

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

February 8, 2022

MONTGOMERY CITY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem T.J. Wilkerson declared a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Carol Langley City Council Place # 1
T.J. Wilkerson City Council Place # 3
Julie Davis City Council Place # 4
Byron Sanford City Council Place # 5

Absent: Sara Countryman Mayor
Kevin Lacy City Council Place # 2

Also Present: Richard Tramm City Administrator
Dave McCorquodale Assistant City Administrator
Diana Cooley Deputy City Secretary
Alan Petrov City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

Byron Sanford gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAGS

VISITOR/CITIZENS FORUM:

Any citizen with business not scheduled on the agenda may speak to the City Council. Prior to speaking, each speaker must be recognized by the Mayor. Council may not discuss or take any action

on an item, but may place the issue on a future agenda. The number of speakers along with the time allowed per speaker may be limited.

There were no comments submitted.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Consideration and possible action regarding the Regular Meeting and Public Hearing minutes of January 11, 2022 and the Regular Meeting minutes of January 25, 2022.

Julie Davis moved to accept the consent agenda as presented. Byron Sanford seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. (3-0)

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

2. Consider and possible action regarding adoption of the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY, TEXAS, (“City”) declining to approve the change in rates requested in Entergy Texas, Inc.’s (“ETI” or “Company”) Statement of Intent filed with the City on January 31, 2022, AND FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE WAS CONSIDERED WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS LAW.

Mr. Tramm said this is regarding Entergy Texas, Inc.’s request to have their renewable energy credit (REC) tariff approved. Mr. Tramm said the purpose of the proposed rate will give their customers an opportunity to buy green power through this proposed rate filing and support renewable energy and sustainability through REC purchases without having to make a long-term commitment.

Mr. Tramm said it is to the mutual benefit of the City’s residents and Entergy Texas, Inc. for the City to act to reject this request.

Julie Davis moved to accept agenda Item #2 as presented. Byron Sanford seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. (3-0)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The City Council reserves the right to discuss any of the items listed specifically under this heading or for any items listed above in executive closed session as permitted by law including if they meet the qualifications in Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney), 551.072 (deliberation regarding real property), 551.073 (deliberation regarding gifts), 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (deliberation regarding security devices), and 551.087 (deliberation regarding economic development negotiations) of Chapter 551 of the Government Code of the State of Texas.

3. Adjourn into Closed Executive Session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in the following:
 - a) Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney)
 - b) Section 551.072 (deliberation regarding real property)
 - c) Section 551.074 (personnel matters) related to interviewing candidates for the position of City Secretary.

Mayor Pro Tem T.J. Wilkerson moved to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:06 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem T.J. Wilkerson reconvened into Regular Session at 8:44 p.m.

POSSIBLE ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

4. Consideration and possible action on matters deliberated in Closed Executive Session.

Byron Sanford moved to direct City Administration to make an offer on the real estate as discussed in executive session. Julie Davis seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. (3-0)

Byron Sanford moved to direct the City Administrator to extend the job offer for City Secretary to Nicola Browe for \$76,000 per year. Julie Davis seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. (3-0)

COUNCIL INQUIRY:

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sect. 551.042 the Mayor and Council Members may inquire about a subject not specifically listed on this Agenda. Responses are limited to the recitation of existing policy or a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry. Any deliberation or decision shall be limited to a proposal to place on the agenda of a future meeting.

No inquiries from City Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Julie Davis moved to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. Byron Sanford seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. (3-0)

Submitted by: _____
Diana Cooley, Deputy City Secretary

Date Approved: _____

Mayor Sara Countryman