

CITY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 19, 2024, 6:00 PM

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

HISTORIC CHURCH BUILDING - 403 N 7TH STREET, SANGER, TEXAS



CALL THE SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Mayor Muir called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor	Thomas Muir
Mayor Pro Tem, Place 2	Gary Bilyeu
Councilmember, Place 1	Marissa Barrett
Councilmember, Place 3	Dennis Dillon
Councilmember, Place 4	Allen Chick
Councilmember, Place 5	Victor Gann

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

City Manager John Noblitt, City Secretary Kelly Edwards, City Attorney Hugh Coleman, Chief Financial Officer Clayton Gray, Director of Public Works Jim Bolz, Marketing and Civic Engagement Director Donna Green, Director of Human Resources and Special Projects Jeriana Staton-Hemb, Electric Director Ronnie Grace, Lt. Justin Lewis, and Police Chief Tyson Cheek.

Attorney, Brown & Hofmeister, Terry Welch

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Jim Bolz expressed his concerns that the items in executive session have been going on for a while and that it would be nice to have this matter behind us.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, the City Council Will Meet in a Closed Executive Session in Accordance with the Texas Government Code:

Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, consultation with outside counsel to receive legal advice regarding review of complaints, and all matters incident and related thereto.

Pursuant to Sec. 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.

- A. City Attorney
- B. City Manager

City Manager Noblitt requested that Item B be discussed in an open forum.

Council convened into executive session at 6:08 p.m.

RECONVENE INTO SPECIAL SESSION

Council reconvened into open session at 8:35 p.m.

Mayor Muir called for any action on Section 551.074, Item A.

Motion to close all investigations and complaints against the City Attorney with the recommendation from outside counsel that no sustainable violations of city policy made by Councilmember Chick, Seconded by Councilmember Dillon.

Ayes: Chick, Dillon, and Gann.

Nays: Barrett and Bilyeu

Motion passed 3-2-0.

Motion for a vote of no confidence, and we seek an immediate replacement for primary legal counsel for the City of Sanger, made by Councilmember Bilyeu, Seconded by Councilmember Barrett.

Ayes: Bilyeu and Barrett.

Nays: Chick, Dillon, and Gann

Motion failed 2-3-0.

Mayor Muir then moved to Section 551.074, Item B.

Motion to close this item with no action taken, made by Councilmember Bilyeu, Seconded by Councilmember Barrett.

Ayes: Barrett and Bilyeu

Nays: Chick, Dillon, and Gann

Motion failed 2-3-0.

A second motion to reconsider the first motion to close the item, taking no action by Councilmember Gann, Seconded by Councilmember Dillon.

Ayes: Barrett, Bilyeu, Dillon, and Gann.

Nays: Chick

Motion passed 3-2-0.

A third motion to close this item with no action taken, made by Councilmember Bilyeu, Seconded by Councilmember Barrett.

Ayes: Barrett, Bilyeu, Dillon, and Gann

Nays: Chick,

Motion failed 4-1-0.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor Muir adjourned the meeting at 11:26 p.m.

Thomas E. Muir, Mayor

Kelly Edwards, City Secretary