

REGULAR CALLED MEETING
City Council
January 25, 2022

The City Council of the City of Brownwood, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 501 Center Avenue, Brownwood, Texas, with the following members present:

Stephen E. Haynes	:	Mayor
HD Jones	:	Councilmember Ward 1
Ed McMillian	:	Councilmember Ward 2
Melody Nowowiejski	:	Councilmember Ward 3
Walker Willey	:	Councilmember Ward 5
Emily Crawford	:	City Manager
Pat Chesser	:	City Attorney
Christi Wynn	:	City Secretary

with Councilmember, Draco Miller, absent, constituting a quorum of the City Council.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Haynes called the meeting to order.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember McMillian.
INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Councilmember Nowowiejski.
ITEMS TO BE WITHDRAWN: None

INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND RECOGNITIONS:

Introduction of Animal Shelter Director.

Animal Shelter Director, Brayston Gray, introduced himself. He thanked the Council for the increase in subsidy. He stated that improvements have been made to the shelter. They are now accepting animals from the public and their adoption rates are very high.

CITIZENS PRESENTATIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by McMillian, seconded by Jones, to approve the minutes of the Regular Called Meeting on January 11, 2022, with the change of name from Tommy to Terry Blevins. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

Finance Director, Melanie Larose was available for questions regarding the checklist. A motion was made by Willey, seconded by Nowowiejski, that the Claims and Accounts dated through January 21, 2022, be approved for payment as submitted. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Consider an Order of General Election setting the May 7, 2022, Election to elect a Mayor and Council positions for Ward 1, and Ward 4.

City Secretary, Christi Wynn, stated that this year's General Election will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2022, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to elect a Mayor and Council positions for Wards 1, and 4. The Order of General Election must be called for by Council. The filing period is January 19 – February 18, 2022.

A motion was made by Willey, seconded by McMillian, to order the General Election and setting the May 7, 2022, Election to elect a Mayor and Council positions for Ward 1 and Ward 4. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Consider authorizing the purchase of a new rock breaker for the Utility Department for \$16,300 through a budget amendment.

Public Works Director, Henry Wied, stated that the Public Works departments, at the request of BMDD, demolished the old Icehouse slab and hauled the debris off to the Landfill. BMDD was invoiced for a small amount of labor and any damages to equipment in exchange for completing the project (\$18,429.40). The Water Department's rock breaker was utilized to break up all the concrete. This type of work is very harsh on the equipment. Therefore, the Water Department would like to use some of the funds to buy a new rock breaker for \$16,300. The unit will be charged to the Water Department's budget, which will require a budget amendment at the end of the year.

A motion was made by McMillian, seconded by Jones, to authorize the purchase of a new rock breaker for the Utility Department for \$16,300 through a budget amendment. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Haynes asked if the item on the Consent Agenda needed to be removed for discussion. A motion was made by Nowowiejski, seconded by Willey, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Consider an ordinance on second and third/final reading closing an undeveloped roadway located in the Thurman Cole Subdivision Plat, between Lots 19-26, in Block 1, near 1033 West Commerce.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-03

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING THE CLOSING, VACATING, AND ABANDONING OF AN UNDEVELOPED ROADWAY LOCATED IN THE THURMAN COLE SUBDIVISION PLAT, BETWEEN LOTS 19-26, IN BLOCK 1, NEAR 1033 WEST COMMERCE; FINDING THAT A PROPER PETITION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY ABUTTING AND ADJOINING SAID ROADWAY TO BE CLOSED; FINDING THAT CLOSING, VACATING, AND ABANDONING OF SAID ROADWAY IS TO THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY OF BROWNWOOD AND ITS CITIZENS; FINDING THAT SAME SHOULD BE CONVEYED BY QUITCLAIM DEED TO THE

ABUTTING LANDOWNER AND OWNER OF RECORD OF THE ROADWAY VACATED, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SUCH DEED FOR THE CONSIDERATION SPECIFIED HEREIN.

Consider an ordinance on second and third/final reading amending Ordinance 84-64 referring to prohibited parking between the hours of 10:00 pm – 6:00 am in Brownwood’s Downtown Historic District.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-04

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 84-64, CHANGING THE HOURS WHERE PARKING IS PROHIBITED IN THE DESIGNATED DOWNTOWN AREA FROM 10:00 PM – 6:00 AM TO 2:00 AM – 6:00 AM; PROVIDING FOR IMPOUNDMENT OF VIOLATING VEHICLES; PROVIDING A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) FOR CONVICTION OF ANY VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Consider authorizing a resolution adopting a policy in connection with the American Rescue Plan program for contract TX0225.

RESOLUTION NO. R-22-04

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ATTACHED POLICIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY OF BROWNWOOD, TEXAS PARTICIPATION IN FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT – CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND (ARPA – CLFRF) AND ADHERENCE TO THE REGULATIONS DESCRIBED THEREIN.

Consider authorizing a resolution designating authorized signatures for the American Rescue Plan – 2021 grant contract TX0225.

RESOLUTION NO. R-22-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BROWNWOOD, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) – CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS (CLFRF); AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY MANAGER TO ACT AS THE CITY’S EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY’S IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) – CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS (CLFRF) FUNDS.

REPORTS:

COVID-19 and Vaccination Update

Brownwood / Brown County Health Department Administrator, Lisa Dick, gave an update stating that in the past few weeks positive cases have increased from 149 to 560 to 1,024, and are now at 1,108. There are currently 19 hospitalizations. There were 7 more deaths reported, bringing the total to 212. Vaccinations and booster shots are available at the Health Department. City Manager Crawford stated that the City is tracking how

many employees are out due to Covid and other illnesses. There have been 20 to 30 out per week.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Mayor Haynes declared the meeting adjourned.

STEPHEN E. HAYNES, Mayor

ATTEST:

CHRISTI WYNN, City Secretary