



**THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTS THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ANGLETON CITY COUNCIL IN THE ORDER THEY OCCURRED DURING THE MEETING. THE CITY COUNCIL OF ANGLETON, TEXAS CONVENED IN A MEETING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023, AT 6:00 P.M., AT THE CITY OF ANGLETON COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 120 S. CHENANGO STREET ANGLETON, TEXAS 77515.**

**DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER**

**With a quorum present, Mayor Wright called the Council Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT**

**Mayor John Wright  
Mayor Pro-Tem Travis Townsend  
Council Member Terry Roberts  
Council Member Mark Gongora  
Council Member Christiene Daniel**

**City Manager Chris Whittaker  
City Secretary Michelle Perez  
City Attorney Judith El Masri**

**ABSENT**

**Council Member Booth**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Council Member Daniel gave the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**INVOCATION**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Townsend gave the invocation.**

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL**

**There were no speakers.**

**CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS**

- 1. Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation.**

**Colleen Martin, Director of Human Resources gave the presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to Phillip Conner, Director of Finance; Martha Eighme, Director of Communications and Marketing; and John Peterson, City Engineer.**

2. Presentation of employee service award.

**Colleen Martin, Director of Human Resources gave the presentation for five years of service for City of Angleton employee, Rickey Malovets with the Parks and Recreation department. Mr. Malovets was unable to attend.**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

3. Discussion and possible action on approving the May 9, May 16, and May 23, 2023, City Council meeting minutes.

**Upon a motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Townsend and seconded by Council Member Roberts, Council approved Consent Agenda item 3. Discussion and possible action on approving the May 9, May 16, and May 23, 2023, City Council meeting minutes. The item was approved on a 5-0 vote. Council Member Booth was absent.**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

4. Discussion and possible action on the recommended streets for solar light installation.

**The Presentation was given by Hector Renteria, Assistant Director of Public Works.**

**Upon a motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Townsend and seconded by Council Member Daniel, Council approved Farrer Street, North Brook, Robinhood, Colony Square and Colony Drive for solar lighting. The item was approved on a 5-0 vote. Council Member Booth was absent.**

5. Discussion and possible action to waive fees for the Vet Fest Mass Gatherings and facility permits, permit the use of Bates & Dickey Parks and Bates pavilion, and permit the consumption of alcohol within city parks.

**The agenda item was introduced by Megan Mainer, Director of Parks and Recreation.**

**The presentation was given by Robert Heckles with the Warrior's Refuge. Mr. Heckles presented information regarding the event.**

**Council disagreed with the public parking on the sports fields and suggested that Mr. Heckles speak with the school district to use their parking lot. Mr. Heckles stated they can work with parking without use of the field.**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Townsend suggested changing the beginning time of the event to noon to prevent interfering with the Veteran's Day Parade in Angleton. Mr. Heckles agreed.**

**Upon a motion by Council Member Daniel and seconded by Council Member Gongora, Council approved to waive fees for the Vet Fest Mass Gatherings and facility permits, permit the use of Bates & Dickey Parks and Bates pavilion, and permit the consumption of alcohol within city parks with the condition of changing the time of the event from**

**12:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. and to resubmit a parking plan to the Parks and Recreation Department. The item was approved on a 5-0 vote. Council Member Booth was absent.**

6. Presentations given by Belt Harris Pechacek, Brooks Watson & Co., and Weaver on the Professional Audit Services Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the City of Angleton's audit.

**The agenda item was introduced by Phillip Conner, Director of Finance.**

**A PowerPoint presentation was given by Robert Belt with Belt Harris Pechacek, LLP.**

**A PowerPoint presentation was given by Michael Brooks, Partner with Brooks Watson & Co.**

**A PowerPoint presentation was given by John DeBurro, Engaging Partner, Greg Peterson, Technical Review Partner and Steven Smith, Manager with Weaver.**

7. Discussion and possible action to approve one of the three submissions for RFQ 2023-04 Professional Auditing Services.

**Upon a motion by Council Member Daniel and seconded by Council Member Roberts, Council approved Belt Harris Pechacek, LLP, for RFQ 2023-04 Professional Auditing Services. The item was approved on a 5-0 vote. Council Member Booth was absent.**

**Council gave direction to Staff to allow the contract for a term of 3 years and to begin the negotiation process. If the negotiation is outside the scope of the contract, then Staff will need to bring back to City Council.**

8. Discussion and possible action on the Preliminary Plat of the Angleton Independent School District (ISD) Elementary No. 7 and Junior High No. 2.

**The agenda item was introduced by Otis Spriggs, Director of Development Services.**

**A presentation was given by Phil Edwards, Superintendent of Angleton ISD and Tim Richard, Angleton ISD Bond Program Manager, with the Angleton Independent School District.**

**Upon a motion by Council Member Roberts and seconded by Council Member Gongora, Council approved the Preliminary Plat of the Angleton Independent School District (ISD) Elementary No. 7 and Junior High No. 2. The item was approved on a 5-0 vote. Council Member Booth was absent.**

9. Discussion on a concept proposal to rezone property located at 2927 N. Valderas St. currently zoned C-G, General Commercial to Residential. No action required.

**The agenda item was introduced by Otis Spriggs, Director of Development Services.**

Patsy Garcia, property owner, addressed Council and stated they would like to rezone the commercial property to residential. Their plan is to build a barn for storage and then build a home.

Discussion happened between Council, Staff and Ms. Garcia. Mayor Wright reminded Ms. Garcia of the Multi-Family Zoning north of the property where there could be a possibility of an apartment complex being built and Ms. Garcia stated that she understood.

Mr. Spriggs stated there were negative comments from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mayor Pro-Tem Townsend stated that he is against the rezoning and would like it to remain commercial for future development.

Council Member Gongora stated he can be persuaded both ways.

Mayor Wright stated his concern is Crossing Road still being able to go across N. Valderas St. in the future.

Council Member Daniel stated she is favorable with the zoning being changed to residential and not Multifamily.

10. Discussion on the Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget.

A presentation was given by Phil Conner, Director of Finance.

Mr. Conner stated that based on the information received from the Brazoria County Appraisal District on the 2023 certified estimate of taxable value that the tax revenue was increased by \$94,000 using the minimus rate.

Mr. Conner stated there was an increase total of \$140,000 in budget revenue. The lien permits were lowered to \$500,000 from \$600,000 causing a 100,000 decrease in revenues. The gun deduction revenue was increased to \$30,000 and that raised the revenue account to where it ties with the expense account. The zoning, variance and plating fees line item increased in revenue by \$116,000.

Mr. Conner stated that expenses were reduced by \$80,000. Development Services demolition expense was reduced from \$20,000 to \$0. The Police Department reduced their maintenance agreement by \$23,460. The City Hall Annex insurance was split between the water fund and general fund, saving the general fund \$19,000. There were no changes in fuel expenses, saving \$18,251.

Mr. Conner stated that there will be a proposed water disconnect fee increase of \$5, from \$25 to \$30 and a proposed water reconnect fee increase of \$25. With the increase in fees, it will generate approximately \$60,000 for the water and sewer fund. Mr. Conner addressed the utility fund and stated the light bill expense of \$253,000 was added as an expense. The Meter Tech position was moved from a decision package to the based budget, increasing the based budget by \$56,000. The fuel expense was

reduced by \$4,000. The total change in expenses was increased by \$305,000 with a \$240,000 decrease in the ending balance for the water fund.

Mr. Conner stated the revenue for the sewer and Water Fund is 11,249,000 and base expenses of \$11, 215,000 with \$33,000 remaining to be used for other projects. The revenue for the recreation fund is \$420,000 and expenses are \$428,000. The revenue for the Recreation Center is \$1,007,000 and expenses are \$1,007,000.

Chris Whittaker, City Manager, requested that Mr. Conner to make recommendations to Council and to pull the items that are favorable for a 20-30 year bond and bring the recommendations back to Council.

Mr. Conner gave an overview of the property tax preliminary calculations and stated that the de minimis rate will generate an extra \$500,000 in revenue. To calculate the de minimis rate you calculate the \$500,000 divided by the taxable value of \$0.028 cents making the de minimis rate \$0.525 cents per \$100 valuation. The de minimis rate was used when calculating the property tax revenue for the General Fund.

11. Discussion and possible action on the property casualty deductibles for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget.

A presentation was given by Colleen Martin, Director of Human Resources.

Council gave staff direction to change the Auto Liability-Deductible of \$2,500 to \$1,000 and the Auto Physical Damage-Deductible of \$2,500, General Liability-Deductible of \$2,500, Law Enforcement Liability-Deductible of \$5,000, and Property-Deductible of \$5,000 can remain the same. Directions were given to staff to get a quote for the sewage backup liability deductibles.

12. Discussion and possible action on Resolution No. 20230808-012 to adopt a proposed tax rate and set the date for the public hearings to allow public comment on the proposed 2023-24 budget and the proposed tax rate.

Mayor Pro-Tem Townsend stated that for preliminary purposes he will be ok with the de minimis rate only because of what the City Manager stated that if Council votes no new net revenue, then it will be locked in and will not be able to go higher. Mayor Pro-Tem Townsend also stated that he is not sure if at a later time that he would not vote for no new revenue.

Mayor stated that when he ran, he stood for no new revenue rate, and that's where he stands. There's a lot of hurting people out there and wants to stay punitive to that.

Council held discussion and agreed on a de minimis rate with the potential of lowering the final tax rate. There's a lot of trimming to be done to the budget. Supports Council on the de minimis rate but at the end of the day would like to get it down to the no new revenue.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Townsend and seconded by Council Member Roberts, Council approved Resolution No. 20230808-012 to adopt a proposed tax rate at a de minimis rate of .525367 for FY 2023-24 budget.

Upon an amended motion Mayor Pro-Tem and seconded by Council Member Roberts, Council approved Resolution No. 20230808-012 to adopt a proposed tax rate at a de minimis rate of .525367 for FY 2023-24 budget and set the date for a public hearing on September 12, 2023, to allow public comment on the proposed 2023-24 budget and the proposed tax rate. The item was approved on a 4-1 vote with Mayor Wright opposed. Council Member Booth was absent.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 P.M.

These minutes were approved by Angleton City Council on this the 12th day of December, 2023.

CITY OF ANGLETON, TEXAS

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John Wright  
Mayor

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Michelle Perez, TRMC  
City Secretary