

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION HELD, Tuesday, August 20, 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
Jeremy Arbuthnot, Sgt. Police
Brittany Gross, City Secretary
Matthew Cantrell, Police Chief
Danny Armstrong, 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 6:37p.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

Cam Bellamy with Water Shed School 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

City Administrator Angela Winkle presented the Employee of the Third Quarter of 2024, James Cook. City Administrator Angela Winkle presented Interim Police Chief Matthew Cantrell with a 10 years of service award for his dedication to 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 August 6, 2024 and the minutes from the Special Called Meeting on August 15, 2024.

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

Council member Scott Yarbrough made a motion to approve the consent agenda in its entirety with the changes from Secretary Gross, 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 Roger Cornelison- no
Council Member Stephanie Hodges- yes**

Council voted 4-1 to approve motion to approve the consent agenda in its entirety with the changes from Secretary Gross. Motion carried 4-1 with Council member Roger Cornelison opposing.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Hold a Public Hearing on rezoning from R2 (Residential Multi Family) to CR (Commercial Retail) on ± 5.416 acres, located at 301 N. State Highway 171.

City Planner Maurice Schwanke provided a presentation on the zoning change for 301 N. State Highway 171. Mayor Christopher Lenker opened the public hearing at 6:47p.m.. There was not any public input. Mayor Christopher Lenker closed the public hearing at 6:47p.m.

B. Discuss and Adopt Ordinance 08-2024-121 rezoning from R2 (Residential Multi Family) to CR (Commercial Retail) on ± 5.416 acres, located at 301 N. State Highway 171.

Council member Scott Yarbrough made a motion to Adopt Ordinance 08-2024-121 rezoning from R2 (Residential Multi Family) to CR (Commercial Retail) on ± 5.416 acres, located at 301 N. State Highway 171, 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 Roger Cornelison- yes
Council Member Stephanie Hodges- yes**

Council unanimously voted to Adopt Ordinance 08-2024-121 rezoning from R2 (Residential Multi Family) to CR (Commercial Retail) on ± 5.416 acres, located at 301 N. State Highway 171. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and take possible action to accept the resignation of Interim Police Chief Matthew Cantrell.

City Administrator Angela Winkle wanted Council to formally accept the resignation of Interim Police Chief Matthew Cantrell. Council member Scott Yarbrough made a motion to accept the resignation of Interim Police Chief Matthew Cantrell, seconded 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 Roger Cornelison- yes
Council Member Stephanie Hodges- yes**

Council unanimously voted to accept the resignation of Interim Police Chief Matthew Cantrell. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Discuss and take possible action on naming an Interim Police Chief effective August 26, 2024.

City Administrator Angela Winkle made the recommendation to appoint Sergeant Jeremy Arbuthnot as Interim Police Chief for the City of Godley. Council member Misty Rodriguez made a motion to appoint Sergeant Jeremy Arbuthnot as Interim Police Chief for the City of Godley, 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 Roger Cornelison- yes
Council Member Stephanie Hodges- yes**

Council unanimously voted to appoint Sergeant Jeremy Arbuthnot as Interim Police Chief for the City of Godley. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Discuss and take possible action to approve a hearing to consider the proposed tax rate for the 2024-2025 fiscal year No-New Revenue Tax Rate: \$0.514456.

Council member Scott Yarbrough made a motion to approve a hearing to consider the proposed tax rate for the 2024-2025 fiscal year No-New Revenue Tax Rate: \$0.514456, 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 Roger Cornelison- yes
Council Member Stephanie Hodges- yes**

Council unanimously voted to approve a hearing to consider the proposed tax rate for the 2024-2025 fiscal year No-New Revenue Tax Rate: \$0.514456. Motion carried 5-0.

Council member Scott Yarbrough made a motion to amend the original motion to approve the hearing for Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 6:30p.m. at 200 W. Railroad, Godley, Texas 76044 for the public hearing to consider the proposed tax rate for the 2024-2025 fiscal year No-New Revenue Tax Rate: \$0.514456, 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 Roger Cornelison- yes
Council Member Stephanie Hodges- yes

Council unanimously voted to amend the original motion to approve the hearing for Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 6:30p.m. at 200 W. Railroad, Godley, Texas 76044 for the public hearing to consider the proposed tax rate for the 2024-2025 fiscal year No-New Revenue Tax Rate: \$0.514456. Motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION

A. Discussion regarding Steve Storie Day. *Council Member Misty Rodriguez*

Fire Chief Brian Thompson and City Administrator Angela Winkle presented the day they thought would be best Steve Storie Day. Steve Storie Day is July 19th, 2025. Direction was given by Council to staff to prepare the proclamation for Steve Storie Day, July 19th, 2025.

B. Discussion regarding increasing the City Administrator's spending authority. *Mayor Pro Tem Gabrielle Mize*

Mayor Pro Tem Gabrielle Mize expressed increasing the spending authority for City Administrator Angela Winkle. Council discussed different options to increasing the spending authority of the City Administrator. City Administrator Angela Winkle advised council to allow purchases over \$15,000 that have been previously budgeted otherwise approved by City Council. Direction was given to the City Attorney Lindsey Hale to amend the current resolution to allow purchases over \$15,000 that have been previously budgeted otherwise approved by City Council.

C. Discussion on SB 1145 adding 11.36 to Texas Tax Code for Child Care Centers.

City Attorney Lindsey Hale explains the Tax Code Exemption for Child Care Centers. Council gave staff direction to come back with Financial implications, regulations and reporting requirements.

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 7:19p.m.



Mayor Christopher Lenker

ATTEST:



Brittany Gross
City Secretary

