

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Azle City Council

505 W. Main Street
Azle, Texas 76020

February 18, 2025

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 Hoffman	City Secretary
Andrea Russell	City Attorney
Susie Hiles	Assistant to the City Manager
Ben Hall	Police Chief
Dora Grissom	Police Lieutenant
Leslie Dvorak	Crime Analyst/Community Liaison
Will Scott	Fire Chief
Lee Godbold	Assistant Fire Chief
Rick White	Director of Public Services
Kristen Pegues	Community and Marketing Specialist
Stephen Barnes	Finance Director

INVOCATION

Don Webster, pastor of Sandy Beach Road Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Brundrett led the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jim Kirk - 116 Westlake Woods Dr - addressed the council regarding the designation of the official newspaper for the city.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Annual Presentation - Police Department and Animal Shelter.

Mayor Brundrett recognized Police Chief Ben Hall, who gave a presentation on the activities of the Police Department and Animal Control Department for the past year.

2. FY 2025 1st Quarter Investment Report

Mayor Brundrett recognized Finance Director Stephen Barnes, who gave a brief review of the Quarterly Report ending December 31, 2024, noting that the book value of this quarter's investment is \$48,375,984 and the average quarterly yield is 4.47%.

ACTION ITEMS

3. Consider any action on the February 4, 2025 regular council meeting minutes

4. Consider any action on awarding the Walnut Creek Lift Station Project (Bid No. 2025-02)

Awarding the bid to Haynie Leadership Group in the amount of \$1,149,695.81.

5. Consider any action authorizing the City Manager to execute an interlocal agreement with the Azle Independent School District and Tarrant County to provide school zone signs and flashers on Sandy Beach Road.

6. Consider any action on Resolution No. 2025-04 designating the *Commercial Recorder* as the official newspaper.

Mayor Brundrett requested to approve items 3, 4, 5, and 6 under the consent agenda with one motion.

Councilmember Rothenberger moved to approve items 3,4,5 and 6, as presented. Councilmember Nelson seconded the motion.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. Facade and Signage Improvement Program.

Council discussed making changes to the Façade Grant guidelines/application, including increasing reimbursement funds for Main Street projects, exploring the possibility of up to 100% funding for businesses, and removing city permit fees. Staff will make revisions and bring back for Council approval.

8. Short term rentals

The Council reviewed the draft ordinance and requested the City Attorney make the suggested changes and present a revised ordinance for Council's consideration at the next meeting.

9. Citation issuance

The Council discussed issuing code enforcement citations to businesses in the city. After a short discussion, due to the complexity of the matter, the City Attorney will draft a memo to provide Council with suggested options.

10. Donation bins

The Council discussed modifying the ordinance to expedite the removal of donation bins that are out of compliance and have already been issued fines.

11. Weeds, grass and other vegetation

Council wished to explore if the city could establish different standards for commercial properties vs residential regarding weeds, high grass, and other code violations. Council was concerned about the appearance of commercial properties along main thoroughfares as they are the gateway to the city. City Attorney to research options and report back to Council.

12. Parking lot ordinance

City Manager Muir advised code enforcement has five cases they have been working on regarding parking lot violations. One case has been brought into compliance and case was closed. Staff is working with the remaining four to bring them into compliance.

ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS

None.

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- This was the last meeting for Assistant City Manager Lawrence Bryant. His last day will be 02-28-2025, with a come-and-go farewell party starting at 9 AM. Council stated Lawrence has been a great asset to the City and will surely be missed.
- 02-20-2025 - Chamber Banquet at The Orchard
- 03-06-2025 - Employee Banquet at A&M Gardens
- Permits can now be submitted online through the City website.

ADJOURNMENT

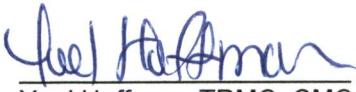
Mayor Brundrett adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Presented and approved on 03-04-2025



Alan Brundrett, Mayor

Attest:



Yael Hoffman, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary