



City of Hawkins
City Council Minutes
August 19, 2024



On this day August 19, 2024, at 6:00 pm, Mayor Debbie Rushing called a Regular City Council Meeting to order with council members Greg Branson, Eric Maloy, Eleta Taylor, Clara Kay, and Meredith Hancock. The department heads present were Norma Hallmark, Ty Musick, Mike Maberry, Paul Holland and Mandy Thomas.

Jeff Karlson gave the invocation.

U.S. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Deb Rushing.

Mayor Deb Rushing let the citizens on the speaking list discuss items on the agenda.

Councilmember Eric Maloy made a motion to approve the building permit for 149 1st Street. Councilmember Meredith Hancock seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Paul Gant with the Greater Veterans Association gave an update on the Veterans Memorial Park.

City Secretary Mandy Thomas discussed the garbage rate increase of 5% per Consumer price Index with the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal.

Councilmember Eric Maloy made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of minutes from July 15 ,2024, Regular City Council Meeting and add transactions details to the Financial Reports. Councilmember Greg Branson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Councilmember Eric Maloy made a motion to approve, evaluate, discuss, and consider submitted qualification statements for selection of a firm for financial advisor services related to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Lead Service Line Replacement Project. Councilmember Meredith Hancock seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilmember Eric Maloy made a motion to approve, evaluate, discuss, and consider submitted qualification statements for selection of a firm for bond council services related to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Lead Service Line Replacement Project. Councilmember Meredith Hancock seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilmember Eric Maloy made a motion to approve, evaluate, discuss, and consider submitted qualification statements for selection of a firm for engineering services related to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Lead Service Line Replacement Project. Councilmember Meredith Hancock seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilmember Eric Maloy made a motion to approve the monthly departmental reports except for Court Report. Councilmember Clara Kay seconded the motion. The motion passed. July 2024 Court report will be in September's 2024 City Council Packets.



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Councilmember Meredith Hancock made a motion to appoint Mayor Deb Rushing as Municipal Court Judge per Texas Government Code Section 29.004 for 90 days. Councilmember Greg Branson seconded the motion. Councilmembers Greg Branson, Eric Maloy, Clara Kay, and Meredith Hancock voted for the motion. Councilmember Eleta Taylor voted against the motion. The motion passed.

Chief of Police Paul Holland discussed more police coverage.

Councilmember Clara Kay made a motion to pay off the 2023 GMC pickup and 2023 Chevrolet pickup. Seconded by Councilmember Eleta Taylor. The motion passed.

Councilmember Eric Maloy made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Wood County to assist the City of Hawkins for street repairs and paving on Loye Lane. Councilmember Eleta Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Councilmember Greg Branson made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Wood County to assist the City of Hawkins for driveway and drainage repairs to Helicopter Pad at the Hawkins Fire Department. Councilmember Clara Kay seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Councilmember Greg Branson made a motion to approve Court Clerk Becky Attaway's 40 hours a week until September 30, 2024. Becky Attaway will no longer be employed with the City of Hawkins as of September 30, 2024. Councilmember Clara Kay seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Councilmember Greg Branson made a motion to approve Leigh Thompson as City of Hawkins Attorney pending background investigation. Councilmember Meredith Hancock seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Councilmember Meredith Hancock made a motion to approve the proposed tax rate of \$ 0.8433 per \$100 for fiscal year 2024-2025; Seconded by Councilmember Clara Kay. The motion passed.

Mayor Deb Rushing explained that the City of Hawkins Employees dealt with unforeseen circumstances. Therefore, we didn't have budget workshops.

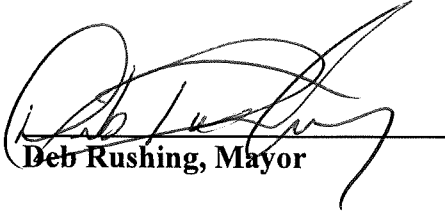
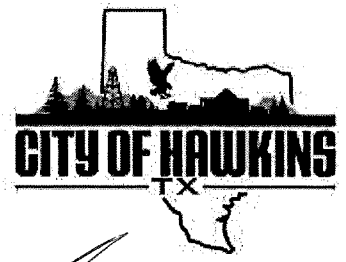
Councilmember Clara Kay made a motion to approve the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025. Councilmember Eric Maloy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mayor Deb Rushing discussed and reviewed policy and laws regarding Hawkins Community Development Corporation.

Councilmember Greg Branson made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by Councilmember Clara Kay. The motion passed.

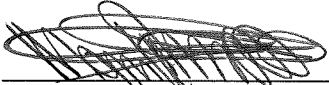


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Deb Rushing, Mayor

Attest:



Mandy Thomas, City Secretary