

February 13, 2024

1. **Regular Meeting called to order** at 6:30 pm by the Mayor Tommy Carr
2. **Invocation – Tommy Carr**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Roll Call:** Mayor Tommy Carr: Present, Councilmember Roger McDonald: Absent, Councilmember Mike Goodman: Present, Councilmember Johnnie Day: Present, Councilmember Staci Saunders: Present, Councilmember Gerald Hall: Present.
5. **Consent Items:** Council Meeting 11/14/2023 & Economic Development Meeting 12/4/2023 & 1/29.24. Motion to approve by Gerald Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnnie Day, Unanimous.
6. **Citizens Forum:**
7. **New Business:**
  - a. Introduction to Palestine Regional Emergency Services (EMS) & Discuss Role & Involvement in Community – EMS could not make the meeting.
  - b. Consider Extending Water Line on ACR 311 – C. Bristow. Cody Bristow discussed with council potential plans to add small subdivision within the city limits. Council asked City Secretary to gather information to present to council concerning cost, so council could make decision at next month meeting. Motion to table by Johnnie Day, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Goodman, Unanimous.
  - c. Consider Farmer's Market on the Square Under Safire Norris Market Manager for 2024. Safire spoke to the council about the upcoming Farmer's Market & asked if John, who sells produce but has decided to not participate in Farmer's Market, could sell on the southwest corner of square like last year. The council agreed he could. Motion to approve Farmer's Market on city square by Gerald Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Goodman, Unanimous.
  - d. Appoint ACAD Representative to 2024 Term – Motion to appoint current representatives, Roger McDonald, by Mike Goodman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnnie Day, Unanimous.
  - e. Consider Adopting Anderson County Hazardous Mitigation Plan Resolution 021324 – Motion to approve by Gerald Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnnie Day, Unanimous.
  - f. Consider Racial Profiling Report – Officer Rex Brown presented report to city council. The report came back outstanding on behalf of the city and its officers. Motion to approve by Johnnie Day, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Goodman, Unanimous
  - g. Consider Opening New Checking Account with Austin Bank Designated for Grants with Kelly Landreth-Smith, Tommy Carr, & Gerald Hall as Signatures on Account. Motion to approve by Mike Goodman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnnie Day, Unanimous.
  - h. Consider Retaining City Attorney Ron Stutes Formally of Wilson, Roberts, & VanDeventer Currently with Fairchild, Price, Haley, and Smith Law Firm. Motion to approve by Gerald Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stacie Saunders, Unanimous.
  - i. Property Maintenance – Kelli D. Casey is currently working on letters to mail out.
8. **Items from Council:** Mayor Carr updated council on current Garrison Street issues. Our engineering firm came back with pricing for the overall project. Total cost is currently around \$800K. This cost will increase due to a missing culvert in the proposal. The city can't afford the engineers' proposal. Matt James of Precision Terrain is one of the landowners being affected by the water erosion from the Frankston ISD construction of approximately 10 years ago. Matt, at no

cost to the city, has been working on a plan to get the land fixed in small, affordable phases over a period of time. Mr. James offered to donate dirt from his property to help lower cost of phases. Each phase would be its on individual project under 50K. With this plan, the city could afford to get Garrison fixed in a relatively short period of time. Our engineers met with Mr. James of Precision Terrain and reviewed the plans. The mayor asked for the council's permission and approval to phase the project out over financially manageable phases and to hire Precision Terrain to move forward. All council members agreed this was the best option and all council members present agreed to hire Precision Terrain. The mayor and council directed City Secretary Kelli D. Casey to coordinate with Mr. Matt James to start work.

**9. Staff Reports:** Police, K-9, Court, Water; FVFD, Streets.

**10. Announcements:**

**11. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned @ 7:27 pm by Tommy Carr, Mayor.



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Tommy Carr, Mayor



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Kelli D. Casey, City Secretary