

MINUTES OF THE SPLENDORA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING HELD ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2023, AT CITY HALL, LOCATED AT 26090 FM 2090 E, SPLENDORA, TEXAS 77372 IN THE CITY OF SPLENDORA, COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, TEXAS AT 6:30 P.M.

The Council met in a regular session with the following members present:

**COUNCILMEMBERS:**

Dorothy Welch, Mayor  
 William Ramey, Position I - ABSENT  
 Evelyn Myers, Position II  
 Mike Clark, Position III  
 Sharon Ipes, Position IV  
 William Usher, Position V

**OFFICERS:**

Leonard Schneider, City Attorney  
 Danna Welter, City Administrator  
 Anita Davis, City Secretary

**REGULAR SESSION**

1. Mayor Welch called the meeting to order. [6:30 p.m.]

**ROLL CALL**

2. All present, except Councilmember Ramey, thus constituting a quorum.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION**

3/4. Pledge/Invocation.

**AGENDA**

5. Approve the minutes of Regular Meeting, December 19, 2022, and Special Meeting, February 13, 2023.  
Councilmember Myers made a motion to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting, December 19, 2022, and Special Meeting, February 13, 2023, and Councilmember Usher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. NOTE: Councilmember Ramey absent.
6. Approve bills for payment.  
Councilmember Usher made a motion to approve the bills for payment, and Councilmember Myers seconded the motion. Councilmembers Usher, Myers and Ipes voted for, and Councilmember Clark voted against. The motion passed 4-1.
7. Public Comments.
  - a) Brett Ligon, Montgomery County District Attorney – presentation to Police Department.
8. Department Reports
  - a) Police Department for December 2022, January 2023, and February 2023; Municipal Court for December 2022, January 2023, and February 2023;
  - b) Utility Department; Building Permits; Field Operations; and Capital Projects for December 2022, January 2023, and February 2023.
9. Consider and/or take action for Mayor Welch to sign a final plat for Westwood Professional Services.  
Councilmember Usher made a motion for Mayor Welch to sign a final plat for Westwood Professional Services, and Councilmember Ipes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
10. Discuss and possible approval of new Zoning Chapters 1 through 3.  
Councilmember Usher made a motion to approve the new Zoning Chapters 1 through 3, and Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
11. Consider and/or take action on Ordinance 2023-03-20A, amending Chapter 2 of the City of Splendora Code of Ordinances, Section 2-30(a) of Article II, "City Council".  
Councilmember Clark made a motion to table Ordinance 2023-03-20A, amending Chapter 2 of the City of Splendora Code of Ordinances, Section 2-30(a) of Article II, "City Council", and Councilmember Ipes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
12. Consider and/or take action on Ordinance 2023-03-20B, amending Chapter 2 "Administration", by amending Article I and adding an Article IV to the City of Splendora Code of Ordinances.  
Councilmember Ipes made a motion to table Ordinance 2023-03-20B, amending Chapter 2 "Administration", by amending Article I and adding an Article IV to the City of Splendora Code of Ordinances, and Council member Clark

seconded the motion. Councilmembers Ipes, Clark and Myers voted for, and Councilmember Usher voted against. The motion passed 3-1.

13. Consider and/or take action on Ordinance 2023-03-20C, authorizing participation with other Entergy service area cities in matters concerning Entergy Texas, Inc. at the Public Utility Commission of Texas in 2023.

Councilmember Usher made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-03-20C, authorizing participation with other Entergy service area cities in matters concerning Entergy Texas, Inc. at the Public Utility Commission of Texas in 2023, and Councilmember Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Consider and/or take action to approve the Water Well, Pump and High Service Pump Maintenance Agreement with RECC Field Services LLC.

Councilmember Usher made a motion to approve the Water Well, Pump and High Service Pump Maintenance Agreement with RECC Field Services LLC, with the exception of that we change the agreement to 6 months, Councilmember Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Consider and/or take action to accept the Splendora Police Department Racial Profiling Policy.

Councilmember Ipes made a motion to accept the Splendora Police Department Racial Profiling Policy, and Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Consider and/or take action to accept the Ken Paxton, Attorney General of Texas, Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Report by Law Enforcement Agency, the City of Splendora Police Department.

Councilmember Ipes made a motion to accept the Ken Paxton, Attorney General of Texas, Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Report by Law Enforcement Agency, the City of Splendora Police Department, and Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

17. Consider and/or take action to approve a bid from Motorola, for mobile radios, for the Police Department in the amount of \$25,505.47, to be funded from Seizure Funds.

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18. Consider and/or take action to renew contract with Axon Enterprises for the purchase of the in-car video solution ("FLEET") and its supporting information, services and training for Splendora Police Department in an amount of \$215,556.85, to be paid in five annual payments, with first year payment of \$43,111.37 to be funded from Seizure Funds.

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19. Review and Discuss Mid-Year Budget.

Councilmember Mike Clark requested information on the General Fund deficit, City Administrator Danna Welter spoke on this matter.

20. Executive Session- The Council will possibly meet in Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).

N/A

21. Consider and/or take action on items in Executive Session, if applicable.

N/A

22. Mayor's Activity Report:

- a. The court held a bench trial for John Alzate on 01/10/2023 @ 6PM. He chose not to have a bench trial and pled guilty. Mr. Alzate was fined \$2,304.00 dollars.
- b. The City was not eligible for the TA Grant due to the City is located within the TMA Houston-Galveston Area Council metropolitan planning organization.
- c. Entergy has stated due to power outages within the service area it has left them shorthanded and at this time they do not have someone assigned to the Outdoor Lighting Project at the park. We will check back with them at the end of next week.

23. Future Meetings:

- 04/17/2023 - Regular City Council Meeting

- 05/15/2023-Regular City Council Meeting

24. Hear announcements concerning items of community interest from the Mayor, Councilmembers, and City staff for which no action will be taken or discussed.

25. Adjourn. [8:00 p.m.]

Councilmember Clark made a motion to adjourn, and Councilmember Ipes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



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Anita Davis, City Secretary