

MINUTES OF THE SPLENDORA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING HELD ON THE 5TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024, 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 - ABSENT
Webster 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 and Councilmember Clark, thus constituting a quorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

- 3/4. Pledge/Invocation.

AGENDA

5. Approve the minutes of Regular Meeting December 18, 2023.
Councilmember Ipes made a motion to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting December 18, 2023, and Councilmember Usher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Discuss Financial Reports; Approve bills for payment.
City Administrator Danna Welter discussed the Financial Reports; Councilmember Usher made a motion to approve the bills for payment, and Councilmember Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Public Comments
N/A
8. Department Reports
 - a) Police Department for December 2023 and January 2024;
 - b) Municipal Court for December 2023 and January 2024;
 - c) Utility Department; Building Permits; Capital Projects for December 2023 and January 2024.
9. Review and approve the preliminary official statement for the City of Splendora \$7,620,000 Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2024 (the "Bonds"); Set time and date for receiving bids for the Bonds; and authorize Blich Associates, Inc. to distribute the preliminary official statement to underwriters, presented by Bill Blich Associates.
Councilmember Usher made a motion to approve the preliminary official statement for the City of Splendora \$7,620,000 Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2024 (the "Bonds"); Set time and date for receiving bids for the Bonds; and authorize Blich Associates, Inc. to distribute the preliminary official statement to underwriters, and Councilmember Ipes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
10. Presentation and Discussion of capacity for utility services, presented by Bill Daugette.
Jeff Rich presented.
11. Consider and/or take action on Ordinance 2024-02-05A amending Personnel Policies, as shown in Exhibit A.
Councilmember Usher made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-02-05A amending Personnel Policies, as shown in Exhibit A, and Councilmember Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
12. Consider and/or take action on Ordinance 2024-02-05B amending Chapter 32 "Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places" of the Code of Ordinances, as shown in Exhibit A.
Councilmember Usher made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-02-05B amending Chapter 32 "Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places" of the Code of Ordinances, as shown in Exhibit A, and Councilmember Ipes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Consider and/or take action on Ordinance 2024-02-05C, authorizing participation with other Entergy service area cities (Coalition of Cities) in matters concerning Entergy Texas, Inc. at the Public Utility Commission of Texas in 2024.

Councilmember Ipes made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-02-05C, authorizing participation with other Entergy service area cities (Coalition of Cities) in matters concerning Entergy Texas, Inc. at the Public Utility Commission of Texas in 2024, and Councilmember Usher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Consider and/or take action on Ordinance 2024-02-05D amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 36, Traffic and Vehicles, Article X, Towing, as shown in Exhibit A.

Councilmember Usher made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-02-05D amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 36, Traffic and Vehicles, Article X, Towing, as shown in Exhibit A, and Councilmember Ipes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Consider and/or take action on Resolution 2024-02-05A, the City of Splendor, in accordance with Section 109 of the Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and for construction contracts greater than \$10,000, must take actions to ensure that no person or group is denied benefits such as employment, training, housing, and contracts generated by the CDBG-DR activity, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability.

Councilmember Myers made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-02-05A, the City of Splendor, in accordance with Section 109 of the Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and for construction contracts greater than \$10,000, must take actions to ensure that no person or group is denied benefits such as employment, training, housing, and contracts generated by the CDBG-DR activity, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability, and Councilmember Ipes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Consider and/or take action on Resolution 2024-02-05B, authorizing disposition of City Surplus Personal Property and Salvage Property, K-9 Kilo.

Councilmember Myers made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-02-05B, authorizing disposition of City Surplus Personal Property and Salvage Property, K-9 Kilo, and Councilmember Usher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

17. Consider and/or take action on Resolution 2024-02-05C, authorizing a multiple use agreement between the City of Splendor and Texas Department of Transportation authorizing Flock Safety to install automated license plate readers along TxDOT rights-of-way.

Councilmember Usher made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-02-05C, authorizing a multiple use agreement between the City of Splendor and Texas Department of Transportation authorizing Flock Safety to install automated license plate readers along TxDOT rights-of-way, and Councilmember Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

18. Consider and/or take action to approve bid for \$125,000 ground storage water tank at Well #5 on Old Highway 59, to be paid from Capital Construction Funds.
Tabled-No Bids

19. Consider and/or take action to approve payment to Trinity Innovative Solutions for TIS Tech Trailer with Radar Configuration in the amount of \$49,975.00, 1/2 funded from Seizure Funds and 1/2 funded from General Fund Police Equipment Funds.

Councilmember Usher made a motion to approve payment to Trinity Innovative Solutions for TIS Tech Trailer with Radar Configuration in the amount of \$49,975.00, to be funded from unallocated funds, and Councilmember Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

20. Consider and/or take action to enter into an Engineering Support Services Agreement to Strand Associates for 2024 in an amount of \$40,000 to be paid from Utility Department Budgeted Funds.

Councilmember Usher made a motion to approve an Engineering Support Services Agreement to Strand Associates for 2024 in an amount of \$40,000 to be paid from Utility Department Budgeted Funds, and Councilmember Ipes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

21. Consider and/or take action to ratify payment to Utility Services of Texas for emergency replacement of collapsed manhole on Memorial at First Street in an amount of \$10,386.47 to be funded from Construction Improvement Funds.

Councilmember Ipes made a motion to ratify payment to Utility Services of Texas for emergency replacement of collapsed manhole on Memorial at First Street in an amount of \$10,386.47 to be funded from Construction Improvement Funds, and Councilmember Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

22. Consider and/or take action to ratify payment to RECC for emergency replacement of the grinder pump for Enloe Lift Station in an amount of \$8,384.70 to be funded from Construction Improvement Funds.
Councilmember Usher made a motion to ratify payment to RECC for emergency replacement of the grinder pump for Enloe Lift Station in an amount of \$8,384.70 to be funded from Construction Improvement Funds, and Councilmember Ipes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
23. Consider and/or take action on approving the next sections of the Splendora Police Department Policy Manual.
Councilmember Myers made a motion to approve the next sections of the Splendora Police Department Policy Manual, and Councilmember Ipes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
24. Consider and/or possibly adopt a tree ordinance.
Tabled
25. Executive Session- City Council will possibly meet in Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).
NA
26. Consider and/or take action on items in Executive Session, if applicable.
NA
27. Mayor's Activity Report.
- Code on 811 calls; A type A city can only do what is authorized by statute and it appears that the statute states no later than 14 days and no earlier than 48 hours to start drilling after an 811 call. However, any utilities doing work in the City ROW need to follow Chapter 32 of the City's Code of Ordinances, request permits, and post bonds. Those bonds can cover the excavators that do the 811 calls.
 - An Appreciation Plaque to be presented to Allen Wells for his donation to the 5th Annual Tree Lighting, to be presented by Councilmember Myers.
28. Future Meetings and Events:
- February 19th – Holiday-President's Day
 - March 18th – Regular City Council Meeting
 - April 15th – Regular City Council Meeting
29. Hear announcements concerning items of community interest from the Mayor, Councilmembers, and City staff for which no action will be taken or discussed.
30. Adjourn. [7:40]
Councilmember Ipes made a motion to adjourn, and Councilmember Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



Anita Davis, City Secretary