



MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Azle City Council

505 W. Main Street
Azle, Texas 76020

July 18, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brundrett called the meeting to order at 6:00 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
Yael Forgey	City Secretary
Susie Hiles	Assistant to the City Manager
Cara White	City Attorney
Renita Bishop	Finance Director
Rick White	Director of Public Services
Will Scott	Fire Chief
Lee Godbold	Assistant Fire Chief
David Hawkins	Director of Planning and Development
Kristen Pegues	Community and Marketing Specialist
Cat Schlueter	Human Resources Manager
Beckie Wethington	Human Resources Generalist
Ben Hall	Police Chief
Kevin Rogers	Police Lieutenant
Victor Gonzalez	Assistant Library Director

INVOCATION

Cliff Weaver, Chaplain for the Fort Worth Fire Department, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Brundrett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

See Item 11.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Department Presentation - Human Resources.

Mayor Brundrett recognized Human Resources Manager Cat Schlueter, who gave a presentation about last year's activities in the Human Resources Department.

ACTION ITEMS

2. Consider any action regarding a request from the Azle Area Chamber of Commerce for street closures, traffic control, security, use of Azle Memorial Library parking lot and waiver of fees and permits for the annual Sting Fling Festival and approve Resolution No. 2023-10.

Councilmember Rothenberger moved to approve the request from the Azle Area Chamber of Commerce for street closures, traffic control, security, use of the Azle Memorial Library parking lot, and waiver of fees and permits for the annual Sting Fling Festival and approve Resolution No. 2023-10, 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 to waive the livestock prohibition in Central Park for the Azle Library Summer Reading Finale event on July 28, 2023.

Councilmember Rothenberger moved to waive the livestock prohibition in Central Park for the Azle Library Summer Reading Finale event to allow for a petting zoo on July 28, 2023, as requested. Councilmember Peek 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 City Manager to execute a rate increase amendment to the interlocal agreement with the City of Fort Worth allowing Azle residents to use Fort Worth's Environmental Collection Center to dispose of household hazardous waste.

Mayor Brundrett recognized Fire Chief Scott, who advised the City of Fort Worth is requesting a rate increase from \$50 to \$95 per household visit to dispose of household hazardous waste beginning October 1, 2023. He advised it has been over ten (10) years since the last rate increase. Council requested to visit this item next year and see how many citizens participate.

Councilmember Rothenberger moved to authorize the City Manager to execute a rate increase amendment to the interlocal agreement with the City of Fort Worth allowing Azle residents to use Fort Worth's Environmental Collection Center to dispose of household hazardous waste, as presented. Councilmember Nelson seconded the motion.

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

5. Consider any action authorizing the lease purchase financing of Motorola hand-held radios and cradle-point devices through Tax-Exempt Leasing Corp.

Mayor Brundrett recognized Police Chief Hall, who explained the Harris-brand radios being used by the police department are old and out of warranty. The PD would like to move to the new generation Motorola radios. They are considered industry standard, are safe in explosive environments, have a known track record for durability and long life, and have better reception. PD is also requesting cradle-point devices for the police vehicle mobile computer terminals to improve connectivity with CAD and RMS Systems. The total cost for equipment and peripheral applications is \$264,711.75, which Staff proposes acquiring through lease financing with Tax-Exempt Leasing Corporation for a sixty (60) month term. Funding is provided through the Crime Control Prevention District and is included in their 2023-24

budget.

Councilmember Rothenberger moved to authorize the lease purchase financing of Motorola hand-held radios and cradle-point devices through Tax-Exempt Leasing Corp, 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

6. Consider any action on Resolution No. 2023-11 for the Avondale Lift Station Project (48th year CDBG Project No. B-22-UC-48-0001-11-50).

Director of Public Services Rick White advised the City received four (4) bids for this project. Staff and Jacob Martin LLC, the consulting engineer, have reviewed the bids and determined McDonald Municipal & Industrial to be the lowest responsible bidder with a bid of \$294,469. This project is a CDBG project which is federally-funded at \$146,616 with the City funding the remaining balance of \$147,853 (American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds).

Councilmember Rothenberger moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-11 for the Avondale Lift Station Project (48th-year CDBG Project No. B-22-UC-48-0001-11-50), as presented. Councilmember Estes seconded the motion.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

7. Conduct a public hearing and consider any action on Ordinance 2023-08 providing amendments to the FY 2022-23 budget to reflect appropriation transfers and changes as outlined in Appendix "A" of the ordinance.

Mayor Brundrett recognized City Manager Muir who provided an overview of the amendments to the FY 2022-23 budget.

Mayor Brundrett opened the public hearing at 7:05 PM.

Mayor Brundrett closed the public hearing at 7:05 PM.

Councilmember Rothenberger moved to approve Ordinance 2023-08 providing amendments to the FY 2022-23 budget to reflect appropriation transfers and changes as outlined in Appendix "A" of the ordinance, as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Goode seconded the motion.

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

DISCUSSION ITEM

8. Food Truck Park Update.

Mayor Brundrett recognized Community and Marketing Specialist Kristen Pegues, who gave a presentation on the potential food truck site on Church St, different layouts, and all the costs involved in this project. Council was pleased with the suggestions, however, asked Staff to come back with costs for purchasing port-a-potties and installing utilities.

9. Deer in neighborhoods.

Mayor Brundrett recognized Councilmember Estes, who requested this item. Ms. Estes received several calls regarding complaints of citizens feeding the deer in the city.

Peggy Davis, 436 Windjammer Lane, advised the council on the deer problem in her neighborhood,

and requested the Council prohibit feeding deer in the city.

Mayor Brundrett advised the Council and citizens that Council discussed the deer issue a few years ago. Staff researched several options to help in controlling the deer population, however, they are expensive and ultimately ineffective. Council's suggestion at the time was to educate Azle residents about the dangers of feeding deer as well as steps homeowners can take to reduce the impact of property damage caused by deer. Council agreed to continue with this action.

10. Murals.

Mayor Brundrett was approached by a business owner in the city and asked if the City would approve of him having a mural painted on the end-wall of his building on Main Street. Council is not opposed to this idea and requested the City continue discussions and also look into the possibility of murals on other buildings in town and come back with costs.

ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS

- Code Enforcement

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- Joint Meeting with the Vision Committee on 08-10-2023
- Finance Director Renita Bishop will be retiring in October 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brundrett adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Presented and approved on 08-01-2023

Randa Goode

Randa Goode, Mayor Pro-tem

Attest:



Yael Forgey, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary