



City of Pattison

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City Council Meeting Minutes April 6, 2023

I. Call Meeting to Order

The City Council meeting of the Pattison City Council was called to order by Mayor Joe Garcia at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Pattison City Hall, located at 3410 1st Street, Pattison, Texas 77466.

Members Present:

Mayor Joe Garcia, Councilmembers: Wayne Kircher, Robert MacCallum, Seth Stokes, Frank Cobio, Randall Flowers.

Also, Present: City Secretary, Lorene Hartfiel; City Attorney, Tim Kirwin; Debra Reyes, Isabella Hacker, Sandy Buller, Sarah Stone, Stephanie Sturm, Lya Coulter, Ken Coulter, Emma MacCallum, Daphney Kirby.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Garcia led the pledges.

III. Citizens Comments – No action can be taken

1. Ginger Nice – Expressed concerns about the number of ordinances since Mayor Garcia has been in office, the city park getting fixed, remodel of the city hall. Does not support the mayor working with Brookshire. Does not feel that the city needs a Code Enforcement Officer. Does not support the mayor.

2. Sandy Buller – Addressed agenda item #10, property taxes. He gave a report on the numbers for a property tax. He feels the city would be better left untaxed. The amount of money that can be brought in and the administration costs would not leave enough for the city to use.

3. Trena Anderson – She addressed the comments regarding the Parks Board asking for money from the city, stating that the Parks Board has not asked the city for any money. Any funds needed for the park's projects will be funded by a fundraiser. She feels that the city does need a Code Enforcement Officer, because a lot of people spend a lot of time and money on their properties to make them look nice. She also stated that the city cannot have a property tax until it can provide services.

IV. Council to approve agenda.

Mayor Garcia asked for a motion for the Council to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Kircher made a motion that the agenda be approved as presented, seconded by Councilmember Flowers. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Declare Conflicts of Interest

None declared.



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VI. Consent Agenda

Mayor Garcia asked for a motion for the Council to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Kircher Councilmember Kircher made a motion that the consent agenda be approved as presented, seconded by Councilmember MacCallum. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Business

1. Council to discuss and take possible action regarding the Parks Board.

Stephanie Sturm, Parks Board Chairperson, asked for a recommendation to approve a Parks Board Fundraiser to be held in July or August 2023 at The Pattison House. Councilmember MacCallum made a motion to approve a Parks Board Fundraiser as stated above, pending a city donation policy. Councilmember Kircher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Update from the Planning Commission regarding the Future Development Community Meeting.

Lya Coulter gave a report on the April 1, 2023, Future Development Community Meeting. The meeting was well attended with about 30 people in attendance. The Planning Commission will meet with Chris Browne, EHRA to discuss the results at the next Planning Commission meeting.

3. Council to discuss and take possible action regarding the City Hall remodel project.

City Engineer, Craig Kalkomey, gave a report regarding the bid process. The city did not receive any bids.

Mayor Garcia made the recommendation to table this item to the May 2023 City Council meeting. Councilmember Kircher made the motion to table this item as stated above. Councilmember MacCallum seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Council to discuss and take possible action regarding Consolidated High Speed Fiber Circuit.

- Mayor Garcia made the made the recommendation to table this item to the May 2023 City Council meeting. Councilmember Kircher made the motion to table this item as stated above. Councilmember MacCallum seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



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5. Council to discuss and take possible action regarding liability coverage and insurance requirements for contractors that provide services to the city.

Councilmember Kircher made the motion to have the city attorney research what type of coverage other cities have. Councilmember Flowers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Council to discuss and take possible action regarding ROW and Drainage maintenance project.

Kent Kirby, Clear My Land, discussed what services he will provide mowing with a boom mower. Mayor Garcia discussed that streets Ave J, 6th Street between Ave I and Ave H and in that vicinity, Ave B, drainage ditch at end of Ave I and Ave H, Royal Road. Kirby has the boom mower for five days and will get as many as the areas he can within that time frame.

Mayor Garcia made the recommendation to accept the proposal from Clear My Land and to pay the invoice as soon as the job is finished. Councilmember MacCallum made the motion to accept the proposal from Clear My Land. Councilmember Flowers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Council to discuss and take possible action regarding the city park maintenance.

Councilmember MacCallum asked about the city park maintenance, stating that he has heard some concerns from citizens that the city park had not been mowed for a while. Mayor Garcia stated that he has been keeping the park mowed but has not been able to mow the past 6 weeks because he was limited to what he could do.

No action taken.

8. Council to discuss and take possible action regarding the request from Byron Bruess Tree Service for additional dump fees for Ave J clearing.

Mayor Garcia made the recommendation to pay Byron Bruess Tree Service for the additional dump fees for Ave J clearing. Councilmember MacCallum made the motion to pay for the additional dump fees as stated above. Councilmember Kircher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Council to discuss and take possible action regarding Resolution 2021-008, Authorizing the Mayor to work with City of Brookshire on ETJ Boundaries.

Councilmember Stokes asked if Resolution 2021-008 needs to be revised, because no action seems to have taken place to resolve the issue.



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City Engineer Craig Kalkomey reported that he has created a timeline of City of Brookshire's ordinances and City of Pattison's ordinances and tracked the movements. The city has not contacted Brookshire yet with this information because he is still working through the process.

No action taken.

10. Council to discuss and take possible action regarding property taxes for the City of Pattison.

Councilmember MacCallum stated that he has been approached by several citizens regarding a city property tax. The citizens feel that to be able to properly take care of the streets and drainage that relying on sales tax and franchise fees will not be enough. He feels that a tax will allow the city to take care of issues in a more reasonable time.

Councilmember Kircher did believe that taxes are needed, but now thinks that grants we are and can receive can help with the some of the issues and the developer agreements that will be providing funds to the city in the next few years, he thinks that could help avoid having taxes.

Mayor Garcia stated that he is not in favor of a property tax just to have a property tax and that he is in agreement with Sandy Buller's comments regarding taxes and that he is pretty close in the numbers. Once a rate is set and taxes collected the city will not get that much after the expenses of collecting the taxes.

No action taken.

11. Council to discuss and take possible action regarding the status of the residential subdivision developments in the City and ETJ.

Councilmember MacCallum asked for an update on the developments. Mayor Garcia reported that one developer has moved in equipment. Woodmere is still in the process of settling the ETJ. They are still trying to settle the boundaries. The developer by the school does not have an agreement with the city yet, they are still in the planning process.

No action taken.

12. Council to discuss and take possible action regarding the updated city map.

No action taken.



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13. Council to discuss and take possible action regarding a Letter of Engagement and Retention Agreement from the Ryan Henry Law Firm.

Mayor Garcia made a recommendation to approve the Letter of Engagement and Retention Agreement from the Ryan Henry Law Firm. Councilmember Kircher made the motion to approve the Letter of Engagement as stated above. Councilmember MacCallum seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Council to discuss and take possible action regarding the Animal Control Interlocal Agreement with Waller County.

Mayor Garcia stated that the city currently has an Interlocal Agreement with the county for \$5,000.00.

Councilmember Flowers asked if there is a report showing activity from Animal Control. Mayor Garcia stated that there was a meeting a couple of months ago with the Animal Control officer in charge and he had a report that showed about 20 calls, he does not have a current report.

Mayor Garcia made a recommendation to approve an Interlocal Agreement for 23-24 with Waller County Animal Control with the fee of \$5,000.00. Councilmember Kircher made a motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement as stated above. Councilmember MacCallum seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Council to discuss and take possible action regarding the Public Utility Commission of Texas rates for 2023.

Mayor Garcia made a recommendation to accept the Public Utility Commission of Texas rates for 2023. Councilmember Kircher made the motion to accept the Public Utility Commission of Texas rates for 2023. Councilmember Flowers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Council to discuss and take possible action regarding the San Felipe Historic Bikeway, Waller County Transportation Alternatives Grant Application.

Mayor Garcia made a recommendation to submit a letter of support regarding the San Felipe Historic Bikeway, Waller County Transportation Alternatives Grant Application. Councilmember Kircher made the motion to submit a letter of support as stated above. Councilmember MacCallum seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



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17. Council to discuss and take possible action regarding the upcoming Waller County 150th Anniversary Celebration.

Mayor Garcia gave an update regarding the City of Pattison's Branding Party as part of Waller County's 150th Anniversary Celebration. He also reported that there will be a parade on April 29, 2023, and the city will have an entry in the parade.

No action taken.

18. Mayor to give an update on and discussion of:
- a. Update regarding the April 1, 2023, Community Meeting on Zoning
 - b. Update regarding the TXCDBG 21-22 Waterline Project
 - c. MS 150 – April 29 and 30, 2023
 - d. Special City Council meeting April 20, 2023
 - e. Special City Council meeting May 18, 2023
 - f. Tire collection event – May 20, 2023, 8 a.m. to 12 noon.
 - g. Code Enforcement Officer

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Executive Session of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Garcia at 8:56 p.m.

1. **Texas Government Code, Section 551.072. DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY; CLOSED MEETING.** The City Council will conduct a closed meeting to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property as deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person.
2. **Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY;** The City Council will meet in closed session to seek the advice of its attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter.

- Woodmere Development/Development Agreement

The Executive Session was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

IX. RECONVENE:

Reconvene into Regular session and discuss and take action on any item discussed in closed, executive session.

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19. Request from council for future agenda items, announcements, comments.

- City Donation Policy
- High Speed Fiber Agreement
- Liability Insurance for city contractors
- GrantWorks 23-24 TXCDBG Grant (Ave J & Ave E Drainage)
- Oaths of new councilmembers on May 18, 2023, city council meeting

X. Adjourn meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.



Mayor, Joe Garcia

Attest:



City Secretary, Lorene Hartfiel