

MINUTES OF THE SPLENDORA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION MEETING HELD ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 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  
Webster Ipes, Position IV  
William Usher, Position V

**OFFICERS:**

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

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**SPECIAL SESSION**

1. Mayor Welch called the meeting to order. [6:32 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 July 1, 2024, 2024.  
Councilmember Usher made a motion to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting July 1, 2024, and Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Discuss Financials/Approve bills for payment.  
Councilmember Myers made a motion to approve the bills for payment, and Councilmember Usher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Public Comments  
N/A
8. Department Reports
  - a) Police Department for June 2024;
  - b) Municipal Court for June 2024;
  - c) Utility Department; Building Permits; Capital Projects for June 2024.
9. Consider and/or take action to accept excess collections for 2023 debt service and certification for debt service collection rate for 2024/2025.  
Councilmember Myers made a motion to accept excess collections for 2023 debt service and certification for debt service collection rate for 2024/2025, and Councilmember Ipes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
10. Consider and/or take action on a Joint Election Agreement between the City of Splendor, Montgomery County, and other participating political subdivisions for the November 5, 2024, general election.  
Councilmember Usher made a motion to accept a Joint Election Agreement between the City of Splendor, Montgomery County, and other participating political subdivisions for the November 5, 2024, general election, and Councilmember Ipes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
11. Consider and/or take action on an Election Service Agreement between the City of Splendor, Montgomery County, and other participating political subdivisions for the November 5, 2024, general election.  
Councilmember Usher made a motion to accept an Election Service Agreement between the City of Splendor, Montgomery County, and other participating political subdivisions for the November 5, 2024, and Councilmember Ipes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Consider and/or take action on Ordinance 2024-08-05 calling an election on November 5, 2024, for the election for the positions of Councilmembers III, IV, and V.  
Councilmember Usher made a motion to accept Ordinance 2024-08-05 calling an election on November 5, 2024, for the election for the positions of Councilmembers III, IV, and V, and Councilmember Ipes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
13. Consider and/or take action on Resolution 2024-08-05 annual review of the Investment Policy.  
Councilmember Ipes made a motion to accept Resolution 2024-08-05 annual review of the Investment Policy, and Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
14. Consider and/or take action to approve Strand Associates to perform individual grave site surveys at the Splendora Cemetery in the amount of \$30,000.00, to be funded from Construction Improvements.  
Councilmember Usher made a motion to approve Strand Associates to perform individual grave site surveys at the Splendora Cemetery in the amount of \$30,000.00, to be funded from Construction Improvements, and Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
15. Consider and/or take action amending the schedule of fees.  
Councilmember Ipes made a motion to table the schedule of fees, and Councilmember Usher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
16. Consider and/or take action to authorize payment of work hours above 40 in a work week at Regular Time to the Police Department Command Staff during a Declaration of Local Disaster event and direct the City Administrator to bring an ordinance amending the Personnel Rules with this change at the meeting scheduled for September 16, 2024. [Command Staff includes the Chief, Assistant Chief, Lieutenants, and Corporals.]  
Councilmember Ipes made a motion to table to authorize payment of work hours above 40 in a work week at Regular Time to the Police Department Command Staff during a Declaration of Local Disaster event and direct the City Administrator to bring an ordinance amending the Personnel Rules with this change at the meeting scheduled for September 16, 2024. [Command Staff includes the Chief, Assistant Chief, Lieutenants, and Corporals.], and Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
17. Executive Session- City Council will meet in Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) to receive legal advice on manufacturing housing, chapter 18 of the City Code of Ordinances and request for tax abatement and tax abatement policy.  
[6:54 p.m. - 7:19 p.m.]
18. Consider and/or take action on items in Executive Session, if applicable.  
No Action
19. Mayor's Activity Report.
  - SJRA information
20. Future Meetings and Events: The following meetings require a Super Quorum
  - August 12, 2024 – Special Meeting – Record Vote – Call Hearings
  - August 26, 2024 – Special Meeting – Public Hearing – Adopt Budget
  - August 27, 2024 - Special Meeting – Public Hearing – Adopt Tax Rate
21. Hear announcements concerning items of community interest from the Mayor, Councilmembers, and City staff for which no action will be taken or discussed.
22. Adjourn. [7:23]  
Councilmember Ipes made a motion to adjourn, and Councilmember Usher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



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Anita Davis, City Secretary