



MINUTES Regular Meeting Azle City Council

505 W. Main Street
Azle, Texas 76020

August 19, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brundrett called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 Hoffman	City Secretary
Rick White	Director of Public Services
Kyle Culwell	Parks Superintendent
David Hawkins	Director of Planning and Development
Will Scott	Fire Chief
Lee Godbold	Assistant Fire Chief
Ben Hall	Police Chief
Kevin Rogers	Police Lieutenant
Martin Avila	Finance Director
Angelia Garrett	Assistant Finance Director

INVOCATION

Amy Collins - Missions Coordinator for Son Shine Ministries, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Brundrett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

PRESENTATIONS

1. Exceptional Performance of Duty - MADD award

Mayor Brundrett recognized Police Chief Ben Hall who invited Ms. Emma Dugas, MADD state program

manager, and Shay Harris, MADD program specialist, who presented the Distinguished Enforcement Hero award to Officer Gallardo for apprehending forty-one (41) intoxicated drivers in 2023.

ACTION ITEMS

2. Consider and take action on the August 5, 2024 regular council meeting minutes and the August 13, 2024 Budget workshop.

Councilmember Rothenberger moved to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2024 regular council meeting and the August 13, 2024 budget workshop, 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 and take action on Resolution No. 2024-13 renewing the agreement for investment advisory services with Valley View Consulting, LLC for the two-year period ending September 2026.

Councilmember Rothenberger moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-13 renewing the agreement for investment advisory services with Valley View Consulting, LLC for the two-year period ending September 2026. Councilmember Estes seconded the motion.

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

4. Consider any action on Ordinance No. 2024-17 regarding a request to vacate and abandon certain portions of the street right-of-way of Oak Hill Trail in the City of Azle, Texas.

Mayor Brundrett introduced David Hawkins, Director of Planning and Development, who updated the council on this item. this item was tabled at the previous Council meeting. Included in the packet was a cost estimate on the value of the cul-de-sac rights-of-way as requested by the City Council. Mr. Vladimir Gernega, the property owner, addressed the City Council and stated that he would not want to pay for the cul-de-sac R.O.W. and wouldn't need the land. Discussion was held on various options for R.O.W. vacation and possible fire lane turnarounds/driveway locations from the end of the Oak Hill Trail street pavement to the front property line.

Councilmember Peek moved to approve Ordinance No. 2024-17 regarding a request to vacate and abandon certain portions of the street right-of-way of Oak Hill Trail in the City of Azle, Texas, as presented. Councilmember Estes seconded the motion.

Councilmember Peek amended her motion to vacate and abandon the cul-de-sac rights-of-way and the street rights-of-way up to the edge of the existing asphalt on Oak Hill Trail. Councilmember Estes seconded the motion.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

5. Conduct a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget and set the date for adopting the budget.

City Manager Tom Muir gave a short overview of the proposed budget, noting this budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by \$1,529,327, which is a 17.43% increase.

Mayor Brundrett opened the public hearing at 6:45 PM.
No one spoke.

Mayor Brundrett closed the public hearing at 6:46 PM.

Councilmember Rothenberger moved that an action item be placed on the August 26, 2024 special council meeting agenda. Councilmember Peek seconded the motion.

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

6. Conduct a public hearing on the proposed ad valorem tax rate of \$0.6140869 for tax year 2024.

Mayor Brundrett recognized City Manager Tom Muir who gave a short overview of the tax rate and the required notices to be published. The proposed ad valorem tax rate for tax year 2024 is \$0.6140869, which is \$0.0122089 above the voter approval rate of \$0.6018780.

Mayor Brundrett opened the public hearing at 6:49 PM.

No one spoke.

Mayor Brundrett closed the public hearing at 6:49 PM.

7. Conduct a public hearing on the proposed water and sewer rates for FY 2024-25.

City Manager Muir advised that a review of the water and sewer rates is a part of the budget process, and no changes are being proposed for the FY 2024-2025 budget year.

Mayor Brundrett opened the public hearing at 6:50 PM.

No one spoke.

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

ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS

None.

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- A draft of the comprehensive plan will be sent to council members and published on the city's website.
- 09-10-2024 - a public meeting is scheduled seeking public comments on the comprehensive plan.
- 09-14-2024 - Sting Fling event on Main Street.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brundrett adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Presented and approved on 09-03-2024.



Alan Brundrett, Mayor

Attest:



Yael Hoffman, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary