

**City of Tatum
Regular Scheduled Meeting
City Council Meeting April 11th 2022**

The City Council of the City of Tatum met in regular session on April 11th, 2022, at 5:30p.m. In the City Hall Meeting room with the following members present:

Mayor, Clay Lassen

City Attorney, Joe Shumate

Kim Smith
Dana Buddecke
Tate Smith
Clay Lassen
Jeff Keller
Jack York

Call to Order: @ 5:30 by Clay Lassen

Citizens Comments:

- Angie Holcomb- Called for comment but was not present at the meeting
- Melia Hayden: Husband and I bought a drink from a local Tatum eatery in November 2021. Few hours later, he became sick from drinking. They found in the drink what looked like rat poison to them. They went to the ER that night and filed a police report the next day. They were told to contact the health dept of Rusk County. Later that week they called health dept themselves. They said that PD never called the Health Dept. Back. Called 2 to 3 times a week. They were told that they could not find a lab to test it, no updates. The Haden's went public on FB, people came forward PD pushed case to the side and covered it up. Several days later they asked to print e force logs. Received logs that were touched few days later and not touched for weeks.
- Paloma Rioz: Bradford: Admiral William McRaven quote. Make your bed. Alleges that Parker Sweeney and Kenneth Jones assaulted wife and tazed them during a call. All charges dropped. Who hires the cops? Wanted money back for bail.
- Benoit: Why terminate? What grounds, explicit photos sent and taken out of context. Harassment, hostile work environment.

Regular Business:


1. Last month's minutes and Checks written- Kim Smith made a motion to approve the last months meeting and check written, seconded by by Jack York, all approved.
2. KSA General Contract to supply engineering services for the City- Kim Smith asked if this was the standard contract from previous years. Clay Lassen replied that it appeared so and he so no changes from last year. The Council reviewed the contract. Kim Smith made a motion to accept the contract and seconded by Tate Smith. The motion carried with none opposed.
3. Executive Session called at 5:46 pm to discuss personnel issues and consult with City Attorney.
4. Called the meeting back into regular session at 7:10p

5. Kim Smith made a motion that we make an emergency appointment of Ms. Adkins to be hired as the interim City Secretary/Election Clerk at \$15/hr, Tate Smith seconded the motion, and the motion carried with none opposed.
6. Review of citation reports and officer logs.
7. Dana made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Kim, all were in favor and none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:20p

ATTEST:

Stormy Rodriguez

APPROVED:


Clay Lassen, Mayor