



MINUTES Regular Meeting Azle City Council

505 W. Main Street
Azle, Texas 76020

October 17, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brundrett called the meeting to order at 6:06 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
Rick White	Director of Public Services
Martin Avila	Finance Director
David Hawkins	Director of Planning and Development
Curren McLane	Library Director
Will Scott	Fire Chief
Lee Godbold	Assistant Fire Chief
Ben Hall	Police Chief

INVOCATION

Ms. Brandi Boling gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Brundrett led the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jill Garcia - Education/PR Coordinator, P.G., for the Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, provided information to the Council on the UTGCD and the rainwater harvesting grant program available through the District.

PRESENTATIONS

1. AISD Bond Election

Azle ISD Superintendent Todd Smith updated the Council on the AISD Bond Election and future changes and renovations of Azle ISD campuses.

2. Annual Presentation - Water/Wastewater/Utility/Garage

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

ACTION ITEMS

3. Consider any action on the minutes from September 19, 2023 regular meeting.

Councilmember Rothenberger moved to approve the minutes of the September 19, 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

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

Councilmember Conner moved to approve annual re-appointments to the Boards and Commissions, 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 Resolution No. 2023-15 supporting the closure of Main Street and providing Police and Fire assistance for “Azle Christmas on Main Street,” and waive all applicable fees.

Councilmember Rothenberger moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-15 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. 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 a Vacation of Plat request to vacate Lots 1-3, Block 1, Scott Acres Addition, an addition in the City of Azle, Tarrant County, Texas. The property is generally located on the south side of the Park Street and Ash Avenue intersection.

Director of Planning and Development David Hawkins advised Council the property was originally one tract of land and later platted into 3 lots, which was approved by the Council on September 17, 2002. The property owner owns all three lots and is requesting to revert it back to its original tract of land.

Councilmember Rothenberger moved to approve the request to vacate the plat for Lots 1-3, Block 1, Scott Acres Addition, an addition in the City of Azle, Tarrant County, Texas, as presented. The property is generally located on the south side of the Park Street and Ash Avenue intersection. Councilmember Estes seconded the motion.

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

7. Consider any action authorizing the City Manager to execute an interlocal agreement with the Tarrant County Emergency Services District No. 1 (TCESD 1) for Fire/EMS services.

Councilmember Peek moved to authorize the City Manager to execute an interlocal agreement with the Tarrant County Emergency Services District No. 1 (TCESD 1) for Fire/EMS services, as presented. Councilmember Conner seconded the motion.

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

8. Consider any action on Ordinance No. 2023-19 establishing a school zone with effective times on FM 730 South, adjacent to Hilltop Elementary School.

Mayor Brundrett recognized Police Chief Ben Hall, who stated Council approved an ordinance at the last council meeting setting a school zone for the new elementary school, however, effective times were omitted. This ordinance is to include effective times for this school zone.

Councilmember Rothenberger moved to approve Ordinance No. 2023-19 establishing a school zone with effective times on FM 730 South, adjacent to Hilltop Elementary School, as presented. Councilmember Conner seconded the motion.

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

9. Consider any action on Resolution No. 2023-16 amending authorized representatives for the City's Texas Local Government Investment Pool (TexPool) account.

Mayor Brundrett recognized new Finance Director Martin Avila who introduced himself to Council, and explained TexPool requires a resolution to amend or designate authorized representatives. This resolution is to add his name as a Texpool Authorized Representative for the City of Azle and remove previous Finance Director Renita Bishop's name.

Councilmember Conner moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-16 amending authorized representatives for the City's Texas Local Government Investment Pool (TexPool) account, as presented. Councilmember Rothenberger seconded the motion.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

10. Conduct a public hearing and consider any action on Ordinance No. 2023-18 regarding a proposed zoning change request from Single-Family Four (SF-4) District (Legacy District) to Heavy Commercial (HC) District for approximately 3.78 acres of land, being described as Lot 3, Hunters Addition, an addition in the City of Azle, Parker County, Texas. The property is generally located on the west side of FM 730 N approximately five hundred feet (500') north of Commerce Street.

Mayor Brundrett recognized Planning and Development Director David Hawkins, who explained the request for the zoning change.

Mayor Brundrett opened the public hearing at 6:51 PM.

Marsha Hardin, who represents the requestors, explained the reason for the zoning change request.

Mayor Brundrett closed the public hearing at 6:56 PM.

During the discussion, Council raised concerns about heavy commercial zoning close to residential areas. The Council agreed it would be better to change this zoning to straight commercial. All the property owners agreed with the change.

Mayor Pro Tem Goode moved to approve Ordinance No. 2023-18 regarding a proposed zoning change request from Single-Family Four (SF-4) District (Legacy District) to Commercial (C) District for approximately 3.78 acres of land, being described as Lot 3, Hunters Addition, an addition in the City of Azle, Parker County, Texas. The property is generally located on the west side of FM 730N

approximately five hundred feet (500') north of Commerce Street, as presented. Councilmember Rothenberger seconded the motion.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

11. "No littering" signs

Mayor Pro-tem Goode asked the Council to consider placing "No Littering" signs in various locations in the city. She stated we have an ordinance against littering (with fines); however, we have nothing that advises our residents/visitors of this ordinance. Council liked the idea and asked Staff to gather information and bring back at a future meeting.

12. Azle Beautification Committee

The Council discussed establishing a Beautification Committee, its purpose and the qualifications of members and directed Staff to prepare an Ordinance / Resolution for the next Council meeting.

ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS

- No Littering signs
- Beautification Committee

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- The new mural on Main Street is finished.
- 11-28-2023 Trunk or Treat - Azle Library parking lot
- 10-23-2023 Early voting starts
- From 10-24 through 11-08-2023, TxDOT will hold virtual public meetings about the reconstruction of FM 730N from SH 114 to SH 199. They will also hold an in-person meeting October 24 at Ash Creek Baptist Church.
- Good Neighbors Blitz - repaired 10 homes inside the city.
- 10-27-2023 Main Street Mingle
- 11-4-2023 Arbor Day - the city giving away 160 trees
- 11-9-2023 Annual Boards and Commissions Banquet at A & M Gardens

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Brundrett convened to Executive Session at 7:32 PM.

551.071 CONSULTATION WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY

Discuss SB 2038.

551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS

Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the City Manager

551.087 – DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS

Discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body

has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations for properties located at 700-804 Boyd Road (east side of the road).

Mayor Brundrett reconvened to open meeting at 9:21 PM.
No Action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brundrett adjourned at 9:21 PM.

Presented and approved on 11/07/2023

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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