

August 8, 2023

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at Frank Phillips College – Allen Campus on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., with Mayor Kerry Symons presiding. Mayor Symons gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mayor Symons welcomed guests.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Kerry Symons, Councilmembers Greg Good, Shae Cunningham, J Aston, Brad Kile, and Shirley Howard

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Landis, Fowler, Blasingame, Waters, Mary Dudley, Rory & Denise Wilmoth, PRPC Economic Development Director Alex Guerrero, and PRPC Community and Economic Development Program Specialist Paige Witthar-Goodell

COUNCIL ITEMS: None

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS: None

CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS: COUNCILMAN SHAE CUNNINGHAM MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2023, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN J ASTON. ALL VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED. COUNCILMAN J ASTON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 1, 2023, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BRAD KILE. ALL VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

CONSIDER PAYING BILLS OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH: Landis informed Council that the first set of bills were delivered on Monday, August 7, 2023. There were no construction estimates at this time.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED 2023 U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA) DISASTER SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT APPLICATION(S): Mayor Symons opened the public hearing at 6:34 p.m. Paige Witthar-Goodell with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission addressed council and provided information regarding the Economic Development Administration and 2023 Disaster Supplemental Funding. Mayor Symons closed the public hearing at 6:44 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH PANHANDLE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR APPLICATION ASSISTANCE FOR THE TXCDBG STATE URGENT NEED FUND PROGRAM & ASSOCIATED ADMINISTRATION
CONSIDERATION IF FUNDED: Alex Guerrero, PRPC Economic Development Director, presented Resolution #002-23 and Interlocal Cooperation Contract for Application Development and Management Services TXCDBG State Urgent Need Fund. **COUNCILMAN GREG GOOD MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION # 002-23 AND TO INCORPORATE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION CONTRACT, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SHAE CUNNINGHAM. ALL VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION #002-23

WHEREAS, the City of Perryton desires to apply to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) for assistance through the TxCDBG State Urgent Need Fund program, and;

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Cooperation Act included in Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code provides for contractual agreements between governmental entities, and;

WHEREAS, 2 CFR 200.318(e) encourages the use of interlocal agreements from the federal level, and;

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Agriculture has issued a recommendation that communities applying under the TxCDBG State Urgent Need Fund program consider contracting professional services for grant application preparation and potential grant administration (if funded) prior to application submission, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Perryton desires to contract the grant application preparation and potential grant administration (if funded) of its TxCDBG State Urgent Need Fund application for Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) - State Urgent Need Fund program funds through an interlocal cooperation contractual agreement with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC), and;

WHEREAS, the PRPC shall provide grant application preparation services related to the TxCDBG State Urgent Need Fund program at no cost, and;

WHEREAS, administrative fees related to project management of any funded TxCDBG State Urgent Need Fund project will be agreed to through an amendment to this interlocal agreement if City of Perryton receives funding through the TxCDBG State Urgent Need Fund program, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to execute an interlocal contract with the PRPC under the Interlocal Cooperation Act for grant application preparation and potential grant management (if funded) services for City of Perryton's activities related to the TxCDBG State Urgent Need Fund program.

PASSED THIS 8th DAY OF AUGUST, 2023

/s/ Kerry Symons /s/
Kerry Symons, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kim Fowler /s/
Kim Fowler, City Secretary

CONSIDER RATIFICATION OF MAYORAL EMERGENCY ACTIONS: None at this time.

GENERAL REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF DISASTER RECOVERY EFFORTS AND ACTIVITIES: Landis informed Council that a press release is published weekly to keep citizens informed. Landis also gave an update on City Hall, the temporary Fire Department, and the status of the 911 system.

CONSIDER APPROVING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION PROJECTS: None at this time.

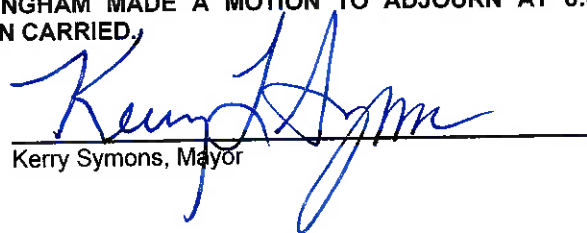
PUBLIC COMMENTS: Denise Wilmoth of Expressions, Flowers & Accents addressed Council with concerns of the destruction on the 100 block of Main St. and the impact on retail and sales tax.

REVIEW, DISCUSS, AND CONSIDER ACTION REGARDING AD VALOREM TAX RATE TO SUPPORT FY 2023-2024 BUDGET: Blasingame presented Council with our current 2022-2023 Tax Rate of \$0.501485 and the steps required to move forward with keeping the current 2022 numerical rate. **COUNCILMAN J ASTON MADE A MOTION THAT THE PROPERTY TAX RATE BE INCREASED AT A FUTURE MEETING FOLLOWING A PUBLIC HEARING BY THE ADOPTION OF A TAX RATE OF \$0.501485, WHICH IS EFFECTIVELY AN 5.45% INCREASE IN THE TAX RATE, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN SHIRLEY HOWARD. COUNCILMEMBERS GREG GOOD, SHIRLEY HOWARD, SHAE CUNNINGHAM, J ASTON, AND BRAD KILE VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.** A public hearing to vote on adopting the budget and the proposed 2023 tax rate will be held at 6:30 p.m. on August 15, 2022 at Frank Phillips College, 2314 S. Jefferson, Perryton, Texas.


REVIEW AMENDMENTS TO THE PROPOSED FY 2023-2024 BUDGET: Blasingame presented the first set of proposed changes to the 2023-2024 Budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL AND REAL ESTATE (AUTH. TX GOV'T CODE SEC 551.074 & SEC 551.072): Mayor Symons asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel and Real Estate at 7:25 p.m. **COUNCILMAN SHAE CUNNINGHAM MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN J ASTON.** The Executive Session was closed at 8:30 p.m. No action taken.

There being no further business, COUNCILMAN SHAE CUNNINGHAM MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:30 P.M., SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN J ASTON. ALL VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.


Kerry Symons, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kim Fowler, City Secretary