

**City of Tatum
Regular Scheduled Meeting
City Council Meeting April 10, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Tatum met in regular session, **April 10, 2023, at 5:30pm.** In the City Hall Meeting room with the following members present:

Mayor Don Hall

Tate Smith- Mayor Pro Temp
Dana Buddecke
Wendell Moore
Kim R. Smith- Not Present
J. R. Smith

Call to Order: @ 5:30pm by Mayor Don Hall

Invocation

Citizens: Joey Shivers request that we look at the property line.” There is an easement from the city that is showing to go through my property”. Mayor- We will contact our attorney and see what we can do and if a special meeting is needed, we will do that.

Special meeting was held April 21, 2023

The City of Tatum agreed to give Mr. Joey Shivers an easement to his property. Resolution # 01-2023 Signed and Notarized by the Mayor and Attest by Letitia Poindexter City Secretary. Documents were also recognized by City Attorney, Joe Shumate and Notarize and Attest at his office. Documents were sent by City Attorney's Office to the Title Company for record.

Regular Meeting:

1. Discussion that there were no minutes for March due to the failure of the Previous City Secretary. Upon that The Mayor Don Hall Ask Me, Letitia Poindexter, what did the Previous City Secretary say to you if any? I answered Directly by Saying, She told me, “The Minutes are somewhere and she is not going to worry about them. If they want them, they can find them and write them. It is not my problem anymore, It's Yours.

2. Nakia with TEDCO Addressed the Council. He Thanked the Council by given him the chance to speak. He wanted to bring the council up to date with two items, The Pecan Pie Festival and Filling of the vacant offices with TEDCO

Item 1} He stated there are currently 41 confirmed vendors for the PPF, Not including UT Tyler Mammography and Carter Blood Care, which is the most we have had in a while. Still waiting on response for another attraction to secure.

Item 2} In the last City Council Meeting on March 13, 2023 Questions were raised about the offices and how long someone had to be a member of the board to serve.

To address that, according to the bylaws of Section 4 under officers, Article 5.03 entitled vacancies status:

- Vacancies in my office which occur by reason of death, resignation, disqualification, removal, or otherwise may be filed by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term of that office, as the same manner as the other officers are elected to the board.

The Members of our board are: Tate Smith, Erika Smith, Kendra Friend, Fred Grindle and Darin Anthony.

The Mayor Don Hall, gave his thanks to Nakia and asked him to keep bringing us, The City of Tatum up to date.

Now we will begin with the Discussion and Motion items. **But I would like to let everyone know. With a Budget, it's against the law to exceed or go over what we put in place. It is Illegal. I just want to make sure everyone is aware, when a Budget is put together, we must stay within the Budget.**

3. It was discussed to make a sub account in Quick Books for the Grand Money.

Everyone agreed, the grant money will be moved by ledger only, making a Sub account will keep transactions separated from the general fund account. Though Physically, the money will remain in the general fund account.

Motion: Wendell 2nd – Tate All in favor/ None opposed

4. Discussion for officers and court clerk pay increase.

Officer Tim Cutright was approved for pay increase due to probation term was up and Yesenia for almost 2 years and more duties were needing her attention. Officer Cutright was approved for \$20 an hour at part time not to exceed 32 hours a week. After a Brief Discussion, Wendell said, she is making \$15 an hour, here for 2 years and being that she has more duties, I will agree she needs a raise. Any objections to \$18.00 an hour. Dana, Jr, Tate, and The Mayor agreed. No objections.

Motion: Wendell 2nd: Dana All in Favor / None Opposed

5. Discussion about additional accessories for PD Vest.

Chief Smith Spoke to the council asking the City of Tatum to pay for the fitting for the accessories that the vest will need. The Vest was purchased by a source that the chief reached out too. Approximately 6k each. He is asking that the city pay around \$ 100.00 to make the additional touches on each vest. 5 vest total.

Motion: JR 2nd: Wendell All in Favor/ None opposed

6. Discussion of the purchase of (2) new hand-held radios and (5) new tasers.

Chief Smith addressed the council by saying, there are 2 hand-held radios here at the station. I carry one home and the other stays on charge for the officer on duty.

By purchasing the others, we will have 2 on reserve for other officers and that one will always be on charge. Wendell did want it noted that he is not oppose to the hand-held radios, however they should stay here on charge and not be taken home.

The tasers needed are for added protection for each officer. JR said "I'm all behind the protection and safety of our Police Department. All the council members agreed. Wendell did want it noted, the tasers belong to City of Tatum.

7. The Discussion carried over to the (5) refurbished radios. Chief Smith carried on from after discussion of agenda 6. He stated these radios do not meet state regulations.

Therefore, It is a must for replacement. He had a quote for the refurbished radios along with the 2 new Hand-held and the 5 tasers. Cost around \$28,000.00

The radios will be used for the PD Trucks, one here at city and the other in the box for reserve. It will also remain here at the city hall unopened.

The city agreed to purchase of the radios and the tasers. But, only on contingency, If the grant does not pay for them the seizure money t the PD has will reimburse the General Fund. Dana mentioned this to the members of the council. Chief Smith was asking for the Grant to pay for items. So again, If the grant Does Not Pay for all the items in question, The seizure money that the PD has will reimburse the city back.

Motion: Wendell 2nd: JR All in favor None opposed

8. Discussion to purchase new computers for City Hall. This will include the PD and Court Clerk and City Secretary.

The discussion started with Dana that the city secretary's computer needs to be replaced as well with the others, I'm sure. Tate mentioned that all computers need to be upgraded and replaced with that said, Chief Smith did mention that their computers need to be upgraded. The council agreed to table the discussion and for bids to be gathered and put on next agenda meeting.

Motion: Wendell 2nd JR All in favor None opposed

9. Discussion with waiving fees for Riddle Family for Past Due Water Bill and Tampering with Meter.

After a brief discussion, It was decided that NO Fees will Be waived.

Motion: JR 2nd Wendell All in favor None opposed

10. Discussion to remove Stormy Rodriguez from all bank accounts and any other business associated with the City of Tatum

Motion: Wendell 2nd: JR

11. Discussion to add Letitia Poindexter to Bank Accounts and any other business associated with City of Tatum.

Motion: Tate 2nd JR

- 12. Information only: Water Customers
- 13. Information only: Monthly Officer's Citation Report
- 14. Information only: Police Dept Incident Report

Before the Meeting was called to end, Mayor Don Hall again reiterated that once a budget is set, it is illegal to spend anything outside a set budget.

Wendell motioned to adjourn and J.R. seconded it. Meeting ended at 7:03PM

ATTEST: _____

MAYOR: _____

DATE: _____

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