MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Azle City Council

505 W. Main Street
Azle, Texas 76020

June 4, 2024	6:00 PM	Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brundrett called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM.

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Tom Muir	City Manager
Lawrence Bryant	Assistant City Manager
Yael Hoffman	City Secretary
Rachel Raggio	City Attorney
Rick White	Director of Public Services
Martin Avila	Finance Director
David Hawkins	Director of Planning and Development
Josh Henson	Interim Water Plant Superintendent
Justin Weaver	Code Enforcement Officer
Stephanie Koch-Bartley	Sr. Code Enforcement Officer
Will Scott	Fire Chief
Lee Godbold	Assistant Fire Chief

INVOCATION

Rev. Carol B. Roberts -Set Free Movement - Free Methodist Church, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Brundrett led the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Braille Signage Project - Azle Independent School District's Gifted and Talented Program**

Mayor Brundrett recognized City Manager Muir who invited Rebecca Windham and Samatha Bevan to present their braille Signage Project through the Azle ISD gifted and talented program.

2. Department Presentation - Code Enforcement.

Mayor Brundrett recognized David Hawkins, Director of Planning and Development, who gave a presentation on the Code Enforcement Department's activities of last Fiscal Year.

ACTION ITEMS

3. Consider any action on the May 21, 2024 regular meeting minutes.

Councilmember Rothenberger moved to approve the May 21, 2024 regular meeting minutes, 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 on the first reading of Ordinance 2024-12 renewing a natural gas franchise with Atmos Energy Corporation.

Mayor Brundrett recognized Assistant City Manager Lawrence Bryant who provided details on a proposed new franchise agreement with Atmos Energy. According to the City Charter, two readings of the ordinance must occur; today is the first, and the second reading will be at the July 16, 2024 council meeting. The new agreement will go into effect on August 18, 2024 after final passage of the ordinance and upon publication of the full text of the ordinance in the Tri-County Reporter for four (4) consecutive weeks.

Councilmember Rothenberger moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2024-12 renewing a natural gas franchise with Atmos Energy Corporation, 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

5. Discussion and consideration of all matters incident and related to the issuance and sale of "City of Azle, Texas, Tax and Waterworks and Sewer System (Limited Pledge) Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2024", including the adoption of Ordinance 2024-13 authorizing the issuance of such certificates of obligation.

Resolving other matters incident and related thereto move to adopt Ordinance 2024-13 approving the issuance and sale of "City of Azle, Texas, Tax and Waterworks and Sewer System (Limited Pledge) Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2024" and resolving other matters incident and related there Mayor Brundrett recognized Finance Director Martin Avila who invited Marti Shew, Managing Director of Hilltop Securities, who explained the bond process and commended the city for their very good credit rating. After approval, this will be sent to the Attorney General for final approval and the city should receive the funds on July 2. The final pricing rate will be 4.13%.

Councilmember Nelson moved to adopt Ordinance 2024-13 approving the issuance and sale of "City of Azle, Texas, Tax and Waterworks and Sewer System (limited Pledge) Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2024" and resolving the matters incident and related thereto Peek seconded the motion.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

6. Conduct a public hearing to allow questions and comments regarding the City of Azle's 2023

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report (CCR)

Mayor Brundrett recognized Josh Henson, Interim Water Plant Superintendent, who gave a short review of the City of Azle's 2023 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report (CCR).
Mayor Brundrett opened the public hearing at 6:59 PM
No one spoke.
Mayor Brundrett closed the public hearing at 6:59 PM

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. Short term rentals

This is a continuing discussion on creating a "Short-term Rental" ordinance. City Attorney Rachel Raggio gave an overview of what can be done to regulate "Short-term Rentals". The Council requested to create an ordinance to include a limitation of people and vehicles and request the property owner to be permitted/registered with the city. Ms. Raggio will bring a draft ordinance for discussion at a future meeting.

8. Variance process

Mayor Pro-tem Goode requested to review the variance process, especially the limitation on reapplication for variance requests. After a short discussion, the Council decided against any changes.

9. Park amenities

The Council discussed adding more park amenities, especially Pickleball court availability.

ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS

- Atmos Franchise - second reading.
- Lot dimensions
- Dog attack in the City limits
- Short-term Rental Ordinance

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- The Farmer's Market opening was a great success.
- Music in the Park Friday 06-07-2024

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brundrett adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Presented and approved on 06-18-2024

Alan Brundrett, Mayor

Attest:

Yael Hoffman, TRMC,
CMC City Secretary