

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF MOUNT ENTERPRISE, TEXAS

WILL CONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION

AUGUST 29TH, 2023 AT 5:00 P.M.

MOUNT ENTERPRISE CITY HALL,
103 W. GREGG STREET, MOUNT ENTERPRISE, TX 75681
MAYOR JIM REESE WILL PRESIDE



Minutes

1. Call the Meeting to Order **Mayor Jim Reese called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.**
2. Establish a Quorum
Mayor Jim Reese- **Present**
Mayor Pro Tem & Council Member Place #1 Freddy Swann- **Present**
Council Member Place #2 Judy Cox- **Absent**
Council Member Place #3 Jacob Waldron- **Present**
Council Member Place #4 Mary Jo Baird- **Present**
Council Member Place #5 Harvey Graves- **Absent**
3. Invocation **Led by Jim Reese**
4. Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag & Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag (*Honor the Texas flag, I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible*).
5. Public Comments **City Secretary Suzanne M. Pharr, Office Assistant Khristy Webb, City Attorney Suellen Perry, Jeff Bellgardt, Ashley Wilkinson, Nicholas Vickery, Amber Lollar, Micah Buzbee, Cindy Swann, John Henry**
6. Proclamation
Dr. Billy Wayne McClendon's 30-year anniversary with St. James Missionary Baptist Church
7. Public Hearing on Proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Ad Valorem Tax Rate
8. Public Hearing on Proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Budget
9. Consent Agenda
All consent items are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and vote.
 - A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes, July 25, 2023.
 - B. Approval of July 2023 Monthly Reports for ICON Court, Wastewater, Debt Service Fund, Special Revenue Fund, and General Fund.
 - C. Approval of expenses for the New City Hall Remodel to date.
Upon a motion made by Councilmember Waldron and seconded by Councilmember Swann, the Council voted (3) "ayes" and zero (0) "nays" to accept the Consent Agenda. The motion carried.
10. Business
Discuss, Consider, and Possibly Take Action Regarding:
 - A. Discussion and Approval of 2023 Proposed Tax Rate. (JR)
Upon a motion made by Councilmember Waldron and seconded by Councilmember Swann, the Council voted (2) "ayes" and one (1) "nays" to adopt the 1.949567 2023 Proposed Tax Rate. The motion carried. Swann voted aye, Waldron voted aye, and Baird voted nay.
 - B. Discussion and Approval of Proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Budget (JR)
Upon a motion made by Councilmember Baird and seconded by Councilmember Waldron, the Council voted (3) "ayes" and zero (0) "nays" to accept the Proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Budget. The motion carried. Swann, Waldron and Baird voted aye.



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- C. Discussion and Approval of Ordinance 2023-0829-1 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. (JR)

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Swann and seconded by Councilmember Waldron, the Council voted (3) “ayes” and zero (0) “nays” to approve Ordinance 2023-0829-1. The motion carried.

- D. Discussion and Approval of Ordinance 2023-0829-2 Adopting Fiscal Year Budget for 2023-2024. (JR)

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Swann and seconded by Councilmember Waldron, the Council voted (3) “ayes” and zero (0) “nays” to approve Ordinance 2023-0829-2. The motion carried.

- E. Discussion and Approval of 2023-2024 Calendar (JR)

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Baird and seconded by Councilmember Waldron, the Council voted (3) “ayes” and zero (0) “nays” to accept the 2023-2024 Calendar. The motion carried.

- F. City Park Master Plan. (JR)

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Waldron and seconded by Councilmember Swann, the Council voted (3) “ayes” and zero (0) “nays” to move to next month. The motion carried.

- G. Ideas to recognize Kendre Miller. (HG,JC,JW)

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Waldron and seconded by Councilmember Baird, the Council voted (3) “ayes” and zero (0) “nays” to table until next meeting. The motion carried.

- H. New City Hall Review and Upcoming Projects. (JR)

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Waldron and seconded by Councilmember Baird, the Council voted (3) “ayes” and zero (0) “nays” to table until next month. The motion carried.

- I. Review and Edit City of Mount Enterprise City Council Rules of Procedures to match GC 551.007 (JR)

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Baird and seconded by Councilmember Waldron, the Council voted (3) “ayes” and zero (0) “nays” to accept the City Council Rules of Procedures to match GC 551.007. The motion carried.

- J. City Secretary 201 Webinar to be registered by our City Secretary to keep up certification hours. There would be no hotel, meals, travel needed. Just 2 hours to take the webinar. (JR)

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Waldron and seconded by Councilmember Baird, the Council voted (3) “ayes” and zero (0) “nays” to accept the registration of item J. The motion carried.

- K. 3rd Qtr. 2023 Chunk Your Junk scheduled for September 30, 2023. (JR)

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Waldron and seconded by Councilmember Baird, the Council voted (3) “ayes” and zero (0) “nays” to accept the 3rd Qtr. 2023 Chunk Your Junk for September 30, 2023. The motion carried.

- L. Resolution 2023-0829-3 Nomination(s) to the board of directors for the Rusk County Appraisal District for the 2024-2025 term. (JR)

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Swann and seconded by Councilmember Waldron, the Council voted (3) “ayes” and zero (0) “nays” to give two votes to Nesha Partin. The motion carried.

- M. Interpretation services for the municipal court to use as necessary for non-English speaking defendants. BuyBoard contract with IdeaTranslations. (JR)

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Waldron and seconded by Councilmember Baird, the Council voted (3) “ayes” and zero (0) “nays” to approve the interpretation services. The motion carried.

- N. Consider and discuss taking action for the Resilient Communities Program (RCP) through the General Land Office (GLO). (JR)

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Baird and seconded by Councilmember Waldron, the Council voted (3) “ayes” and zero (0) “nays” to accept the Resilient Communities Program (RCP). The motion carried.

- O. Promotional Products for City Staff. (JR)



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Upon a motion made by Councilmember Swann and seconded by Councilmember Waldron, the Council voted (3) "ayes" and zero (0) "nays" to table until next month. The motion carried.

P. Cancel 2023 General Election. (JR)

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Waldron and seconded by Councilmember Swann, the Council voted (3) "ayes" and zero (0) "nays" to cancel 2023 General Election. The motion carried.

Q. Complaint Resolutions. (JR)

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Baird and seconded by Councilmember Swann, the Council voted (3) "ayes" and zero (0) "nays" regarding complaint on 8/14 was found unfounded and complaint on 8/17 will be followed up on. The motion carried.

11. Executive Session (City Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time for any item on this agenda during this meeting as authorized by the Texas Government Code)

Upon a Motion to move into executive session made by Councilmember Baird and seconded by Councilmember Waldron the Council voted (3) "ayes" and zero (0) "nays" to move into Executive Session at 5:53 pm. The motion carried.

Upon a Motion made by Councilmember Baird and seconded by Councilmember Waldron the Council voted (3) "ayes" and zero (0) "nays" to move into Regular Session at 6:32 pm. The motion carried.

12. Announcements or Comments by City Councilmembers or City Staff
Informational only; no action to be taken. (TML Region Meeting in Longview on September 21, 2023)

Suzanne Pharr- informed about TML Regional meeting in Longview.
Suzanne Pharr- gave update about violation update because John Henry left.
Suzanne Pharr- vacation update
Suzanne Pharr- reminded everyone about cyber training after the meeting.

13. Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Waldron and seconded by Councilmember Swann, the Council voted (3) "ayes" and zero (0) "nays" to adjourn this meeting at 6:38 p.m. The motion carried.

Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem

Attest:

City Secretary

Certification

"I, the undersigned authority does hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting was removed from City Hall bulletin board, 103 W. Gregg Street, City of Mount Enterprise, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, on the 29th day of August, 2023 at 6:40 p.m., after having been posted for at least 72 continuous hours preceding the scheduled time of the posted meeting.

City Administrator, City of Mount Enterprise, Texas