

REGULAR CALLED MEETING
City Council
April 11, 2023

The City Council of the City of Brownwood, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 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
HD Jones	:	Councilmember Ward 1
Ed McMillian	:	Councilmember Ward 2
Melody Nowowiejski	:	Councilmember Ward 3
Pat Chesser	:	City Attorney
Emily Crawford	:	City Manager
Christi Wynn	:	City Secretary

with Councilmember Walker Willey 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 Mayor Haynes.

ITEMS TO BE WITHDRAWN: None

INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND RECOGNITIONS:

City Manager Crawford recognized both Candidates for Ward 4 in attendance, as well as former employee Gwen Stone in her new position of TDEM Officer.

CITIZENS PRESENTATIONS:

Citizen, Rick Biessener, explained that he has a solar system already installed on his house and requested the City consider an ordinance allowing wind turbines inside the city limits. Currently, it is not listed in the chart of permitted uses. Mayor Haynes asked City Staff to investigate height, sound, and light restrictions for wind turbines.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by McMillian, seconded by Jones, to approve the minutes of the Regular Called Meeting on March 28, 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 McMillian, seconded by Nowowiejski, that the Claims and Accounts dated through April 6, 2023, be approved for payment as submitted. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Haynes asked if the item on the Consent Agenda needed to be removed for discussion. There being none, a motion was made by McMillian, seconded by Nowowiejski, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Consider an ordinance on second and third/final reading to repeal the ordinance that created the Martin & Frances Lehnis Transportation Museum Advisory Board.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROWNWOOD, TEXAS REPEALING DIVISION 8. ENTITLED “MARTIN & FRANCES LEHNIS TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM ADVISORY BOARD” FROM CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE III OF THE CITY OF BROWNWOOD CODE OF ORDINANCES IN ITS ENTIRETY; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Consider authorizing a change order as approved by the City Manager for construction at the Senior Citizens Center.

Backup information that was given to the Council, but not discussed at the meeting is as follows: The City Manager was presented with a change order request from staff for work at the Senior Citizens Center that was not part of the original scope of construction. The change order included outside security lighting, window blinds for the new meeting room, and an awning above the drive-through. The amount of the change order was \$23,014. The approved bid amount was \$336,573. The change order is 6.8% above the original cost. Funds available for the project were \$432,214 at the time of the bid award, and funds are available to cover the change order. The City Manager approved the change order on March 16. Council action is needed due to the size of the change order.

Authorize the City Manager to sign an agreement and any subsequent addendums, amendments, and acceptance of additional funds during the term of the grant contract on behalf of Brownwood/Brown County Health Department with Texas Department of State Health Services to continue providing Public Health Emergency Preparedness services to our community.

Backup information that was given to the Council, but not discussed at the meeting is as follows: The Texas Department of State Health Services Center for Health Emergency Preparedness and Response is providing the FY2024 Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant for \$103,507, non-local funds. The amount received for FY2023 was \$103,507. Funds from the grant are used to maintain a comprehensive public health preparedness program, including epidemiology service, providing personnel, supplies, and education to meet the grant statement of work for the overall mission of advancing public health preparedness. The grant terms begin on July 1, 2023, and expire on June 30, 2024.

Authorize the City Manager to sign an agreement and any subsequent addendums, amendments, and acceptance of additional funds during the term of the grant contract and the additional funding for the Public Health Infrastructure Grant (HHS001309900001).

Backup information that was given to the Council, but not discussed at the meeting is as follows: The Texas Department of State Health Services is executing a Center for Health Emergency Preparedness and Response (CHEPR) grant for \$732,882. Funds from the grant are focused on making a strategic investment to support hiring, retaining, and training the public health workforce and to strengthen public health infrastructure and systems related to the workforce foundational capabilities in alignment with Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data Systems program from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The grant term begins upon signing of the agreement and expires on November 30, 2027. This Grant is a new grant available to entities who participated in the current Workforce Grant (\$563,500, 7/2021 – 6/30/2024) and will complement the Health Disparities Grant (\$290,000, 9/01/2021 –5/31/2024) allowing efforts established in these grants to continue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council convened into Executive Session at 9:11 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

- A. Agreement with Brown County for the renovation and use of 305 Booker.

Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney

Section 551.072 – Deliberation Regarding Real Property

- B. Possible acquisition of real property.

Council reconvened into open session at 10:02 a.m.

ACTION TAKEN AS A RESULT OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney

- A. A motion was made by Nowowiejski, seconded by McMillian, to authorize the City to go out for design bids for the renovation of 305 Booker for use of the Brownwood – Brown County Health Department. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney

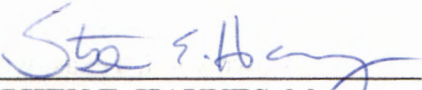
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- B. No action was taken.

Members of the Council toured the Landfill to see the progress of the expansion.

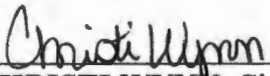
ADJOURNMENT:

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



STEPHEN E. HAYNES, Mayor

ATTEST:



CHRISTI WYNN, City Secretary