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

Regular Meeting
October 12, 2021

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 Tuesday, October 12, 2021**, 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.

Mayor Ciri Villarreal led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll call to determine presence of a quorum.

Mayor Ciri Villarreal, Councilwoman Sandra Quinones, Mayor Pro Tem Richard Salinas, and Councilwoman Mary Martinez Olivarez.

Absent: Councilman Israel Gonzales and Councilman David Garcia

City Staff Present: City Manager Michael Barrera, City Secretary Mary Gonzales, Admin. Asst. Monique Alvarado, Finance Director Caron Vela, Police Chief Marshall Roush, Public Works Director Gary Paredes, and EMS Director Paul Pulley. Other City Staff were not required to attend.

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 September 27, 2021, Regular Meeting.

MOTION: Councilwoman Sandra Quinones motioned to approve the minutes for September 27, 2021, Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mary Martinez Olivarez and the motion carried 3-0.

4. Motion approving to move the meeting location of the second regular meeting in October to the MEDC Bldg., 111 E. San Patricio Ave., due to early voting scheduled at the City Hall Annex.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Richard Salinas motioned to approve moving the location of the second regular meeting in October to the MEDC Bldg., 111 E. San Patricio Ave., due to early voting scheduled at the City Hall Annex. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sandra Quinones and the motion carried 3-0.

5. Citizens to be heard.

There were no comments or presentations.

6. Discussion and direction regarding a Keys to the City program.

Mrs. Gonzales informed that this item was requested to be brought back to council to discuss and consider guidelines for the Key to the City Program that will be presented during the City's Freedom Festival. Mayor Villarreal recommended that the nominations be reviewed the first week in June so that there is adequate time to get an award engraved for the recipient. Mayor Villarreal also recommended approximately five members to be on the board that will decide the recipient of the award. Council recommended this item be brought back at the next meeting for further discussion and to receive input from Councilman Gonzales.

No action taken.

7. Discussion and motion approving a variance for the property located at 318E. San Patricio Ave.

Mr. Barrera informed that this variance will allow for Security Finance Company at 318 E. San Patricio Ave to have an illuminated sign in the downtown district.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Richard Salinas motioned to approve a variance to allow a lit sign located at 318 E. San Patricio Ave. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mary Martinez Olivarez and the motion carried 3-0.

8. Discussion and direction regarding the City of Mathis FY 21/22 Capital Improvement Program.

Mr. Barrera informed council of the 17 proposed projects to be included in the City's five year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) with project sheets that describe the project and the proposed funding. Mayor Villarreal asked if the city will be freeing up any debt. Mr. Barrera informed that a \$100,000 payment will be freed up in the next couple of years which is approximately one million dollars of loans.

No action taken.

9. City Manager's Report and all matters pertaining thereto:

Marshall Roush, Chief of Police

• *Police department performance report*

Chief Roush reported that the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) had 32 intake cases from September 1, 2021 to October 6, 2021. There have been 8 cases processed and submitted to the County and District Attorney's Office; 13 arrest cases; and 19 non-arrest cases. Lieutenant Villegas investigated the FFA case at the Mathis High School which involved the killing and injury of 6 animals. Chief Roush reported that the suspect was identified and confessed to the crime and was apprehended on October 6, 2021. Patrol had 93 citations issued, 44 warnings, 715 calls of service, and 25 domestic disturbance calls. Dispatch is utilizing an Emergency Medical Dispatch program and by November 4, 2021 dispatch will be 100% certified and have received 485 calls for the month of September. Chief Roush then reported that National Night Out will be a free community event on Saturday, October 23rd at 7 p.m.

• *Animal Control performance report*

Chief Roush reported that for the month of August Animal Control picked up 35 animals; 19 animals went to a rescue; and 2 passed away. For the month of September Animal Control had 8 animals held over; 19 animals picked up; 24 animals went to a rescue; and 3 wildlife animal calls. For the month of October Animal Control has 6 animals held over; 15 animals picked up; 3 animals returned home; 8 animals went to rescue; and 1 quarantine animal.

• *Code Enforcement performance report*

Chief Roush reported that Mrs. Barrios has given several citations to those out of compliance and has put in 4 Public Works work orders; mailed 14 certified letters; and has taken 12 complaints.

Caron Vela, Finance Director

• *Special Revenue Funds Variance Report*

Mrs. Vela reported on Revenues for the twelve month report as of September 30, 2021. The Debt Service fund had a total revenue of \$459,369 with total expenses of \$416,336; leaving the revenues over expenses at \$43,032. The Utility Fund Bond Debt service fund had a total revenue of \$54,612 with total expenses of \$80,171; leaving the revenues under expenses at \$25,559. The Street improvement fund had a total revenue of \$74,005 with total expenses of \$124,946; leaving the revenues under expenses at \$50,942. The Hotel/Motel fund had a total revenue of \$77,696 with total expenses of \$93,443; leaving the revenues under expenses at \$15,747. The Festivals and Events fund had a total revenue of \$108,909 with total expenses of \$105,669; leaving the revenues over expenses at \$3,241.

10. City Council requests for future Agenda Items.

Mayor Pro Tem Richard Salinas requested information on trash trucks parking on Magnolia, Live Oak, and Nueces Street and causing a bad odor.

Mayor Ciri Villarreal requested for Councilman David Garcia to have the peddlers ordinance brought to the council for review in regards to having a farmers market in November and requested a presentation of the day to day operations of Municipal Court. Mayor Villarreal requested a follow up on contacting Patrick King regarding the lights.

11. Adjourn

With no further items to discuss, Mayor Ciri Villarreal requested a motion to adjourn the Council meeting at 8:24 p.m.

MOTION: Councilwoman Sandra Quinones motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mary Martinez Olivarez and the motion carried 3-0.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 25th DAY OF October, 2021

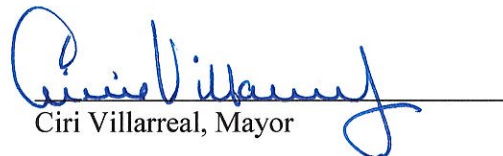
UPON THE MOTION OF Councilwoman Sandra Quinones

SECONDED BY Councilman Israel Gonzales AND ADOPTED

BY A VOTE OF 5 TO 0.

ATTEST:


Mary Acosta Gonzales, City Secretary


Ciri Villarreal, Mayor

