

REGULAR CALLED MEETING
City Council
February 16, 2023

The City Council of the City of Brownwood, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Thursday, February 16, 2023, 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
Ed McMillian	:	Councilmember Ward 2
Melody Nowowiejski	:	Councilmember Ward 3
Walker Willey	:	Councilmember Ward 5
Pat Chesser	:	City Attorney
Emily Crawford	:	City Manager
Christi Wynn	:	City Secretary

with Councilmembers HD Jones, and 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 Willey.
ITEMS TO BE WITHDRAWN: None
INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND RECOGNITIONS: None
CITIZENS PRESENTATIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Willey, seconded by McMillian, to approve the minutes of the Regular Called Meeting on January 24, 2023, the State of the City on January 27, 2023, and the Council Workshop on January 31, 2023, as presented. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

Chief Accountant, Leah Thomas was available for questions regarding the checklist. A motion was made by Nowowiejski, seconded by McMillian, that the Claims and Accounts dated through February 10, 2023, be approved for payment as submitted. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Council will hear a presentation from Housing Lab by BETCO regarding a proposed Senior Living affordable housing development.

Michael Beard with BETCO Housing Lab stated that they would like to construct a forty-nine-unit Senior Living Affordable Housing Development utilizing housing tax credits to be located at 2508 Stephen F. Austin Drive. They would be single-story, one to two-bedroom multi-family units and would range in price from \$400 to \$963 per month with

utilities included. Each unit would have a covered patio, granite countertops, and nice amenities. There will be a clubhouse that will include an internet computer lab, community room, and fitness center. Outside, there will be a community courtyard and a possible grilling area. A pre-application has been submitted to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). The project requires local Council support through a Resolution to move forward.

Mayor Haynes stated that if a member of the Council expresses a desire for this to be on a future agenda, we would let them know.

REPORTS:

Racial Profiling Report

Police Chief, Ed Kading, stated that Article 2.132 – 2.134 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure (CCP) requires the annual reporting to the local governing body of data collected on motor vehicle stops in which a ticket, citation, or warning was issued and any arrests made as a result of those stops, in addition to data collection and reporting requirements. Article 2.134 of the CCP directs that a “comparative analysis of the information compiled under 2.133” be conducted. The analysis was conducted by Eric Fritsch, Ph.D., and Chad Trulson, Ph.D. of the Professional Development Institute at the University of North Texas. Their analysis shows that the Brownwood Police Department is fully in compliance with all relevant Texas laws concerning racial profiling, including the existence of a formal policy prohibiting racial profiling by its officers, an education and training process, a formalized complaint process, and the collection of data in compliance with the law.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council convened into Executive Session at 9:30 a.m., in the Haynes Conference Room, pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Government Code Vernon’s Texas Codes Annotated, in accordance with the authority contained therein to discuss the following:

Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney

Section 551.087 – Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiation

- A. Discussion of waterline relocation incentive for Superior Essex.
- B. Discussion of possible land transfer for a new industrial company.

Council reconvened into open session at 9:53 a.m.

ACTION TAKEN AS A RESULT OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney

Section 551.087 – Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiation

- A. A motion was made by Willey, seconded by McMillian, to ratify the action of the Brownwood Municipal Development District Board for an infrastructure incentive to Superior Essex not to exceed \$100,000 for the relocation of a waterline for a business expansion project at 1512 Drisco Drive and approve a Chapter 380 incentive from the City to Superior Essex to provide installation of the new waterline by City Staff. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

B. No action was taken.

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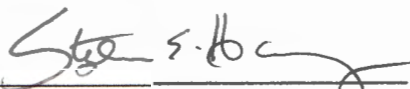
Consider approving the purchase of water infrastructure materials for the Superior Essex project from Ferguson Supply, Abilene, Texas, through a BuyBoard contract.

Public Works Director, Henry Wied, stated that Superior Essex is building a warehouse and is requesting that a 12" water line be moved to accommodate this expansion. The existing 12" water line runs through the middle of the property. Staff is recommending that the water line be relocated to the street so that it is out of the way of any expansion on their property. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$150,000. We are waiting for the BuyBoard quote from Ferguson Supply. The Brownwood Municipal Development District proposed incentive package will reimburse the City up to \$100,000 while the remaining cost will be absorbed by the Water Department Water Main Replacement budget. That budget is currently \$50,000. We recommend utilizing this amount to cover the City's portion of the incentive and any budget exceedance for this account with a budget amendment at the end of the fiscal year. Most of the materials will be purchased through a BuyBoard contract with Ferguson Supply out of Abilene, Texas and the remaining materials will be sourced through the City Warehouse.

A motion was made by Nowowiejski, seconded by Willey, to approve the purchase of water infrastructure materials for the Superior Essex project from Ferguson Supply of Abilene through a BuyBoard contract. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

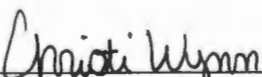
ADJOURNMENT:

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



STEPHEN E. HAYNES, Mayor

ATTEST:



CHRISTI WYNN, City Secretary