

August 12, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Glenn Rudd with prayer and salute to the flag. In attendance: Rudd, McKenzie, McClendon, Harden, and Edwards.

A motion to approve the July 15 & 22, 2024, minutes was made by Edwards, second by McKenzie, 5/0.

Alex Edwards presented a WHS Band Sponsorship request to the Council. A motion was made by Mayor Rudd to award a \$1,000 sponsorship, second by McKenzie, 5/0.

Joseph Davis, Small Business Administration, presented information concerning Economic Injury Disaster Loans to the Council. Attorney Dan Cox requested a link be added to the City's website.

Attorney Cox presented the Application for Capacity Fee Deferral for approval. If the applicant meets all criteria, the City Clerk can approve the Deferral, if not, the application will be presented to the Council. A **motion** was made by Edwards to approve the Application for Capacity Fee Deferral with addition of a legal fee provision, second by Harden, 4/1, with McClendon voting against.

A **motion** was also made by Edwards to table the reconsideration of the July 11 decision concerning 205 Cherokee Drive, second by Rudd, 5/0.

The financials and adjustments were approved by signature of the Council.

Clerk Schilling reminded the Council of the budget workshop August 14, 5:00 p.m.

Clerk Schilling requested clarification regarding the \$320.00 on call pay. Does staff receive pay and hours, or only pay. Edwards and McKenzie stated to count hours on holidays and Council will discuss the issue at the budget workshop.

PWD Green presented a staff proposal to the Council to study prior to the budget workshop. Green stated BDI is getting behind in some projects and would like to bring in Alan Hart and SEH to work on some upcoming projects and funding.

Councilmember Edwards would like to see the stamping at the 4-way intersections refreshed and stated the ROW's need to be mowed.

Clerk Schilling stated the railing at City Hall has deteriorated and asked Council if it can be removed. The Council agreed, however, before removing, check with the County on handicap requirements.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m. Motion by McKenzie, second by Rudd, 5/0.

August 14, 2024
2024/25 Budget Workshop

The workshop was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Glenn Rudd. In attendance: Rudd, McKenzie, McClendon, Harden, and Edwards.

Anson Walck, Southern Corrosion, presented a maintenance program for the City's tanks at a cost of \$88,000/yr with total care and maintenance, except acts of God. (6-year contract with maintenance plan - \$552,000, without plan - \$529,092.)

General Fund – recommended changes

Increase street expense to \$25,000 to include purchase of a street blower.

Increase Capital Improvement/Development-Park to \$60,000 to include parking and signage at the Mom's site

Discussed hiring a city maintenance employee and delete the current mowing contract, will discuss later

Water Fund – recommended changes

Water tank maintenance program – if adopted, will include a yearly CPI increase

Increase repairs/maintenance/operational supplies to \$600,000

Increase professional contract services to \$70,000

Fund overtime \$15,000

Increase truck expense to \$200,000 to include one new field truck and a new city clerk vehicle

Effective October 1, move Tommy Barton from maintenance tech to water distribution tech with a 10% raise and 2.5% for distribution license

Increase O'Neill Ward's salary by \$3,120 (half of previous SCADA salary)

4% salary raise for all employees, except Barton, due to transfer of position and receiving a larger raise

Pay PWD Green 163.75 hours comp time on books while working under Leonard Tartt

Earn comp time for well checks that fall on observed state/federal holiday's; all others covered in \$320 weekend pay

The Council requested Attorney Dan Cox attend the next budget workshop scheduled for August 20, 5:30 p.m.

With no further discussion, the workshop adjourned at 7:37 p.m. Motion by Edwards, second by McKenzie, 5/0.

August 20, 2024
2024/25 Budget Workshop

The workshop was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Vice Mayor McKenzie. In attendance: McKenzie, McClendon, Harden, and Edwards.

General Fund – recommended changes

No changes from previous workshop

Water Fund – recommended changes

Keep maintenance tech position in budget at \$16/hr.

On call/weekend pay covers well checks, all other call outs earn comp/overtime

Dan to update policy to reflect comp time and overtime changes

Phase 1 well 7 upgrade - \$1.5 million loan, \$500,000 from capital improvement fund, remainder from water fund

Allow exempt employees to bank and carry over comp time, not to exceed 240 hrs.

With no further discussion, the workshop adjourned at 6:34 p.m. Motion by Edwards, second by McKenzie, 4/0.