

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION HELD, Tuesday, June 18, 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
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
Matthew Cantrell, Police Chief

Absent: Gabrielle Mize, Mayor Pro Tem

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Mayor Christopher Lenker called the regular scheduled meeting to order at 6:38p.m., announced that himself, Council member Roger Cornelison, Council member Scott Yarbrough, Council member Misty Rodriguez, Council member Stephanie Hodges were present and Mayor Pro Tem Gabrielle Mize was absent. Announced a quorum was present.

INVOCATION

Pastor Marcus Vail, Movement City 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.

Daniel Kyle, City Growth
Roy Dennis, water and sewer bill; sewer issue

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS, PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

City Administrator Angela Winkle presented Spencer Templer with the Employee of the Quarter Award for Second Quarter 2024. City Secretary Brittany Gross administered the Oath to six Godley Fire Fighters.

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 June 4, 2024.**
- B. Department Reports**

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

C. Discuss and take possible action on training for Mayor Pro Tem Gabrielle Mize to attend TML Newley Elected City Official's Orientation July 18-19, in San Antonio.

Council discussed the consent agenda. Fire Chief Brian Thompson answered questions from Council about the fire department report. Council member Misty Rodriguez made a motion to approve the consent agenda in its entirety, second by Council member Scott Yarbrough.

**Council voted: 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 the consent agenda in its entirety. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Council member Scott Yarbrough made a motion to approve Resolution No. 05-2024-15 adopting the City of Godley Personnel Manual, second by Council member Misty Rodriguez.

**Council voted: 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 Resolution No. 05-2024-15 adopting the City of Godley Personnel Manual. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Discuss and take possible action on approving the Quarterly Investment Report for 1st Quarter.

Council member Scott Yarbrough made a motion to approve the Quarterly Investment Report for 1st Quarter, second by Council member Stephanie Hodges.

**Council voted: 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 the Quarterly Investment Report for the 1st Quarter. Motion carried 4-0.

C. Discuss and take possible action on removing Stephanie Hodges from the Holiday and Events Committee.

Council member Scott Yarbrough made a motion to approve removing Stephanie Hodges from the Holiday and Events Committee, second by Council member Misty Rodriguez. Mayor Christopher Lenker explained that Stephanie Hodges resigned from the Holiday and Events committee, due to her now being a City of Godley Council member.

**Council voted: Council Member Scott Yarbrough- yes
Council Member Misty Rodriguez – yes
Council Member Roger Cornelison-yes
Council Member Stephanie Hodges- recused due to conflict of interest**

Council voted 3-1 to approve the removal of Stephanie Hodges from the Holiday and Events Committee. Motion carried 3-1 with Stephanie Hodges recused due to conflict of interest.

D. Discuss and take possible action on approving Ordinance No. 06-2024-116 allowing the City to Accept Donations

Discussion on the City accepting donations. All sponsorships and donations must go thru Council. City Attorney Lindsey Hale explained the different options for the City to accept donations and what's required per the ordinance. Council member Scott Yarbrough made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 06-2024-116 allowing the City to Accept Donations, second by Council member Misty Rodriguez.

**Council voted: 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 Ordinance No. 06-2024-116 allowing the City to Accept Donations. Motion carried 4-0.

E. Discuss and take possible action on approving Ordinance No. 06-2024-117 creating a Help Your Neighbor Utility Fund

Council discussed the Help Your Neighbor Utility Fund program. City Administrator Angela Winkle explained how the Help Your Neighbor Utility Fund program will work for residents. City Attorney Lindsey Hale clarified the changes to the ordinance; change the water and garbage to utilities. Council member Misty Rodriguez made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 06-2024-117 creating the Help Your Neighbor Fund, second by Council member Stephanie Hodges.

**Council voted: Council Member Scott Yarbrough- yes
Council Member Misty Rodriguez – yes
Council Member Roger Cornelison-yes
Council Member Stephanie Hodges- yes**

Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 06-2024-117. Motion carried 4-0.

Council member Misty Rodriguez makes a motion to amend the original motion adding with changes to Ordinance No. 06-2024-117 creating the Help Your Neighbor Fund, second by Council member Scott Yarbrough.

**Council voted: Council Member Scott Yarbrough- yes
Council Member Misty Rodriguez – yes
Council Member Roger Cornelison-yes
Council Member Stephanie Hodges- yes**

Council unanimously to amend the original motion approving Ordinance No. 06-2024-117 creating the Help Your Neighbor Fund. Motion carried 4-0.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Discuss options for the renovation of the Veterans Memorial

City Administrator Angela Winkle presented renovation options to the City Council. Council chose to move forward with the estimates for the Veterans Memorial. Council gave guidance to ask Godley High School if they have a list of the fallen soldiers.

B. Discuss availability for the July 2, 2024 Regular Scheduled Council Meeting

City Secretary asked Council if they were available on July 2, 2024, due to it being a holiday week. All council members are available for the Regular Scheduled Council Meeting on July 2, 2024.

C. Discuss Ordinance 03-2024-109 regarding the Holiday and Events Committee

City Administrator Angela Winkle presented to Council her concerns with Ordinance 03-2024-109 regarding the Holiday and Events Committee. Council member Misty Rodriguez is concerned about the Holiday and Events Committee planning events without first consulting the City or Council make it clear that they do not make decisions on behalf of the council.

D. Discuss residential general homestead property tax exemption and percentage for the City.

Discussion on the residential general homestead property tax exemption and percentage for the City. Council gave the direction for 10% percent or not less than \$5,000 for the residential general homestead property tax exemption and percentage. Guidance was given to the City Attorney Lindsey Hale to prepare the ordinance for the June 27, 2024 special called meeting.

E. Discuss a parade route to be used for any parades proposed through the City.

City Administrator spoke with Council about the parade route and the options. Police Chief Matthew Cantrell spoke with Council about the route and how TXDot will not allow us to block off two major roads for parades. Council gave the City Attorney Lindsey Hale direction to draft a resolution for the parade route and application.

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.

City Hall will be closed for the Juneteenth holiday.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:07p.m. Mayor Lenker made the announcement that Council would convene into Executive Session for:

Section 551.072 Deliberation about Real Property; 201 W. Godley Ave and 8829 North Highway 171

Section 551.074 Personnel Matters; Appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer: Public Works Director Shawn Holden

Council reconvened at 8:53p.m. into Open Session.

XI. ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Section 551.074 Personnel Matters; Appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer: Public Works Director Shawn Holden

a.) Take action on accepting the resignation of Public Works Director Shawn Holden

Council member Scott Yarbrough made a motion to accept the resignation of Public Works Director Shawn Holden, second by Council member Misty Rodriguez.

Council voted to accept the resignation of the Public Works Director Shawn Holden. Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business Mayor Lenker adjourned the meeting at 8:54p.m.



Mayor Christopher Lenker

ATTEST:



Brittany Gross, City Secretary

