

MINUTES
Regular City Council Meeting
September 12, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Chris Davies, Mayor Pro Tem Cody Hawkins
Council Members: John Verity, Shawn Bentley, Lori Howell, Justin Poppelreiter
City Manager Matt McMahan
City Secretary Becky Pattillo
Finance Director Stacy Smith
Building Official Josh Kinnick
Public Works Director Paul Miller
EDC Director Joel Richardson
Police Chief Kimbre Collier

Absent: None

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Chris Davies called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

2. Invocation:

Building Official Josh Kinnick gave the invocation.

3. Open Public Hearing to Discuss the Proposed City Property Tax Rate of \$.485 per \$100 in value for Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024:

Mayor Chris Davies opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m.

Council Member John Verity made the motion to continue the public hearing on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Cody Hawkins seconded the motion, resulting in a unanimous vote.

4. Close Public Hearing on Proposed City Property Tax Rate:

No action taken.

5. Approval of Minutes from the regular meeting of August 8, 2023:

Council Member Justin Poppelreiter made the motion to approve the minutes of August 8, 2023, as read. Council Member Shawn Bentley seconded the motion, resulting in a unanimous vote.

6. Public Comment: This is an opportunity for the public to address the Council on any matter that is not on the agenda. Public comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker, unless the speaker requires the assistance of a translator, in which case the speaker is limited to six (6) minutes, in accordance with applicable law. The Council is not permitted to take action on or discuss any item not listed on the agenda. The Council may: (1) make a statement of fact regarding the item; (2) make a statement concerning the

policy regarding the item; or (3) propose the item be placed on a future agenda. (Tex. Govt. Code §551.042):

No one came forward.

7. REPORTS:

- a. **Financials including Accounts Payable**
- b. **Court**
- c. **Public Works**
- d. **Police**
- e. **Fire**
- f. **Building Services**
- g. **EDC**
- h. **City Manager**

8. Discussion and Possible Action taken on Ordinance Adopting the City of Caddo Mills Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024 Operating Budget:

Council Member John Verity made the motion to approve the ordinance adopting the Fiscal Year 2023/ 2024 operating budget. Council Member Justin Poppelreiter seconded the motion, resulting in a unanimous vote.

9. Discussion and Possible Action taken on Adopting the Caddo Mills Economic Development Corporation FY 2023 – 2024 Operating Budget:

Council Member Justin Poppelreiter made the motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 operating budget for the Economic Development Corporation. Mayor Pro Tem Cody Hawkins seconded the motion, resulting in a unanimous vote.

10. Discussion and Possible Action taken on Resolution approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division regarding the 2023 Rate Review Mechanism:

Beth Dattomo, Atmos informed the Council that they had ended 2022 with an increase of 800 residences that used Atmos.

Council Member John Verity asked if she knew what the average increase that residents could expect to see on their bills. Ms. Dattomo responded that a resident on average billing could expect an increase of six to seven dollars over a year.

Council Member John Verity made the motion to approve the settlement as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Cody Hawkins seconded the motion, resulting in a unanimous vote.

11. Consideration of Engineering Services to design new Sewer/Lift Station on FM 36 to Dallas Northeast Campground per attached proposal – Funds will be from 2022 Infrastructure Bond:

City Manager Matt McMahan stated that the 2010 Texas Water Development Board low interest loan wasn't enough to finish getting the line to the Interstate, which was desperately needed for growth in the area. He continued that this was for the design process of the project.

Council Member John Verity made the motion to approve engineering services for the new lift station. Council Member Justin Poppelreiter seconded the motion, resulting in a unanimous vote.

12. Discussion of Parks Master Plan and Conceptual Drawing:

Elizabeth Sherril, with Dunaway DBI, stated that for the last 22 years, she had been designing parks in the Dallas area. She presented a slideshow and explained the recommendations that they had developed for potential parks in Caddo Mills.

13. Executive Session: In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.001, et. Seq., the City Council will recess into Executive Session (closed meeting) to discuss the following:

(a) Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney: Consultation with Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter re: City Budget

(b) Section 551.072, Real Property: Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.

(c) Section 551.087, Discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the City has received from a business prospect that the City seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the City of Caddo Mills and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations; and to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to the business prospect.

Council adjourned into executive session at 6:55 p.m.

14. Reconvene to Open Session: In accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, the City Council will reconvene into Regular Session to consider any action needed on matters discussed in Executive Session:

The meeting was reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

Council Member John Verity made the motion to allow the Mayor and City Manager to negotiate and bid on the property discussed in executive session. Mayor Pro Tem Cody Hawkins seconded the motion, resulting in a unanimous vote.

15. Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.



Chris Davies, Mayor



Becky Pattillo, City Secretary

10/10/23

Date