agreement with the Tarrant County Emergency Service District No. 1 for Fire/EMS services as presented. Councilmember Peek seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Alan Brundrett, Randa Goode, Derrick Nelson, Amy Estes, Stacy Peek, Rouel Rothenberger, Brian Conner

11. Consider any action authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Tarrant County Fire Alarm for Fire/EMS dispatch services.

Councilmember Conner moved to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Tarrant County Fire Alarm for Fire/EMS dispatch services as presented. Councilmember Rothenberger seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Alan Brundrett, Randa Goode, Derrick Nelson, Amy Estes, Stacy Peek, Rouel Rothenberger, Brian Conner

12. Consider any action approving amendments to the Chapter 380 and Economic Development Performance Agreement with Gary Shelton and Azle Management Partners, LP.

Councilmember Rothenberger moved to approve the amendments to the Chapter 380 and Economic Development Performance Agreement with Gary Shelton and Azle Management Partners, LP providing for a (3) three month extension to January 31, 2023. Councilmember Conner seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Alan Brundrett, Randa Goode, Derrick Nelson, Amy Estes, Stacy Peek, Rouel Rothenberger, Brian Conner

ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS

None.

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- 10-29-2022 Trunk or Treat - Central Park/Library parking lot
- Early voting is October 24 - November 4. Parker County voters will be voting at Azle City Hall, and Tarrant county voters will be voting at the Azle ISD Support Center, 438 Sandy Beach Road.
- The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has named the City of Azle as a 2020 Triple Crown Winner. GFOA's Triple Crown designation recognizes governments who have received GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award, and Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for a fiscal year.
- 11-05-2022 - The City will hold its first Azle Arbor Day Tree Giveaway at Azle City Hall
- 10-14 & 15-2022 - The Sevolution Blitz - in the last 6 years they repaired 200 homes.
- 10-20-2022 Wine Crawl.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Brundrett convened to Executive Session at 8:05 PM.

551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS

Mayor Brundrett reconvened to open meeting at 8:28 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION

13. Take action on any items pursuant to the executive session

No Action

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brundrett adjourned at 8:28 PM

Presented and approved on 11-01-2022

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Alan Brundrett, Mayor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Yael Forgey', written over a horizontal line.

Yael Forgey, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary