

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF GLEN ROSE

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 5:30 PM

The City Council of the City of Glen Rose met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 in the Glen Rose City Hall Council Chambers, 201 NE Vernon, Glen Rose, TX 76043 at 5:30 PM to consider the following items of business:

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Joe Boles called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

INVOCATION

Pastor Owen Knight led the invocation.

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Boles led the Pledges of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present

Joe Boles, Mayor
George Freas, Mayor Pro Tem
Candace Scholz
Richard Bruning
Demetra Conrad
TJ Walker

Staff Present

Troy Hill, City Administrator
Staci L. King, City Secretary
Jim Holder, Director of Public Works
Buck Martin, Police Chief
Larry Allen, Building Official
Stan Lowry, City Attorney (via phone call)

CITIZEN/VISITOR COMMENTS

No one came forward to address the council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Law, Subchapter D, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, in accordance with:

- 1. Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney – to seek advice from its attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct clearly conflicts with this chapter: Interlocal Agreements; Economic Development**

Mayor Boles called the meeting into Executive Session at 5:34 p.m.; the meeting was called back to regular session at 6:21 p.m.

Councilwoman Scholz left the meeting during executive session. Councilwoman Scholz returned to the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF NECESSARY

- 2. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding items discussed in Executive Session - Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney - Interlocal Agreements; Economic Development**
No action was taken.

Mayor Boles moved items 9-14 to be heard before items 3-8.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Boles opened the public hearings at 7:14 p.m.

- 3. Public hearing regarding a Preliminary Plat for Creekside Addition, a proposed 22-lot subdivision, being 5.400 acres out of the Milam County School Land Survey, Tract C4-1, accessible by North English Street and Texas Drive, and being identified by the Somervell Central Appraisal District as Parcel No. R1062 in the City of Glen Rose, Somervell County, Texas**

Robert Schuster, Bluebird Court, spoke in opposition to the plat.

- 4. Public hearing regarding a request to rezone Vista Ridge Park, formerly Rock Ridge Estates Phase II, being Lots 12-38, Block 1; Lots 7-12, Block 3; Lots 1-8, Block 4; and Lot 1, Block 5, in the City of Glen Rose, Somervell County, Texas, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to PD (Planned Development)**

Rex Miller spoke in opposition to the rezone.

- 5. Public hearing regarding a Preliminary Plat application for Vista Ridge Park, Rock Ridge Estates Phase II, being Lots 12-38, Block 1; Lots 7-12, Block 3; Lots 1-8, Block 4; and Lot 1, Block 5, in the City of Glen Rose, Somervell County, Texas**

Rex Miller spoke in opposition to the plat.

Mayor Boles closed the public hearings at 7:26.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 6. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding a Preliminary Plat for Creekside Edition, a proposed 22-lot subdivision, being 5.400 acres out of the Milam County School Land Survey, Tract C4-1, accessible by North English Street and Texas Drive, and being identified by the Somervell Central Appraisal District as Parcel No. R1062 in the City of Glen Rose, Somervell County, Texas**

Tony Gosdin, developer, spoke on behalf of his request for preliminary plat. Council was advised that the developer and the adjoining neighborhood were in negotiations for a drainage easement.

MOTION by TJ Walker, second by Demetra Conrad, to table the preliminary plat until an agreement could be reached between the developer and the neighboring homeowners' association. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

- 7. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding an Ordinance rezoning Vista Ridge Park, formerly Rock Ridge Estates Phase II, being Lots 12-38, Block 1; Lots 7-12, Block 3; Lots 1-8, Block 4; and Lot 1, Block 5, in the City of Glen Rose, Somervell County, Texas, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to PD (Planned Development)**

Bryan Barnes, developer, presented his request to Council. After discussion, the council decided to table the rezone.

MOTION by Demetra Conrad, second by George Freas, to table the Planned Development. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

- 8. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding a Preliminary Plat application for Vista Ridge Park, currently Rock Ridge Estates Phase II, being Lots 12-38, Block 1; Lots 7-12, Block 3; Lots 1-8, Block 4; and Lot 1, Block 5, in the City of Glen Rose, Somervell County, Texas**

This item was not discussed as it was contingent upon the approval of Item No. 7.

9. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding the City of Glen Rose Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Financial Audit

Michael Hamby, Merritt, McLane & Hamby, PC, presented the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Financial Audit. Mr. Hamby explained that the City of Glen Rose is in good financial standing, and that there were no findings for FY2022-2023.

MOTION by Richard Bruning, second by TJ Walker, to accept the FY2022-2023 financial audit. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote. *Candace Scholz was absent during the vote.*

10. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding an Ordinance amending the City of Glen Rose Code of Ordinances, Article 12.05 Truck Routes

Troy Hill, City Administrator, presented the item to Council. He explained that he felt the trucks coming into town on Texas 144 was detrimental to automobile traffic and could be dangerous. He stated that after speaking with other cities, he felt that prohibiting trucks would be beneficial to the downtown area.

MOTION by Demetra Conrad, second by TJ Walker to adopt Ordinance No. 2023.12.12.A amending Article 12.05 *Truck Routes*. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote. *Candace Scholz was absent during the vote.*

11. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding a January work session

Troy Hill, City Administrator, requested that a work session be held in January to discuss practices, procedures, and other pertinent issues or concerns. This meeting would include joint meetings with the Planning and Zoning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission. Staff will begin working on an agenda for Council review and determining a date for the work session to be held. No action taken on this item.

12. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding the approval of eHT Work Order No. 42 for a Groundwater Study

Chris Hay, eHT, presented the item to Council. He explained that this study would help determine the City's water supply sustainability.

MOTION by TJ Walker, second by Demetra Conrad, to approve Work Order No. 42 with eHT for a groundwater study. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

13. Discussion, consideration, and possible action authorizing the expenditure of funds to purchase or lease audio/visual and video conferencing equipment for the City Hall Council Chambers and other matters related thereto

MOTION by Richard Bruning, second by Candace Scholz, to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$40,000 for the purchase of audio/visual and video conferencing equipment for the City Hall Council Chambers. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote with George Freas abstaining.

14. Discussion, consideration, or other action regarding a Resolution setting the 2024 City Council meeting dates

MOTION by Demetra Conrad, second by George Freas to approve Resolution No. R.2023.12.12.A setting the 2024 City Council meeting dates. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

MOTION by TJ Walker, second by George Freas, to amend the Resolution to correct a typo on the February meeting date. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

15. Approval or other action regarding the minutes of the November 14, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting

16. Approval or other action regarding the November 2023 Accounts Payable Report

17. Approval or other action regarding the November 2023 Financial Report

MOTION by TJ Walker, second by Demetra Conrad, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

STAFF REPORTS

- 18. Public Works Director Report**
- 19. Police Chief Report**
- 20. Building and Planning Department Report**
- 21. Code Enforcement and Animal Control Report**
- 22. Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Report**
- 23. City Administrator's Report**
- 24. City Secretary's Report**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Law, Subchapter D, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, in accordance with:

- 25. Section 551.072 *Deliberations Regarding Real Property***
- 26. Section 551.074 Personnel Matters - to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, to wit: compensation study results for all city employees, to wit: Jim Holder, Staci King, Christy Wilson, Larry Allen, Jodi Holthe, Buck Martin, Jesse Ramirez, Emily Holder, Ted Williams, Drew Wilson, Sheldon Bybee, Santos De La Garza, Lupita Gutierrez, Matt Taylor, Coy Dorries, Lance Powell, Assistant Animal Control Officer (Vacant), Public Works Tech I (Vacant)**
- 27. Section 551.074 Personnel Matters - to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, to wit: Municipal Court Judge**

Mayor Boles called the meeting into Executive Session at 9:03 p.m.; the meeting was called back to regular session at 10:46 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF NECESSARY

- 28. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding items discussed in Executive Session - Section 551.072 *Deliberations Regarding Real Property***
No action was taken on this item.
- 29. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding items discussed in Executive Session - Section 551.074 Personnel Matters - to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, to wit: compensation study for all city employees, to wit: Jim Holder, Staci King, Christy Wilson, Larry Allen, Jodi Holthe, Buck Martin, Jesse Ramirez, Emily Holder, Ted Williams, Drew Wilson, Sheldon Bybee, Santos De La Garza, Lupita Gutierrez, Matt Taylor, Coy Dorries, Lance Powell, Assistant Animal Control Officer (Vacant), Public Works Tech I (Vacant)**

MOTION by Demetra Conrad, second by TJ Walker, to approve the salary survey as discussed. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

30. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding items discussed in Executive Session: Section 551.074 Personnel Matters: Municipal Court Judge

No action was taken on this item.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 p.m.