



City of Hawkins  
City Council Minutes  
March 18, 2024



On this day March 18, 2024, at 6:00 pm, Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Richoz called a regular City Council meeting to order with council members Eric Maloy, Clara Kay, and Eleta Taylor. Greg Branson was not present. The department heads present were: Norma Hallmark, Mandy Thomas, Bucky Elkins, Mike Maberry, and Guy McKee.

Jeff Karlson gave the invocation.

U.S. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Richoz.

Councilmember Eric Maloy made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of minutes from February 20, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting and minutes from March 04, 2024 Special City Council Meeting; seconded by Councilmember Eleta Taylor. The motion carried.

Councilmember Clara Kay made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of Financial Reports. Councilmember Eric Maloy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Citizens of the community were at the meeting and will not comment until the agenda item.

Councilmember Clara Kay made a motion to approve the Departmental Monthly Reports; seconded by Councilmember Eric Maloy. The motion carried.

Councilmember Clara Kay made a motion to approve a mobile home permit at 209 Baxter St. Hawkins, TX 75765. Councilmember Eric Maloy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilmember Eric Maloy proclaimed April as Child Abuse Awareness Month and proclamation; seconded by Councilmember Eleta Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilmember Eric Maloy made a motion to approve Southwestern Electric Power Company dba American Electric Power Franchise Ordinance; seconded by Councilmember Clara Kay. The motion carried.

Councilmember Clara Kay made a motion to approve bids for new façade for Coffee Rig in the amount of \$16,007.48. Councilmember Eric Maloy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The second reading of Resolution on the proposed land purchases. The Resolution needs to make changes and start over with the first reading April 15, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Eric Maloy made a motion to approve an extension of the current spending freeze for an additional 60 days. Councilmember Eleta Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Richoz called Executive Session at 6:44.

Citizen Shahaub Tafreshinejad was called into executive session.



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Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Richoz called the Executive Session back to order at 7:27 pm.

A citizen stated by law the executive session was illegal. Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Richoz stated that the executive session was legal because the Open Meetings Act does not apply for security devices. Citizen asked, "Who advised you all that the executive session was a legal meeting?" Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Richoz stated that Texas Municipal League told him that the meeting was legal. Citizen stated that she was confused that Councilmember Eleta Taylor mentioned about the contract, security devices and audit. Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Richoz stated it was all three; security devices, security audits, and contract hiring somebody for cybersecurity. Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Richoz suggested the following 4 options for the City of Hawkins to be in compliance with Texas Senate Bill 271 (Tx Government Cybersecurity Incident Reporting): (1) Do nothing at all. (2) Do it in house; pushing half million dollars. (3) Pay \$36,000 with a gentleman (Shahaub Tafreshinejad) from Hawkins for remainder of this year and the city would be in compliance. (4) Security Audit for \$7500 and not have an agreement. The Citizen kept asking Council how the City of Hawkins was out of compliance with Senate Bill 271, and the council never replied as to how the City of Hawkins was out of compliance. Councilmember Clara Kay made a motion to table until April 15, 2024 City Council Meeting and to have 3 different presentations and how much it will cost for a security audit. Councilmember Eric Maloy seconded the motion. Councilmember Eleta Taylor and Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Richoz both abstained from voting. The motion did not pass. Councilmember Clara Kay made a motion to reconsider to table until April 15, 2024 City Council Meeting to have 3 different presentations and how much it will cost the city for a security audit. Councilmember Eric Maloy seconded the motion. Councilmember Eleta Taylor abstained from voting. Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Richoz, Councilmembers Clara Kay and Eric Maloy voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

In regards to appoint a subcommittee to recommend hiring a City Lawyer for the City of Hawkins. Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Richoz stated that the City of Hawkins could not afford Nicole Corr and she is the only one that hasn't withdrawn, and is very expensive for the first few months; \$5000 to \$10,000 a month to get the city on the straight and narrow. Councilmember states that Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Richoz to contact Nicole Corr to come back down and revisit again. Councilmember Eric Maloy made a motion to appoint a subcommittee to recommend hiring a City Lawyer for the City of Hawkins. Councilmember Clara Kay seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilmember Clara Kay made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Eleta Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.



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Chuck Richoz, Mayor Pro Tem

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Attest:

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Mandy K. Thomas, City Secretary

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CITY OF HAWKINS

@ 12:39 pm

Chuck Richoz refused  
to sign the minutes

Mandy Thomas

4/18/24 @ 12:39 pm

Cindy Douthett  
4-16-24 @ 12:41 pm

Maria Rene

4/16/24 @ 12:42 pm