



March 12, 2024

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

ATTENDEES: Mayor L. Kelly Jones
Council Member Phillip Poole
Council Member Brian Libbey
Council Member Michael Dingman
Council Member Robert Fitzgerald
Council Member Halden Griffith
City Administrator/Sec Brandy Barrett
Police Chief Kevin Reaves
Deputy City Secretary Elisa Hickey
Interim City Attorney Tracie Kenan

ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Jones at 7:03 PM

INVOCATION was given by Cody Morse.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor Jones.

REGULAR SESSION:

1. MOTION to approve the agenda with the removal of Items 7E-G as the petitioner withdrew their request.

- MADE BY: Phillip Poole. SECOND: Robert Fitzgerald.
Motion passed by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

2. Approval of the Consent Agenda:

All matters listed as Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be a separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.

A. Approval of the Minutes:

- Council Meeting – February 13, 2024

B. Approval of the Financial Reports:

- TexPool Report
TexStar Report
A/P Disbursements

Table with 10 columns: BALANCES, GENERAL, WATER, CRIME CONTROL, CAPITAL PROJECTS, DEBTSERVICE, STREET, WRA, HCGC, GAS ROYALTIES. Rows include Revenue, Disbursement, Cash on Hand, TexPool, and TexStar.

* Month end closings/Jes and bank reconciliation pending.

C. Resolution 2024-05: Authorizing membership in the ATMOS Cities Steering Committee; and authorizing a payment of \$132.00 to fund regulatory and related activities related to ATMOS Energy Corporation.

MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda.

- **MADE BY:** Halden Griffith. **SECOND:** Mike Dingman.
- **Motion passed** by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

3. **STAFF UPDATES:** *The Department Directors recapped their monthly reports.*

4. **MAYOR’S REPORT:** *The mayor presented a recap of the prior 30 days in office.*

5. **COMMITTEE UPDATES:** *The Councilmen provided updates for what took place during each of the below meetings that occurred in the prior month:*

- There were no meetings held during the prior month.

6. **PUBLIC INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. Announcements and Proclamations

- Proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.
 - Read by Councilman Poole and presented to Alliance for Children
- TRWD has partnered with NASJRB volunteers to do a Trash Bash at Airfield Falls and local citizens are invited to participate. The event will be April 11th from 8:00am-noon.
- The League of Women Voters will be moderating the general election candidate forum on April 18th at 6:30pm in the council chambers.
- Early voting begins on April 22nd at any Tarrant County polling location.
- Election day is May 4th and our community room will be one of the county’s polling places.
- Spring Picnic will be held in Melva Campbell Park on May 10th from 5:30 – 7:30pm.

B. Meetings

- Planning and Zoning Commission, April 2nd at 6:00pm
- Regular Council meeting, April 9th at 7:00pm

C. Citizen Comments

- The following spoke:
 - Darlan Thornton, 188 Pecan
 - Sharon Schmitz, 1 Leonard Trail
 - Immy Khan, 5836 Carb

7. **Public Hearings, Briefings and Action Items:**

A. Mayor Jones

Discuss and take action on Ordinance 508 adding Article 1.13 adopting a Code of Ethics applicable to all elected and appointed officials of the city. *(On June 13, 2023, Mayor Jones appointed an Ad hoc committee, naming Lance Rahn, Barbara Deakins and Judge Russell Nelms as members, chaired by Councilman Fitzgerald, to write a Code of Ethics. Following a public hearing and discussion on December 12th the council has postponed action to the next meeting at each subsequent council meeting. Councilman Fitzgerald has requested the council postpone action on this item until April 9th.)*

- Councilman Fitzgerald requested this item be postponed.
- Councilman Griffith requested it be noted for the record he’s said he thinks they should stack the ethics a mile high, and he believes this council operates under the highest ethical standard possible under the State of Texas.

MOTION to postpone this item to the April meeting.

- **MADE BY:** Phillip Poole. **SECOND:** Mike Dingman.
- **Motion passed** by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

B. Mayor Jones

Discuss and take action on the Golf and Parks Advisory Board recommendation to paint the T- 33 in the livery of its last active-duty station in Point Magoo and review options to finish the project. *(The current livery is accurate for its last active-duty station. No quotes have been submitted after multiple attempts; the local aviation museum's referral has not responded to repeated request and is currently on vacation out of state.)*

- Brandy Barrett provided an update, informing the council that she had reached again for quotes on this project, but still has not received response.

MOTION to postpone this item to the April meeting.

- **MADE BY:** Phillip Poole. **SECOND:** Halden Griffith.
- **Motion passed** by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

C. Councilman Griffith

Review and discuss the Westworth Redevelopment Authority (WRA) Executive Director role. *(This is follow-up from last month's discussion on the WRA.)*

- Mayor Jones provided the history of the Executive Director and Executive Vice President roles for the WRA.

D. Mayor Jones

Discuss and take action on Resolution 2024-06 adopting the city's written investment policy as required by the Public Investment Act. *(This is an annual Resolution documenting the required review of the investment policy. The city attorney has reviewed this document; no changes are recommended.)*

MOTION to postpone this item to the April meeting.

- **MADE BY:** Halden Griffith. **SECOND:** Mike Dingman.
The city attorney was asked to highlight the state laws and review any comments submitted by citizens for the April meeting.
- **Motion passed** by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

E. Mayor Jones

Public Hearing to receive citizen comments and input on citizen petition to privatize a section of Leonard Trail. *(A public hearing is not required by law on this item.)*

- **This item was removed from the agenda.**

F. Mayor Jones

Discuss and take action on the petition filed by the residents to privatize a section of Leonard Trail. *(The ordinance in Item G will only be considered if the council accepts the citizen's petition.)*

- **This item was removed from the agenda.**

G. Mayor Jones

Discuss and take action on Ordinance 509 regarding the citizen petition to privatize a section of Leonard Trail. (In accordance with Texas Transportation Code 311.008, if the council rejects the citizen's petition in Item F, no action on this item will be taken.)

- **This item was removed from the agenda.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Jones convened in closed executive session at 8:14 PM to deliberate the following items:

A. Consultation with attorney pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072.

- Receive legal advice and discuss status of the Burgess property condemnation.
- Receive legal advice and discuss status of the Blue Atlantic tax refund litigation.
- Receive legal advice and discuss status of the St. Anne & St. Joachim, LLC litigation.

B. Deliberation of personnel matters pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074

- Discuss board, committee, and commission appointments.
- Discuss the city attorney selection process and timeline.

Mayor Jones re-convened in open session at 8:33 PM. No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM by Mayor Jones.

MINUTES APPROVED BY:



L. Kelly Jones, Mayor

SIGNATURE ATTESTED BY:



Brandy G. Barrett, TRMC

City Administrator/City Secretary