



CITY OF BANDERA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Bandera City Hall, 511 Main Street, Bandera, Texas
Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 6:00 PM

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MINUTES

1. Call to order.

Mayor Gibson called the meeting to order at 6:00PM

PRESENT

Mayor Rebeca Gibson
Councilmember Tony Battle
Councilmember Debbie Breen
Councilmember Jeff Flowers
Councilmember Brett Hicks
Councilmember Lynn Palmer

2. Invocation and Pledge.

Mayor Gibson offered the invocation and all stood for the pledges.

3. Visitors to be heard (shall not exceed 30 minutes total).

There were no visitors to be heard.

4. Consent Agenda.

A. Approval of the regular City Council meeting on August 13, 2024.

Motion made by Councilmember Palmer to approve the consent agenda, Seconded by Councilmember Battle.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Battle, Councilmember Breen, Councilmember Flowers, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Palmer.

5. Staff Reports.

A. Marshal Office Monthly Report

Marshal De Foster gave an update to Council on the Marshal's Department to include calls for service, security checks, citizen assist and other calls that the Marshal's Office handle daily.

B. Water Levels of City Wells

Public Works Director Wells gave an update to the Council on the levels of the wells and the critical state that the aquifer is in. He updated Council on the status of the Mulberry well and the need to drop the pump by 100 ft and is waiting for a bids and to see what the insurance will cover for the expense.

6. Workshop.

A. Budget Workshop.

There was some discussion on the TMRS benefits for the City and to see if there was any way to decrease the benefits. TMRS was online to discuss the differences and how it will effect the employees. There was no consensus to make a change to the benefit. The City has been on the same plan for 24 years. There was some discussion about the permit fees and finalizing the numbers.

Mayor Gibson called for consultation with Attorney at 7:17PM

Mayor Gibson resumed the open meeting at 7:33PM

B. Buck Creek Village in Indian Waters. - Flowers

Councilmember Flowers shared the deeds and guidelines and the original vision for the Buck Creek Village projects in Indian Waters. He wanted to present to give a perspective of what this original plan can do for the City and to get the property on the tax role. Stating we could pursue investors to improve this area and it could be a very prospering area for the City to grow.

7. Discussion and possible action on the following items:

A. Contest or establish standing regarding permit application pending before the Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District for water from the lower trinity aquifer that could impact the City of Bandera. -Gibson

Attorney Santee updated Council that he had visited with some other Attorney's in his firm to see what their opinion were on the matter and to get up to speed with them on this topic. He also got the name of the Attorney that is already representing the nonprofit and discussed a possible fee share to save money if the City decided to pursue. He stated it is not cheap and the estimate is about a years' time and would be around 75K dollars. There was a consensus that there needed to be more research on this item before the Council moved forward. There was no action on this item.

B. Update on City Of Bandera Pending Grants. - Farmer

A spreadsheet was provided from City Specialist of all grants from 2023-2024 that have been applied for and the status of the grants.

8. Closed Session.

Mayor Gibson closed the open meeting at 8:01PM.

A. The City Council will meet in closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.

A) Waste Water Treatment Plant

B. The City Council will meet in closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074, personnel, to discuss the City Administrator Stan Farmer.

C. The City Council will meet in closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney, to discuss and receive an update on Best Western.

9. Action following Closed Session.

The meeting was opened back up at 8:28PM.

10. Requests and Announcements.

There were no requests or announcements.

- A. Requests by Council to place items on an agenda.
- B. Announcements by Council.

11. Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

/s/ Jill Shelton

Jill Shelton, *City Secretary*

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