MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Azle City Council

505 W. Main Street
Azle, Texas 76020

February 21, 2023	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 Rouel Rothenberger
Councilmember Brian Conner
Councilmember Stacy Peek
Councilmember Amy Estes
Councilmember Derrick Nelson

Staff Present:

Tom Muir	City Manager
Lawrence Bryant	Assistant City Manager
Yael Forgey	City Secretary
Cara White	City Attorney
Susie Hiles	Assistant to the City Manager
Renita Bishop	Finance Director
Rick White	Director of Public Services
David Hawkins	Director of Planning and Development
Kristen Pegues	Community & Marketing Specialist
Will Scott	Fire Chief
Lee Godbold	Assistant Fire Chief
Sam Hernandez	Senior Code Enforcement Officer
Stephanie Koch-Bartley	Code Enforcement Officer

INVOCATION

Portia Jackson, Executive Director of Eagle Mountain Pregnancy Help Center, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Brundrett led the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2022

Mayor Brundrett recognized Finance Director Renita Bishop who gave a brief review of the Quarterly Investment Report ending December 31, 2022, noting the book value of this quarter's investments at $35,496,570 with the average quarterly yield at 3.65% and quarterly interest earnings of $255,400.

ACTION ITEMS

2. Consider and take action approving the minutes of the February 7, 2023 Regular meeting.

Councilmember Rothenberger moved to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2023 regular meeting, as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Goode seconded the motion.

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

3. Consider any action authorizing the City Manager to sign a project completion letter on the Endpoint Replacement Project (SWIFT Project No. 51047 CID-02).

Councilmember Conner moved to authorize the City Manager to sign a project completion letter on the Endpoint Replacement Project (SWIFT Project No. 51047 CID-02), as presented. Councilmember Rothenberger seconded the motion.

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

4. Consider any action authorizing the Mayor to execute an amendment to the Tarrant County Fire Alarm agreement to allow the City of Everman to provide Fire/EMS dispatch services to the City of Azle Fire Department.

Mayor Brundrett recognized Fire Chief Scott, who explained that Tarrant County Fire Alarm Center has provided emergency dispatch services (through the City of Saginaw) for Azle Fire/EMS for the past ten (10) years. Tarrant County Fire Alarm Center has been relocated to the City of Everman Public Safety Dispatch Center. Therefore, Azle needs to sign an amendment transferring dispatch services from the Tarrant County Fire Alarm Center to the City of Everman for the remaining contract year. There is no additional cost.

Councilmember Rothenberger moved to authorize the Mayor to execute an amendment to the Tarrant County Fire Alarm agreement to allow the City of Everman to provide Fire/EMS dispatch services to the City of Azle Fire Department, 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 on Ordinance No. 2023-03 adopting the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code and other amendments pertaining to Code Enforcement.

Mayor Brundrett recognized Planning and Development Director David Hawkins, who introduced Senior Code Enforcement Officer Sam Hernandez and Code Enforcement Officer Stephanie Koch-Bartley. Code Enforcement Staff have been reviewing the current code enforcement procedures and ordinances and are recommending the City adopt the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code and a few other amendments. After some discussion, the Council requested Staff make some amendments to the IPMC and bring back an updated ordinance for Council review.
No action was taken.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. Prohibiting the sale of pets and other domesticated animals.

Council Member Peek explained her main concern with allowing the sale of puppies in pet stores is the puppies coming from puppy mills. She requested an ordinance prohibiting the sale of puppies in pet stores. Council discussed the pros and cons. City Attorney White will bring a draft ordinance at a future meeting that addresses prohibiting the sale of domesticated animals.

7. Update of the City`s Facebook page

Mayor Brundrett recognized Assistant to the City Manager Susie Hiles, who updated the council on the issue of the City`s Facebook page being hacked and staff's efforts to restore the page. She advised that has not been successful, and a new page has been created and went live February 21.

ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS

Review allowing food trucks in the City.

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Brundrett convened to Executive Session at 7:50 PM.

551.071 CONSULTATION WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY

Election Filing Process.

551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS
Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of City Manager.

Mayor Brundrett reconvened to open meeting at 9:29 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brundrett adjourned at 9:30PM

Presented and approved on 03-07-2023

Alan Brundrett, Mayor

Attest:

Yael Forgey, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary