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The State of Texas
The County of San Patricio
The City of Mathis

Regular Meeting

February 24, 2025

In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551.041 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council of the City of Mathis held a **Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, February 24, 2025**, at City Hall Annex, 401 E. San Patricio Avenue. **Public Notice** was hereby given that the City Council may elect to go into closed session at any time during the meeting in order to discuss matters listed on the agenda concerning personnel, consultation with the city attorney, real estate acquisition, or other purposes authorized under the "Open Meetings Act". In the event the City Council elects to go into closed session regarding an agenda item; the purpose of the closed session and the section of the Open Meetings Act authorizing the session will be publicly announced by the presiding officer.

Councilman David Garcia led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll call to determine presence of a quorum.

Mayor Ciri Villarreal, Councilman Richard Salinas, Councilman Israel Gonzales, Councilwoman Isabel Rivera and Councilman David Garcia.

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Quinones

City Staff Present: City Manager Cedric W. Davis, City Secretary Mary A. Gonzales, HR Supervisor Roxanne Ramirez, Finance Director Caron Vela, and Administrative Assistant Cassandra J. Moya

Guests: Douglas Jones (Lyte Fiber), Lucinda Garcia, City Attorney (virtual attendance)

2. Call to order.

With a quorum of the Council Members present, the Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Ciri Villarreal at 7:01 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Mathis will discuss and act on the following:

3. Consider approval of minutes for February 10, 2025, Regular Meeting and February 17, 2025, Special Meeting.

MOTION: Councilman Israel Gonzales motioned to approve the minutes for February 10, 2025, Regular Meeting and February 17, 2025, Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Isabel Rivera and the motion carried 4-0.

4. Citizens to be heard.

No presentations at this time.

5. Discuss and consider motion approving Lyte Fiber multi-million-dollar, private investment into the Mathis Community to bring 100% cutting-edge fiber optic internet network capable of very fast speeds, affordable, and dependable network as presented by Doug Jones.

Mr. Doug Jones informed that at the previous council meeting, council received a presentation regarding the quality of services with Lyte Fiber Internet services and information on the upcoming project for the community regarding the installation of the fiber optic. As a recap, Mr. Jones stated that he would be the representative assigned to our area during the project development and the point of contact of the contractors doing the installation to handle any issues that may arise involving the fiber optic installation or resident complaints during the project. Councilman Salinas questioned if certain permits would be required to be pulled for this project to which staff informed that they would meet to determine what type of permits would be required for this project.

MOTION: Councilman Richard Salinas motioned to approve Lyte Fiber multi-million-dollar, private investment into the Mathis Community to bring 100% cutting-edge fiber optic internet network capable of very fast speeds, affordable, and dependable network as presented by Doug Jones. The motion was seconded by Councilman Israel Gonzales and the motion carried 4-0.

6. Discussion and consider motion approving the Fiscal Year 2023 Audit (CAFR) as presented by Ernest R. Garza, C.P.A.

Ernest Garza presented the Fiscal Year 2023 Audit along with information that included City of Mathis Annual Financial Report for the Year, Internal Control over Finance Report, Single Audit Report for Compliance with unmodified opinions.

MOTION: Councilman Richard Salinas motioned to approve and accepted the Fiscal Year 2023 Audit (CAFR) as presented by Ernest R. Garza, C.P.A. The motion was seconded by Councilman David Garcia and the motion carried 4-0.

7. Discussion and direction on request of financial data needed for Fiscal Year 2024 Audit from all departments to include MEDC by Finance Director, Caron Vela and all matters pertaining thereto.

Caron Vela, Finance Director, informed that she had a meeting with Mr. Davis and MEDC Director, Sabas Encinia regarding the MEDC financial records and came to a resolution of collecting the data needed for Fiscal Year 2024. Caron informed that the EDC created an electronic drop box to upload the records requested for her access. Mayor Villarreal recommended taking a record vote making this request official that the city's Finance Director, Caron Vela, should receive all financial data requested for the city's audit from all departments including the Mathis Economic Development Corporation.

MOTION: Councilman Israel Gonzales motioned, approving that the Finance Director, Caron Vela, should be receiving all financial data for the 2024 Audit from all departments including the MEDC. The motion was seconded by Councilman David Garcia and the motion carried 4-0.

8. Discussion and direction regarding the Manufactured Home Ordinance and all matters presented thereto.

City Secretary, Mary Gonzales, informed that a resident who recently placed a new mobile home on a property after going through the permitting process is asking if it would be allowed to move the home to another property due to foreseen circumstances. The current mobile home ordinance does not have any language addressing a set time frame allowing this.

MOTION: Councilman David Garcia motioned to approve administration to bring back revised language amending the current ordinance to allow a one-year timeframe of relocating a new mobile home that has not been lived in for more than one year. The motion was seconded by Councilman Israel Gonzales and the motion carried 3-1.

DIVISION AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

9. City Manager's reports and all matters pertaining thereto.

City Manager, Cedric Davis, Sr.

- *Fielded calls and or complaints; met with citizens regarding fb "Safe Waters" & 100 acre park; discussion with an associate and a Texan Fueling Centers Rep.; Attended CC city council meeting; Attended MEDC meet and greet with developer regarding Chicken Express; Corresponded with two associates at KSA regarding 2025 Call for Sidewalk Project- TxDOT TA Funding; Robert and I attended CORE Coordinated Response Exercise Pipeline Safety Program; Robert and I met with Travis with Nueces River Authority regarding a 2025 TWDB Funding call for downtown/CBD water and streets project; attended strategy workshop regarding "Safe Waters" coalition campaign with donation of \$1,207*

EXCECUTIVE SESSION

A closed executive session may be conducted under authorization of Texas Government Code Annotated Chapter 551. Such closed meetings may be held only for the purpose of a discussion. Any action, as a result of a discussion, must be taken in open session. The following executive session is authorized as follows:

10. Close public meeting.

Closed public meeting at 7:29 p.m.

11. Executive Session under Section 551.071 to consult with City Attorney and Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.05 regarding disannexation of 121.46 acres; legally described as 100 acres, Abstract 4, Delgado-Sumner Subdivision and 21.46 acres, Abstract 4 Tract 1, Delgado-Sumner Subdivision, Mathis, Texas.

No action taken.

12. Reconvene public meeting.

Reconvened meeting at 8:10 p.m. with no action taken.

13. City Council requests for future Agenda Items.

- *Councilman Gonzales noticed the Christmas Tree was still up.*
- *Councilman Salinas would like to thank Mr. Davis for submitting the CASA grant for sidewalks; wants to see if we could provide water and trash services to the houses along the access road of I37 and Lamar that was annexed; thanked the staff for all their hard work.*
- *Councilman Garcia asked about the downtown stripping angles and parallels; stop light at E San Patricio and Front St., need to figure out how to address that with signage taking a right turn; update on the TA Development off of 188 and 37; update on Tractor Supply; scope of the GLO Project and what it is going to intel; all of these requests can be through a com*
- *Mayor Villarreal mentioned the entrance Mathis Sign still has Christmas Decoration*

14. Adjourn

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Ciri Villarreal requested a motion to adjourn the council meeting at 9:07 pm.

MOTION: Councilman Israel Gonzales motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Richard Salinas and the motion carried 4-0.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 10th DAY OF March, 2025

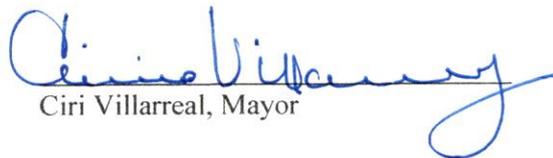
UPON THE MOTION OF Mayor Pro Tem Quinones

SECONDED BY Councilman Israel Gonzales AND ADOPTED

BY A VOTE OF 4 TO 0.

ATTEST:


Mary Acosta Gonzales, City Secretary


Ciri Villarreal, Mayor