

**REGULAR CALLED MEETING
City Council
July 12, 2022**

The City Council of the City of Brownwood, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 501 Center Avenue, Brownwood, Texas, with the following members present:

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

with members 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- ITEMS TO BE WITHDRAWN:** None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 McMillian, seconded by Nowowiejski, to approve the minutes of the Regular Called Meeting on June 28, 2022, as presented. Upon vote, 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 July 8, 2022, be approved for payment as submitted. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS:
Re-recognition of the Brownwood Police Department.
Police Chief, Edward Kading, stated that the Law Enforcement Accreditation Program is a voluntary process where police agencies in Texas prove their compliance with 170 Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices. These Best Practices were carefully developed by Texas Law Enforcement professionals to assist agencies in the efficient and effective delivery of service, the reduction of risk, and the protection of an individual’s rights. Since its inception in 2006, over 180 Texas Law Enforcement Agencies have been accredited and

many more are currently in the process to become accredited agencies. While members of the Texas Police Chiefs Association recognize and support the national accreditation program, The Texas Best Practices Accreditation Program has become the new Gold Standard for Texas Law Enforcement. The Brownwood Police Department has been accredited since 2013, and this past May, took part in a comprehensive audit process, and as a result, was awarded re-accreditation. Chief Kading presented the re-accreditation plaque to the City Council.

Consider authorizing the City Manager to sign an agreement between the City of Brownwood and the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) for \$50,000 to build the capacity of the local Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) beginning upon signing of the agreement through December 31, 2022.

Health Department Coordinator, Lisa Dick, stated that this is a grant funded through NACCHO from the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the Assistant Secretary of Preparedness and Response to build local Medical Reserve Corps units. Funding from this grant will provide resources to the MRC unit to respond, innovate, sustain, and equip to improve functionality.

Ashley Belez, Medical Reserve Coordinator, stated that this grant is short-term and will be used to restock inventory in the warehouse. A lot of supplies have been depleted during COVID. They plan to purchase a new shelving unit and bins for storing supplies, large portable fans to use at first aid and cooling stations at events, additional AEDs, and CPR masks for volunteers, as well as first aid supplies.

A motion was made by Willey, seconded by McMillian, to authorize the City Manager to sign an agreement between the City of Brownwood and the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) for \$50,000 to increase the capacity of the local Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) beginning upon signing of the agreement through December 31, 2022. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Consider authorizing the City to go out for bids for the construction of Landfill cells.

Director of Public Works, Henry Wied, stated that eHT has completed the design work for cell 14 and 16 and are ready to seek proposals for the construction phase of the project. As part of their contract, eHT Staff will be creating the necessary documents and compilation of the proposals. Once the competitive sealed proposals have been received eHT and Staff will evaluate and score them to determine which proposal provides the best value to the City and then provide a recommendation to the Council. A timeline for the project coincides with that of the bond counsel. Mayor Haynes asked if we are budgeting for payments in the next fiscal year. Mrs. Crawford stated that according to the schedule, the first payment wouldn't be due until the 23/24 Fiscal Year budget. The estimated cost of the project is \$15 million. Councilmember Willey asked when the last cell was constructed. Engineer, Lucy Dunn with eHT stated it was constructed in 2014. She explained that this project will be two very large cells covering ten acres. The life span of these cells is around 15 years. This will also expand the capacity of the current cells being used because the waste will be able to compile at an angle until near capacity and then can

be built up. These will be the last two cells on the north side of the landfill. In an effort to mitigate some of the unpredictability of the current economy, Ms. Dunn explained that the estimate includes a proposal that the City provide fuel for the project and thus avoid receiving bids that factor in the unknown cost of diesel.

A motion was made by Willey, seconded by McMillian, to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to seek sealed proposals for the construction of cells 14 and 16 at the Landfill. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. R-22-18

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO SEEK COMPETITIVE BIDS/PROPOSALS IN THE MANNER MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE CITY.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Consider an ordinance on first reading changing Center Avenue to one-way heading southbound from Austin Avenue to Whaley Street and changing Whaley Street to one-way heading westbound to Clark Street to help traffic flow more efficiently for the new Welcome Center at Howard Payne University.

Engineering Service Coordinator, Gary Hurtado, stated that Howard Payne University contacted City staff requesting Center Avenue to become a one-way street in front of the new Welcome Center to help traffic flow more efficiently. After review, the Engineering staff concluded that converting Whaley to one-way would be beneficial so that motorists would not have to back up or make a U-turn at the intersection once they realized that Center Avenue was one-way. The recommended signage plan is based on the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices guidelines. The angled parking stalls, along with the required handicap spaces and a loading zone were included in the design. Howard Payne University Staff agreed to the conceptual design and wants to move forward with the request. The cost for the signage and striping will be shared between the Brownwood Municipal Development District and Howard Payne University. HPU Representative, Mike Rodgers was in attendance and available for questions.

Mayor Haynes asked the City Secretary to read the ordinance. After the reading of the ordinance, a motion was made by Willey, seconded by Nowowiejski, to approve the ordinance on first reading changing Center Avenue to one-way heading southbound from Austin Avenue to Whaley Street and changing Whaley Street to one-way heading westbound to Clark Street to help traffic flow more efficiently for the new Welcome Center at Howard Payne University. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BROWNWOOD, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING "ONE-WAY" TRAFFIC ALONG CENTER AVENUE (SOUTHBOUND) TO WHALEY STREET AND TRAFFIC ALONG WHALEY STREET (WESTBOUND) TO CLARK STREET; PROVIDING A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) FOR CONVICTION OF ANY VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Consider an ordinance on first reading establishing no truck routes prohibiting large commercial motor vehicles from traveling on 14th Street from Stephen F. Austin to Coggin Avenue and 15th Street from Coggin Avenue to US Highway 377.

The Council Briefing Sheet reads as follows: City has had complaints from residents located on 14th and 15th Streets about large commercial vehicles traveling down these roads which cause traffic issues, potential road damage, and noise issues. The City Council directed City Staff to draft an ordinance prohibiting large commercial motor vehicles from traveling on these streets. The ordinance establishes no truck routes on the following two streets and prohibits commercial motor vehicles (defined as motor vehicles that weigh 26,000 pounds or greater) from traveling on these two streets (with exceptions contained in Section 66-72(b): (a) 14th Street from Stephen F. Austin to Coggin Avenue; and (b) 15th Street from Coggin Avenue to US Highway 377. The ordinance also provides that the director of public works or their designee may establish additional no truck routes by filing a map of the no truck route with the City Secretary and placing the proper signage on the street to notify drivers of commercial motor vehicles of the prohibition.

Other streets were mentioned as possible additions to the list of no truck routes, but it was the consensus of the Council that enforcement would be difficult on those streets and the main objective at this time is to prohibit 18-wheeler trucks from traveling along the sharp S curve on 14th Street.

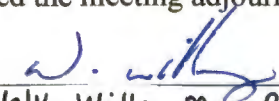
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ORDINANCE NO. 22-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BROWNWOOD, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 66 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING AN ARTICLE III. ENTITLED "NO TRUCK ROUTES," TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS PROHIBITING COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES FROM TRAVELING ON STREETS DESIGNATED AS NO TRUCK ROUTES; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ADJOURNMENT:

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


Walker Willey, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


CHRISTI WYNN, City Secretary