

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION HELD, Tuesday, April 16, 2024  
at 6:30 p.m., in the City Council chambers, at 200 W. Railroad Ave., Godley, Texas 76044.**

***City Council Members Present:*** Christopher Lenker, Mayor  
Michael Papenfuss, Mayor Pro Tem  
Roger Cornelison, City Council Member  
Scott Yarbrough, City Council Member  
Gabrielle Mize, City Council Member  
Misty Rodriguez, City Council Member

***City Staff Present:*** Brittany Gross, City Secretary  
Angela Winkle, City Administrator  
Dean Roggia, City Attorney  
Matthew Cantrell, Police Chief  
Shawn Holden, Public Works Director  
Brian Thompson, Fire Chief

***Absent:*** None

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

Mayor Christopher Lenker called the regular scheduled meeting to order at 6:30p.m., announced that himself, Mayor Pro Tem Michael Papenfuss, Council member Roger Cornelison, Council member Scott Yarbrough, Council member Misty Rodriguez and Council member Gabrielle Mize were present. Announced a quorum was present.

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Collett, First Baptist Church of Godley

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Christopher Lenker led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

*The City Council invites citizens to speak on any topic. However, unless the item is specifically noted on this agenda, the City Council is required under the Texas Open Meetings Act to limit its response to responding with a statement of specific factual information, reciting the City's existing policy, or directing the person making the inquiry to visit with City Staff about the issue. No Council deliberation is permitted. Each person will have 5 minutes to speak.*

Eliza Duncan, Item J Transparency Program

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS, PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor and Council to Proclaim the Week of May 5-11, 2024 as the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Municipal Clerks Week in the City of Godley. The Mayor presented the City Secretary, Brittany Gross with the Proclamation to proclaim the Week of 5-11, 2024 as the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Municipal Clerks Week in the City of Godley.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*Items on the Consent Agenda are routine and administrative in nature. As such, these items are considered for approval by a single motion and vote without discussion. Council Members can remove an item or items from the agenda, so it can be considered separately, and/or add any item to be considered as part of the Consent Agenda.*

**A. Discuss and possible action on approval of the Godley City Council minutes from the Regular meeting held on April 2, 2024.**

**B. Departmental and City Administrator Reports**

Council member Gabrielle Mize made a motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda, second by Council member Misty Rodriguez.

**Council voted: Council Member Scott Yarbrough- yes  
Council Member Misty Rodriguez – yes  
Council Member Gabrielle Mize- yes  
Council Member Roger Cornelison-no  
Mayor Pro Tem Michael Papenfuss- no**

Council voted 3-2 to approve the Consent Agenda with Mayor Pro Tem Michael Papenfuss and Council Member Roger Cornelison opposing. Motion carried 3-2.

**VII. 1. Receive a Presentation from Alan Nelson with WithumSmith+Brown, PC regarding the Forensic Audit Services; Council to provide a Scope of Work the Forensic Audit and authorize the City Administrator to execute a contract for said services.**

Presentation was given by Alan Nelson with WithumSmith+Brown, PC on the details of the Forensic Audit. The City Administrator was given direction from Council to provide the Forensic Auditor with a scope of work and for Council to send their scopes of work to the City Administrator.

**VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**1. a.) Hold a public Hearing on the City of Godley Master Fee Schedule and Water and Waste Water Rates.**

The Mayor opened the public hearing for the City of Godley Master Fee Schedule and Water and Waste Water Rates at 8:03pm. There was one speaker Eliza Duncan who discussed the food vendor trucks. The Mayor closed Public Hearing at 8:19pm.

**b.) Discuss and take possible action on the adoption of the Ordinance 04-2024-110 the City of Godley Master Fee Schedule and Water and Waste Water Rates.**

City Administrator discussed proposed changes and notification process of rate changes. Council member Misty Rodriguez made a motion to adopt the Ordinance 04-2024-110 the City of Godley Master Fee Schedule and Water and Waste Water Rates with changes discussed, second by Council member Gabrielle Mize. Council member Misty Rodriguez made a motion to amend the first motion to adopt the Ordinance 04-2024-110 the City of Godley Master Fee Schedule and Water and Waste Water Rates with changes and discuss water rates, second by Council member Gabrielle Mize. Council member Misty Rodriguez made a motion to withdraw all motions, second by Council member Gabrielle Mize.

**Council voted: Council Member Scott Yarbrough- yes  
Council Member Misty Rodriguez – yes  
Council Member Gabrielle Mize- yes  
Council Member Roger Cornelison-yes  
Mayor Pro Tem Michael Papenfuss- yes**

Council member Scott Yarbrough made a motion to adopt the Ordinance 04-2024-110 the City of Godley Master Fee Schedule and Water and Waste Water Rates with given to the City Administrator, second by Council member Gabrielle Mize.

**Council voted: Council Member Scott Yarbrough- yes  
Council Member Misty Rodriguez – no  
Council Member Gabrielle Mize- no  
Council Member Roger Cornelison-yes  
Mayor Pro Tem Michael Papenfuss- yes**

Council voted 3-2 to adopt the Ordinance 04-2024-110 the City of Godley Master Fee Schedule and Water and Waste Water Rates with changes from City Administrator with Council member Misty Rodriguez and Gabrielle Mize opposing.

2. a.) **Hold a Public Hearing on the annexation of the following real property, at the request of the property owners an approximate 1.645-acre tract of land out of the Johnson County School Land Survey No. 3, Abstract 443, Johnson County, Texas, and located in the southwest corner of Versailles Estates, LP tract, contiguous it the current City limits and within the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction.**

The Mayor opened the public hearing on the annexation of the following real property, at the request of the property owners an approximate 1.645-acre tract of land out of the Johnson County School Land Survey No. 3, Abstract 443, Johnson County, Texas, and located in the southwest corner of Versailles Estates, LP tract at 9:37pm. Property owner Ghalib Hussain was present for questions. The public hearing ended at 9:40pm.

- b.) **Discuss and take possible action on the adoption of Ordinance 04-2024-111 the annexation of the following real property, at the request of the property owners an approximate 1.645-acre tract of land out of the Johnson County School Land Survey No. 3, Abstract 443, Johnson County, Texas, and located in the southwest corner of Versailles Estates, LP tract, contiguous it the current City limits and within the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction.**

Council member Scott Yarbrough made a motion to approve of Ordinance 04-2024-111 the annexation of the following real property, at the request of the property owners an approximate 1.645-acre tract of land out of the Johnson County School Land Survey No. 3, Abstract 443, Johnson County, Texas, and located in the southwest corner of Versailles Estates, LP tract, second by Mayor Pro Tem Michael Papenfuss.

**Council voted: Council Member Scott Yarbrough- yes  
Council Member Misty Rodriguez – yes  
Council Member Gabrielle Mize- yes  
Council Member Roger Cornelison-yes  
Mayor Pro Tem Michael Papenfuss- yes**

Council voted unanimously to approve of Ordinance 04-2024-111 the annexation of the real property, at the request of the property owners an approximate 1.645-acre tract of land out of the Johnson County School Land Survey No. 3, Abstract 443, Johnson County, Texas, and located in the southwest corner of Versailles Estates, LP tract. Motion carried 5-0.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Discuss and possible action approving the repair of Engine 174, pump replacement in the amount not to exceed \$28,000.00.**

Fire Chief Brian Thompson presented the repairs for Engine 174. Mayor Pro Tem Michael Papenfuss made a motion to approve the repair of Engine 174, pump replacement in the amount not to exceed \$28,800.00, second by Council member Roger Cornelison.

**Council voted: Council Member Scott Yarbrough- yes  
Council Member Misty Rodriguez – yes  
Council Member Gabrielle Mize- yes  
Council Member Roger Cornelison-yes  
Mayor Pro Tem Michael Papenfuss- yes**

Council voted unanimously to approve the repair of Engine 174, pump replacement in the amount not to exceed \$28,800.00. Motion carried 5-0.

**B. Discuss and consider possible action approving the purchase of a mini excavator and trailer for the Public Works Department.**

Public works Director Shawn Holden requested consideration of the purchase of the mini excavator and trailer. Council member Scott Yarbrough made a motion to approve Quote #1 Landmark Equipment and Trailer Texas Pride for the purchase of the mini excavator and trailer in the amount of \$67,246.25, second by Council member Gabrielle Mize.

**Council voted: Council Member Scott Yarbrough- yes  
Council Member Misty Rodriguez – yes  
Council Member Gabrielle Mize- yes  
Council Member Roger Cornelison-yes  
Mayor Pro Tem Michael Papenfuss- yes**

Council voted unanimously to approve Quote #1 Landmark Equipment and Trailer Texas Pride for the purchase of the mini excavator and trailer in the amount of \$67,246.25. Motion carried 5-0.

**C. Discuss and consider possible action approving one (1) additional staff member for the Water Department, Lead Operator position.**

Public works Director Shawn Holden presented to the Council the need for an additional staff member for the Water Department, Lead Operator position. Council member Scott Yarbrough made a motion to approve one (1) additional staff member for the Water Department, Lead Operator position, second by Council member Gabrielle Mize.

**Council voted: Council Member Scott Yarbrough- yes  
Council Member Misty Rodriguez – yes  
Council Member Gabrielle Mize- yes  
Council Member Roger Cornelison-no  
Mayor Pro Tem Michael Papenfuss- no**

Council voted 3-2 to approve one (1) additional staff member for the Water Department, Lead Operator position with Mayor Pro Tem Michael Papenfuss and Council Member Roger Cornelison opposing. Motion carried 3-2.

**D. Discussion and possible action on Approving the Final Plat of KMGEP Addition.**

Discussion on the Final Plat of KMGEP Addition. Council member Scott Yarbrough made a motion to approve the Final Plat for KMGEP Addition, second by Council member Gabrielle Mize.

**Council voted: Council Member Scott Yarbrough- yes  
Council Member Misty Rodriguez – yes  
Council Member Gabrielle Mize- yes  
Council Member Roger Cornelison-yes  
Mayor Pro Tem Michael Papenfuss- no**

Council voted 4-1 with Mayor Pro Tem Michael Papenfuss opposing to approve the Final Plat of the KMGEP Addition. Motion carried 4-1.

**E. Discussion and possible action on the Bylaws of the Godley 4B Economic Development Corporation.**

Discussion on the Bylaws of the Godley 4B Economic Development Corporation. Council member Misty Rodriguez made a motion to approve the Bylaws of the Godley 4B Economic Development Corporation, second by Council member Scott Yarbrough.

**Council voted: Council Member Scott Yarbrough- yes  
Council Member Misty Rodriguez – yes  
Council Member Gabrielle Mize- yes  
Council Member Roger Cornelison-yes  
Mayor Pro Tem Michael Papenfuss- yes**

Council voted unanimously to approve the Bylaws of the Godley 4B Economic Development Corporation. Motion carried 5-0.

**F. Discuss and take possible action on the resignation of Economic Development Board of Directors.**

Discussion on the resignation of the Economic Development Board of Directors. Council member Scott Yarbrough made a motion to approve the resignation of Tara Westbrook, Kara Lee-Wilson and Michael Sciantico the Economic Development Board of Directors, second by Council member Misty Rodriguez.

**Council voted: Council Member Scott Yarbrough- yes  
Council Member Misty Rodriguez – yes  
Council Member Gabrielle Mize- yes  
Council Member Roger Cornelison-yes  
Mayor Pro Tem Michael Papenfuss- yes**

Council voted unanimously to approve the resignation of Tara Westbrook, Kara Lee-Wilson and Michael Sciantico the Economic Development Board of Directors. Motion carried 5-0.

**G. Discuss and take possible action on the appointment of four (4) openings on the Economic Development Board of Directors.**

The Mayor opened discussion on the three (3) openings on the Economic Development Board of Directors. Council member Misty Rodriguez made a motion to appoint three (3) openings on the Economic Development Board of Directors with Brittany Gross (City Secretary), Angela Winkle (City Administrator), and Mayor Christopher Lenker, second by Council member Scott Yarbrough.

**Council voted: Council Member Scott Yarbrough- yes  
Council Member Misty Rodriguez – yes  
Council Member Gabrielle Mize- yes  
Council Member Roger Cornelison-yes  
Mayor Pro Tem Michael Papenfuss- yes**

Council voted unanimously to the Economic Development Board of Directors Brittany Gross (City Secretary), Angela Winkle (City Administrator), and Mayor Christopher Lenker. Motion carried 5-0.

**H. Discuss and take possible action approving a Safety and Accident Prevention Program Manual-Mayor Pro Tem Michael Papenfuss**

City Administrator advised the new Public Works Director needed time to review the manual. Council member Gabrielle Mize made a motion to take no action at this time on the Safety and Accident Prevention Program Manuel, second by Council member Misty Rodriguez.

**Council voted: Council Member Scott Yarbrough- yes  
Council Member Misty Rodriguez – yes  
Council Member Gabrielle Mize- yes  
Council Member Roger Cornelison-yes  
Mayor Pro Tem Michael Papenfuss- yes**

Council voted unanimously take no action at this time on the Safety and Accident Prevention Program Manuel. Motion carried 5-0.

**I. Discuss and take possible action on Developing a Plan for Optional Exemption for Disabled and Elderly Residents' Homesteads. - Mayor Pro Tem Michael Papenfuss.**

City Administrator discussed the process and an ordinance will need to be passed, optional exemption for disabled and elderly residents homesteads. Council member Misty Rodriguez made a motion to set the exemption at \$10,000 for disabled person local option, second by Council member Gabrielle Mize.

**Council voted: Council Member Scott Yarbrough- yes  
Council Member Misty Rodriguez – yes  
Council Member Gabrielle Mize- yes  
Council Member Roger Cornelison-yes  
Mayor Pro Tem Michael Papenfuss- yes**

Council voted unanimously to motion to set the exemption at \$10,000 for disabled person local option. Motion carried 5-0.

**J. Discussion and possible action on participating in the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts' Transparency Stars Program. - Mayor Pro Tem Michael Papenfuss.**

Mayor Pro Tem Michael Papenfuss discussed participating in the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts' Transparency Stars Program. City Administrator requested more time to prepare to participate. Council member Gabrielle Mize made a motion to not take action at this time on participating in the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Transparency Stars Program, second by Council member Misty Rodriguez.

**Council voted: Council Member Scott Yarbrough- yes  
Council Member Misty Rodriguez – yes  
Council Member Gabrielle Mize- yes  
Council Member Roger Cornelison-no  
Mayor Pro Tem Michael Papenfuss- no**

Council voted 3-2 to not take action at this time on participating in the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Transparency Stars Program with Mayor Pro Tem Michael Papenfuss and Council Member Roger Cornelison opposed.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*At 10:32p.m. Mayor Lenker made the announcement that Council would convene into Executive Session for Section 551.074 **Personnel Matters; Appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: City Secretary, Brittany Gross.***

*Pursuant to the TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT, Chapter 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, Section 551.071(consultation with attorney on pending or contemplated litigation, settlement officer, or a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflict with Chapter 551) Section 551.072 (discussions about the value or transfer of real property); Section 551.073 (discussions about a prospective gift or donation to a governmental body); Section 551.074 (discussions about security, employment, evaluation reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee) Section 551.076 (discussion about security, personnel, security devices, or a security audit), Section 551.087 (discussions of certain economic development matters), Section 418.0183 (f) ( discussion of emergencies and disasters) of the Texas Government Code (Texas Disaster Act), executive session may be held, under these exceptions, at any time during the meeting that a need arises for the city council to discuss posted subject matter of this city council meeting.*

*Reconvene into open session for possible action resulting from any items posted and legally discussed in executive session.*

***Section 551.074 Personnel Matters; Appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: City Secretary, Brittany Gross.***

**At 11:09p.m. Council reconvened into open session with no action from Executive session.**

**ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

*Items of community interest include expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; information regarding holiday schedules; honorary recognitions of city officials, employees, or citizens; reminders about upcoming events*

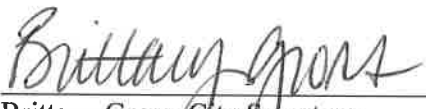
*sponsored by the city or other entity that is scheduled to be attended by a city official or employee; and announcements involving imminent threats to the public health and safety.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business Mayor Lenker adjourned the meeting at 11:10p.m.

  
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Mayor Christopher Lenker

ATTEST:

  
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Brittany Gross, City Secretary

