

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION HELD, Tuesday, May 21, 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, City Council Member  
Roger Cornelison, City Council Member  
Scott Yarbrough, City Council Member  
Misty Rodriguez, City Council Member  
Stephanie Hodges, City Council Member

***City Staff Present:*** Brittany Gross, City Secretary  
Angela Winkle, City Administrator  
Lindsey Hale, City Attorney  
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 6:32p.m., announced that himself, Mayor Pro Tem Gabrielle Mize, Council member Roger Cornelison, Council member Scott Yarbrough, Council member Misty Rodriguez and Council member Stephanie Hodges were present. Announced a quorum was present.

**INVOCATION**

Addy Daisens, Water Shed School

**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.*

Dr. Jacqueline Amarti, Property Tax Exemptions

**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 May 7, 2024.**

**B. Department Reports**

- a. Police Department**
- b. Fire Department**
- c. Public Works**
- d. City Administrator**

Mayor Pro Tem Gabrielle Mize made a motion to approve the consent agenda with changes to the Minutes from the regular meeting held on May 21, 2024, adding the Canvass Results, second by Council Member Stephanie Hodges.

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

Council voted 4-1 to approve the consent agenda with changes to the Minutes from the regular meeting held on May 21, 2024, adding the Canvass Results with Council member Roger Cornelison opposing. Motion carried 4-1.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A.) Discussion and possible action on refurbishment of the Godley City Park Veteran's Memorial. *Council Member Scott Yarbrough***

Council member Scott Yarbrough made a motion to direct staff to look into refurbishing, updating or replacing the Veteran's Memorial, second by Council member Misty Rodriguez.

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

Council voted unanimously to direct staff to look into refurbishing, updating or replacing the Veteran's Memorial. Motion carried 5-0.

**B.) Discuss and take possible action approving the City Administrator to expend funds to Magna Flow in the amount of \$33,627.01, the emergency expenditure of the sewer leak on Hwy 171, March 18, 2024.**

City Administrator explained the sewer line issue on Hwy 171. Public Works Director Shawn Holden explained to Council that the clay sewer line on Hwy 171 needs to be replaced. There was discussion about the sewer line replacement on Hwy 171. Council member Scott Yarbrough made a motion to approve the City Administrator to expend the funds to Magna Flow in the amount of \$33,627.01, the emergency expenditure of the sewer leak on Hwy 171, second by Council member Misty Rodriguez.

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

Council unanimously voted to approve the City Administrator to expend the funds to Magna Flow in the amount of \$33,627.01, the emergency expenditure of the sewer leak on Hwy 171. Motion carried 5-0.

**C.) Discuss and take possible action approving three (3) Full-time Fire Fighters.**

Fire Chief Brian Thompson explained to Council about the ESD providing a grant for (3) Full-time Fire Fighters. City Administrator Angela Winkle provided an explanation on the how these positions will be funded for now and encouraged reviewing during the next budget year. Council member Scott Yarbrough made a motion to approve the three (3) Full-time Fire Fighters, second by Council member Stephanie Hodges.

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

Council unanimously voted motion to approve the three (3) Full-time Fire Fighters. Motion carried 5-0.

**D.) Discuss and take possible action approving Resolution No.05-2024-14 providing for the formation of a Capital Improvements Committee and appointing its members, pursuant to Chapter 395 of the Texas Local Government Code.**

Council discussed the requirements to be a member on the Capital Improvement Committee. City Secretary explained why it is has to be an Ordinance and not a Resolution. Public Works Director Shawn Holden was given direction from Council to verify if Wildcat Ridge is on City Sewer. Council member Misty Rodriguez made a motion to post pone Ordinance 05-2024-115 providing for the formation of a Capital Improvements Committee and appointing its members, pursuant to Chapter 395 of the Texas Local Government Code until the next Regular City Council Meeting on June 4, 2024, second by Council Member Stephanie Hodges.

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

Council unanimously voted to post pone Ordinance 05-2024-115 providing for the formation of a Capital Improvements Committee and appointing its members, pursuant to Chapter 395 of the

Texas Local Government Code until the next Regular City Council Meeting on June 4, 2024.  
Motion carried 5-0.

**E.) Discuss and take possible action on approving Resolution No. 05-2024-15 adopting the City of Godley Personnel Manual.**

City Administrator requested to post pone adopting the City of Godley Personnel Manual until a work session is done to discuss all the changes since the last time it was reviewed by Council. Council member Scott Yarbrough made a motion for no action on approving Resolution No. 05-2024-15 adopting the City of Godley Personnel Manual, second by Mayor Pro Tem Gabrielle Mize.

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

Council unanimously voted to take no action on approving Resolution No. 05-2024-15 adopting the City of Godley Personnel Manual. Motion carried 5-0.

**F.) Discuss and take possible action approving Ordinance No. 05-2024-113 providing for hours of sale for alcoholic beverages and regulations for the sale of alcoholic beverages near churches, public hospitals and schools.**

City Secretary explained to Council that these are house keeping things that need to be adopted, due to the City no longer being dry and that at a later date we would amend to add more regulations. Council member Scott Yarbrough made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 05-2024-113 providing for hours of sale for alcoholic beverages and regulations for the sale of alcoholic beverages near churches, public hospitals and schools, second by Council member Misty Rodriguez.

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

Council unanimously voted to approve Ordinance No. 05-2024-113 providing for hours of sale for alcoholic beverages and regulations for the sale of alcoholic beverages near churches, public hospitals and schools. Motion carried 5-0.

**G.) Discuss and take possible action on approving Ordinance No. 05-2024-114 providing a residential homestead property tax exemption for individuals who are disabled.**

Council member Misty Rodriguez made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 05-2024-114 providing a residential homestead property tax exemption for individuals who are disabled, second, by Mayor Pro Tem Gabrielle Mize.

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

Council unanimously voted to approve Ordinance No. 05-2024-114 providing a residential homestead property tax exemption for individuals who are disabled. Motion carried 5-0.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:18p.m. Mayor Lenker made the announcement that Council would convene into Executive Session for:

*Section 551.071 Consultations with Attorney;*

*Section 551.074 Personnel Matters- City Attorney*

*Section 551.087 Discussion Regarding Economic Development Negotiations: Hunter Park Development Agreement; and River Hills Development Agreement*

Council reconvened at 8:37p.m. in Open Session.

Mayor Pro Tem Gabrielle Mize made a motion to approve recommendation from EDC authorize City Administrator to negotiate to Executive Agreement including voluntary annexation of all adjacent property owned by applicant, second by Council member Scott Yarbrough.

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

Council voted unanimously to approve recommendation from EDC authorize City Administrator to negotiate to Executive Agreement including voluntary annexation of all adjacent property owned by applicant. Motion carried 5-0.

### **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.*

**Godley Night, Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Recommendation from Council Member Stephanie Hodges to place Flags at the park for Memorial Day.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business Mayor Lenker adjourned the meeting at 8:38p.m.



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Mayor Christopher Lenker

ATTEST:



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Brittany Gross, City Secretary

