

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION HELD, Tuesday, May 7, 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  
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  
Lindsey Hale, City Attorney  
Matthew Cantrell, Police Chief  
Shawn Holden, Public Works Director  
Brian Thompson, Fire Chief

***Absent:*** Michael Papenfuss, Mayor Pro Tem

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

Mayor Christopher Lenker called the regular scheduled meeting to order at 6:36p.m., announced that himself, Council member Roger Cornelison, Council member Scott Yarbrough, Council member Misty Rodriguez and Council member Gabrielle Mize were present. Mayor Pro Tem Michael Papenfuss was absent. Announced a quorum was present.

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Dean Schroeder from Godley Church of Christ

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Christopher Lenker led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.  
Moment of silence for former Police Chief Jason Jordan.

**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.*

Helen Kerwin, State Representative Candidate

Jameye Jones, Johnson County Pioneer Event

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

Mayor and Council acknowledged the Godley Fire Department Chief and Staff for the newly named Godley Fire Training Academy.

**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 16, 2024.**

Council member Misty Rodriguez made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular meeting held on April 16, 2024 with adjusted changes after confirmed, 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- absent**

Council unanimously voted to approve the minutes from the Regular meeting held on April 16, 2024 with adjusted changes after confirmed. Motion carried 4-0.

**Council member Gabrielle Mize made a motion to move Executive Session in front of New Business, 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- absent**

Council unanimously voted to move Executive Session in front of New Business. Motion carried 4-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*At 6:58p.m. Mayor Lenker made the announcement that Council would convene into Executive Session for **Section 551.071 Consultations with Attorney; legal advice on Lindke v. Freed, US Supreme Court issues social media opinion;***

***Section 551.074 Personnel Matters-Appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: Mayor Pro Tem Michael Papenfuss.***

*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 551.071 Consultations with Attorney; legal advice on Lindke v. Freed, US Supreme Court issues social media opinion;*

*Section 551.074 Personnel Matters-Appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: Mayor Pro Tem Michael Papenfuss.*

At 7:30 p.m. Council reconvened into open session with no action from Executive session.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A.) Conduct the Official Canvass of the Election returns for the General Election for the Office of Mayor, and City Council and Special Election on Proposition A held on May 4, 2024 in the City of Godley, Texas.**

Mayor Christopher Lenker read the Official Canvass of the Election returns for the General Election for the Office of Mayor, City Council and Special Election on Proposition A held on May 4, 2024 in the City of Godley, Texas.

**FOR MAYOR**

Candidate	Absentee	Early	Election	Total/Percent
Christopher Lenker		121	135	256

**FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBER (ALDERMAN)**

Candidate	Absentee	Early	Election	Total/Percent
Stephanie Hodges		101	99	200
Kathy Riggs-Donica		57	59	116

**SPECIAL LOCAL OPTION ELECTION- SALE OF ALL ALCOHOL, INCLUDING MIXED BEVERAGES**

	Absentee	Early	Election	Total/Percent
For		128	130	258
Against		31	38	69

- B.) Discuss and consider adoption of Ordinance No. 05-2024-112 declaring the results of the May 4, 2024, General Election for the Office of Mayor and City Council and the Special Election Proposition A.**

Council member Scott Yarbrough made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 05-2024-112 declaring the results of the May 4, 2024, General Election for the Office of Mayor, City Council and the Special Election Proposition A, 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- absent**

Council unanimously voted to adopt Ordinance No. 05-2024-112 declaring the results of the May 4, 2024, General Election for the Office of Mayor, City Council and the Special Election Proposition A. Motion carried 4-0.

**C.) Mayor Lenker to issue Certificates of Election and Official Statement of Elected Officer.**

Mayor Lenker issued Certificates of Election and Official Statement of Elected Officer to Mayor Christopher Lenker and newly elected Council Member Stephanie Hodges.

**D.) City Secretary Brittany Gross to issue the Oath of Office to the Mayor and Council Member.**

City Secretary Brittany Gross issued the Oath of Officer to Mayor Christopher Lenker and Council Member Stephanie Hodges. Newly elected Council member Stephanie Hodges took her seat. Mayor Christopher Lenker announced and introduced the Newley elected Council member Stephanie Hodges, Council member Scott Yarbrough, Council member Misty Rodriguez, Council member Gabrielle Mize and Council member Roger Cornelison were all present and a quorum was present.

**E.) Discuss and take possible action on appointing Mayor Pro Tem.**

Mayor Chritopher Lenker recommended Council Member Gabrielle Mize for Mayor Pro Tem. Council member Scott Yarbrough made a motion appointing Council member Gabrielle Mize to Mayor Pro Tem, 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  
Council Member Stephanie Hodges- yes**

Council unanimously voted appointing Council member Gabrielle Mize to Mayor Pro Tem. Motion carried 5-0.

**F.) Discuss and take possible action on the formation of a Capital Improvements Committee, pursuant to Chapter 395 of the Texas Local Government Code.**

City Administrator explained the Capital Improvements Committee. Discussion on appointing members to the Capital Improvements Committee. Council member Scott Yarbrough made a motion to postpone item F until the May 21, 2024, Council Meeting at 6:30p.m., second by Mayor Pro Tem Gabrielle Mize.

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

Council unanimously voted to postpone item F until the May 21, 2024, Council Meeting at 6:30p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

**G.) Discuss and take possible action on the appointment of one (1) opening on the Economic Development Board of Directors.**

Council member Misty Rodriguez made the motion to appoint Public Works Director Shawn Holden to the Economic Development Board of Directors, second by Council member Scott Yarbrough.

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

Council unanimously voted motion to appoint Public Works Director Shawn Holden to the Economic Development Board of Directors. Motion carried 5-0.

**H.) Discuss and consider possible action approving the upgrade of the Chlorine System for Water and Wastewater.**

Council member Misty Rodriguez made a motion to approve the quote from Innovation Pump Control Services in the amount of \$22,867.50 for the upgrade of the Chlorine System for the Water and Wastewater, second by Council member Scott Yarbrough.

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

Council unanimously voted to approve the quote from Innovation Pump Control Services in the amount of \$22,867.50 for the upgrade of the Chlorine System for the Water and Wastewater. Motion carried 5-0.

**I.) Discuss and consider possible action approving Resolution R-05-2024-13, amending the Rules of Conduct and Procedure for the Godley City Council.**

Discussion on amending the Rules of Conduct for the Godley City Council. Council member Scott Yarbrough made a motion to add “personal” to item 2.15 (a)(9) to the Rules of Conduct and Procedure for the Godley City Council, second by Mayor Pro Tem Gabrielle Mize.

*2.15(a) 9. City Council Members will not use their cell phones during any city council meetings or workshops for personal business. If the need arises to take a personal call or participate in personal text messaging, they will leave the council chambers.*

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

**Council Member Roger Cornelison-no**  
**Council Member Stephanie Hodges- no**

Council voted 3-2 to add “personal” to item 2.15 (a)(9) with Council member Roger Cornelison and Council member Stephanie Hodges opposing. Motion carried 3-2.

Council member Scott Yarbrough made a motion to approve adding 2.18(g) to the Rules of Conduct and Procedure for the Godley City Council, second by Mayor Pro Tem Gabrielle Mize.

2.18 (g) *Point of contact for City Council Members*

*City Council Members will only go through the City Administrator for any city business and refrain from contacting individual employees, unless they are conducting personal business.*

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

Council unanimously voted to add 2.18(g) to the Rules of Conduct and Procedure for the Godley City Council. Motion carried 5-0.

**J.) Discuss and consider possible action approving the purchase of a dump trailer for the Public Works Department.**

Public works director Shawn Holden presented information regarding the new dump trailer. He was given direction by Council to look into a Class B license for his staff. Council member Misty Rodriguez made a motion to approve the quote from Texas Pride Trailers in the amount of \$10,315.25 for the dump trailer, second by Council member Scott Yarbrough.

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

Council voted 4-1 to approve the quote from Texas Pride Trailers in the amount of \$10,315.25 for the dump trailer with Council member Roger Cornelison opposing. Motion carried 4-1.

**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.*

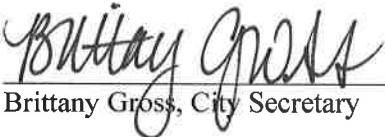
**Godley Methodist Music Fest, Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 10am-3pm**  
**Godley Night, Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business Mayor Lenker adjourned the meeting at 8:14p.m.

  
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Mayor Christopher Lenker

ATTEST:

  
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Brittany Gross, City Secretary

