

MINUTES OF THE SPLENDORA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING HELD ON THE 18th DAY OF MARCH 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
Evelyn Myers, Position II
Mike Clark, Position III - ABSENT
Webster Ipes, Position IV
William Usher, Position V - ABSENT

OFFICERS:

Leonard Schneider, City Attorney
Danna Welter, City Administrator - ABSENT
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 Clark and Councilmember Usher, thus constituting a quorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

- 3/4. Pledge/Invocation.

AGENDA

5. Approve the minutes of Regular Meeting February 5, 2024.
Councilmember Ipes made a motion to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting February 5, 2024, and Councilmember Ramey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Approve bills for payment.
Councilmember Ramey 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 February 2024;
 - b) Municipal Court for February 2024;
 - c) Utility Department; Building Permits; Capital Projects for February 2024.
9. Consider and/or take action to approve an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of the City of Splendora, Texas, Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2024, and ordaining other matters relating to the issuance of the bonds.
Councilmember Myers made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-03-18 authorizing the issuance of the City of Splendora, Texas Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2024, and ordaining other matters relating to the issuance of bonds, and Councilmember Ramey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
10. Consider and/or take action on the request to place an Honor and Respect flag retiring collection box at the Veterans Memorial Park, to be presented by Ana Hernandez.
Councilmember Ipes made a motion to approve the request to place an Honor and Respect flag retiring collection box at the Veterans Memorial Park, and Councilmember Ramey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
11. Consider and/or take action on the request to install a blessing box, filled and refilled, with food and hygiene items at Heritage Park, to be presented by Joe and Terri Hackl with OnPoint Rescue.
Tabled until April
12. Consider and/or take action on request for a variance for Chapter 18 of the City Ordinances regarding recreational vehicles, as requested by Karen Frazier.
Councilmember Ramey made a motion to approve the request for a variance for Chapter 18 of the City Ordinances regarding recreational vehicles for ninety (90) days, as requested by Karen Frazier, and Councilmember Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Consider and/or take action to approve moving forward with the beautification of the City and submitting plans to TxDot.
Councilmember Myers made a motion to approve moving forward with the beautification of the City and submitting plans to TxDot, and Councilmember Ipes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
14. Consider and/or take action to approve the Proclamation of April as Fair Housing Month.
Councilmember Ipes made a motion to approve the Proclamation of April as Fair Housing Month, and Councilmember Ramey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
15. Consider and/or take action to approve Resolution 2024-03-18 adopting the 2024 Montgomery County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.
Councilmember Myers made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-03-18 adopting the 2024 Montgomery County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, and Councilmember Ipes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
16. Consider and/or take action on Public Utility Commission 2024 Price Index (CPI) Adjustment to City Telecommunications ROW access.
No Action
17. Consider and/or take action to accept Request for Abandonment of .414 acres of Magnolia Dive portion submitted by Houston 59, LLC, and set public hearing date.
Councilmember Ipes made a motion to accept Request for Abandonment of .414 acres of Magnolia Dive portion submitted by Houston 59, LLC, and set public hearing for April 2024, and Councilmember Ramey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
18. Consider and/or take action to approve the bid to remove and replace an existing 125,000-gallon potable water ground storage tank to RECC Field Services, in an amount not to exceed \$240,000.00.
Councilmember Ipes made a motion to approve the bid to remove and replace an existing 125,000-gallon potable water ground storage tank to RECC Field Services, in an amount not to exceed \$240,000.00, and Councilmember Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
19. Consider and/or take action to ratify payments to RECC in the amount of a) \$22,575 for Well No. 6 motor replacement, b) \$14,126.25 for Enloe Lift Station system failure caused by VFD, and c) \$18,750 for Splenwood Lift Station panel and pump failure, to be funded from Construction Improvement Funds.
Councilmember Ipes made a motion to ratify payments to RECC in the amount of a) \$22,575 for Well No. 6 motor replacement, b) \$14,126.25 for Enloe Lift Station system failure caused by VFD, and c) \$18,750 for Splenwood Lift Station panel and pump failure, to be funded from Construction Improvement Funds, and Councilmember Ipes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
20. Consider and/or take action to approve Utility Services of Texas use of contract labor to prepare meter boxes for meter installation for a cost not to exceed \$30,000, to be funded from Capital Projects.
Tabled
21. Consider and/or take action to review and accept the Racial Profiling Report as reported by the City of Splendora Police Department.
Councilmember Ipes made a motion to review and accept the Racial Profiling Report as reported by the City of Splendora Police Department, and Councilmember Ramey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
22. Executive Session- City Council will possibly meet in Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to receive legal advice on the Contract with San Jacinto River Authority Groundwater Reduction Planning, etc., with the City of Splendora Texas and update litigation on said Contract in current case of SJRA v Cities of Conroe and Magnolia.
[7:15 p.m. – 7:40 p.m.]
23. Consider and/or take action on items in Executive Session, if applicable.
Councilmember Ipes made a motion to authorize the City Attorney and staff to draft a letter to SJRA regarding water line loss and pumpage fees and set up an escrow account, Councilmember Ramey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
24. Mayor's Activity Report.
 - Proclamation – Ben Findeisen Day
 - EMCID Grant application submitted for playground equipment for the Veterans Memorial Park

25. Future Meetings and Events:

- March 29th – Good Friday
- March 31st - Easter
- April 15th – Regular City Council Meeting
- May 20th – Regular City Council Meeting

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

27. Adjourn. [7:42]

Councilmember Ramey made a motion to adjourn, and Councilmember Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



Anita Davis, City Secretary