

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION HELD, Tuesday, July 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  
Gabrielle Mize, Mayor Pro Tem  
Roger Cornelison, City Council Member  
Scott Yarbrough, City Council Member  
Misty Rodriguez, City Council Member  
Stephanie Hodges, City Council Member

**City Staff Present:** Angela Winkle, City Administrator  
Lindsey Hale, City Attorney  
Brian Thompson Fire Chief  
Jeremy Arbuthnot, Sgt. Police

**Absent:** Brittany Gross, City Secretary  
Matthew Cantrell, Police Chief

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

Mayor Christopher Lenker called the regular scheduled meeting to order at 6:35p.m., announced that himself, Mayor Pro Tem Gabrielle Mize, Council member Roger Cornelison, Council member Scott Yarbrough, Council member Misty Rodriguez, Council member Stephanie Hodges were present. Announced a quorum was present.

**INVOCATION**

Council Member Scott Yarbrough gave the invocation.

**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.*

None

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

None

**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 July 2, 2024.**
- B. Department Reports**
  - **Police Department**

- **Fire Department**
- **Public Works**
- **City Administrator**

Council member Scott Yarbrough made a motion to approve the consent agenda in its entirety, second by Mayor Pro Tem Gabrielle Mize. Mayor Pro Tem Mize did ask about the status of Chicken Express construction. City Administrator Angela Winkle advised they have begun the construction of the driveway at this time and they have filed their permit.

**Council voted: Mayor Pro Tem Gabrielle Mize - yes**  
**Council Member Scott Yarbrough- yes**  
**Council Member Misty Rodriguez – yes**  
**Council Member Roger Cornelison-NO**  
**Council Member Stephanie Hodges- yes**

Council member Scott Yarbrough made the motion to approve the consent agenda in its entirety, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Mize second, Council voted 4-1 to approve the consent agenda in its entirety. Council member Roger Cornelison was opposed. Motion carried 4-1.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Discussion and take possible action adopting Ordinance No. 07-2024-119 repealing and replacing Ordinance No. 03-2024-109 regarding the Holiday and Events Committee.**

Council member Scott Yarbrough made the motion to adopt Ordinance 07-2024-119, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Mize, Council unanimously to adopt the Ordinance. Motion carried 5-0.

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

**B. Discussion and take possible action to adopt Resolution No. R07-2024-17 adopting the 2024 Johnson County Hazard Mitigation Plan.** Fire Chief Thompson advised that the plan was adopted in 2015, updates have been made to the plan, which now requires adoption by Resolution. Without the Resolution, the City of Godley is ineligible for FEMA funds in the event of a catastrophic event. Under the County Hazard Mitigation Plan, the city is covered by FEMA. There was discussion on the items that show required funding, Chief Thompson advised that those costs have not been discussed with the city, but at the request of Mayor Pro-Tem Mize and Council member Cornelison, Chief Thompson will bring back clarification regarding those listed items and costs.

Council member Scott Yarbrough made the motion to approve and adopt Resolution R07-2024-17 the 2024 Johnson County Hazard Mitigation Plan, second by Council member

Misty Rodriguez, council voted unanimously to approve and adopt the Resolution. Motion carried 5-0.

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

**C. Discuss and consider possible action on the Scope of Work for the Forensic Audit Services by WithumSmith+Brown, PC in the amount of \$90,075.00 and authorize the execution of said proposal.**

City Administrator Angela Winkle advised that it was confirmed that the proposal does cover six years (6) as presented. There was discussion if whether May 2023- October 2023 should be included in this audit.

After discussion, Council member Scott Yarbrough made the motion to approve the Scope of Work and authorize the execution of said proposal in the amount of \$90,075.00, second by Council member Roger Cornelison, council voted unanimously to approve the Forensic Audit Services. Motion carried 5-0.

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

**D. Discussion and take possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 07-2024-120 abolishing the office of the City Marshal and amending the duties and responsibilities of the Chief of Police.** City Attorney Lindsey Hale advised this comes back to the Council with the changes requested. Council member Roger Cornelison made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 07-2024-120, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Mize, council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance 07-2024-120. Motion carried 5-0.

**E. Discussion and take possible action to appoint a Chief of Police.** Mayor Pro-Tem Gabrielle Mize advised that she doesn't like the way Cantrell got his position, it should have been opened and he should have gone through the same interview process as everyone else does. Mayor Pro-Tem Gabrielle Mize made a motion to appoint Cantrell as Interim Police Chief and open the position of Police Chief, second by Council Member Scott Yarbrough. Council member Misty Rodriguez asked that council go into executive session under consultation with Attorney to discuss the legalities.

Mayor Lenker then called for Executive Session under Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney at 7:13 PM. At 7:53 PM, Mayor Lenker Opened the Regular Session and advised that he had a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Mize to appoint Cantrell as Interim Police Chief and open the position

of Police Chief, seconded by Council member Scott Yarbrough, Mayor Lenker called for a voted. Council voted 3-2 to appoint Cantrell as Interim Police Chief, Council member Misty Rodriguez and Council member Stephanie Hodges were opposed. Motion carried 3-2.

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

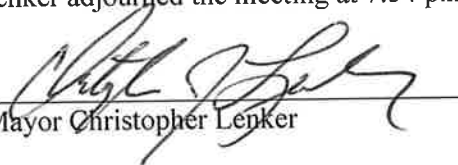
**ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

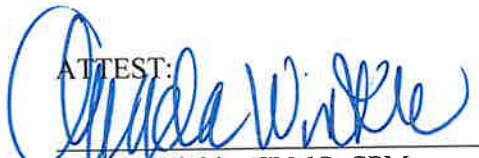
*Items of community interest include expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; information regarding holiday schedules; honorary recognitions of city officials, employees, or citizens; reminders about upcoming events sponsored by the city or other entity that is scheduled to be attended by a city official or employee; and announcements involving imminent threats to the public health and safety.*

There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business Mayor Lenker adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

  
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Mayor Christopher Lenker

ATTEST:  
  
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Angela Winkle, TRMC, CPM  
City Administrator

