

Regular Meeting
Ladonia City Council
Monday, September 12, 2022
7:00 p.m. at Ladonia City Hall

MINUTES

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm and a quorum was established.
- II. Roll Call/Members present: Russell Duckworth, Deborah Barkheimer, Discha Threlkeld, Shakemala Aubrey, Greg Morris
- III. The invocation was given by Tom Hulsey and the pledges recited by all present.
- IV. Citizens Comments
Jo Dahlin-E-Pay Survey was only on Facebook & stated no extra cost
Want us to contract with any Public Works employees that they must stay for a certain amount of time or they can pay the City back.
Thank you for the stop sign.
What happened with Taylor Street?
Mr. Armstrong wants commercial but he is not forth-coming with what he wants to do with the property. He should be able to do anything that he would like to do on his property that is legal? But that is one thing we should be able to discuss as a community, do we want another liquor store in town? That is my comments.

Prior to Consent Agenda items Russell Duckworth requested that Role & Responsibilities be removed from Closed Session as item A and be moved to New Business as item H.

Russell Duckworth requested that Section V items A, B & C be removed from Consent Agenda. Remove from Consent Agenda so that they can be discussed.

Greg Morris-for what reason?

RD-It does not have to be explained. I am asking that it be removed from consent. So that it can be discussed.

GM-So if I want to move anything on the Agenda I can do that.

RD-In the consent agenda any one member can request that it be moved and it is so.

DT-Do you have that in writing?

RD-Remove from consent we have to discuss the minutes.

DT- I just want to see it in writing so I know we are not being messed over.

- V. Consent Agenda
 - A. Motion was made by Greg Morris and seconded by Debbie Barkheimer to approve the minutes of August, 2022 meetings. **VOTE 5-0**
 - B. Motion was made by Russell Duckworth and seconded by Discha Threlkeld to approve the Financial Report for August, 2022. **VOTE 5-0**
 - C. Motion was made by Russell Duckworth and seconded by Shakemala Aubrey to approve accounts payable for September, 2022. **VOTE 5-0**
- VI. Information Reports
 - A. Utility/Public Works Department not received.
 - B. Volunteer Fire Department report was given by Russell Duckworth.

1. Total number of calls – 82/medical 6; grass fire 2; accident 2; mutual aid 2
3 brush pile, rekindle on brush pile and Search & Rescue at Fossil Park
 2. Volunteer hours for Feb-July 166.55 total call hours 35.47
 3. Water usage: 0 gallons
- C. Administration Department report was given by Patricia Harrod.
1. LRA Ranch Rodeo & Bullfest 9/16-9/17/22
 2. Frontier Days 9/17/22
 3. Feeding Fannin 9/20/22- they will now be doing distributions twice a month 1st & 3rd Tuesdays' of the month
 4. 20 Mile Garage Sale 10/8/22
 5. Fossil Day 10/15/22
- D. Police Department report was given by Deborah Barkheimer.
1. Significant events
August 8th – Department personnel conducted monthly training meeting
August 28th – Escorted Bug Tussle Trek
 2. Department Statistics
Calls for Service: 5
Arrests: None
Traffic Stops: 0
Warnings: 0 / 0
Open Investigative Cases: 0
Personnel: Nine (8) – Six (6) sworn, Two (2) civilian (EM Open)
Reserve hours: 124 hours worked
Mileage: Unit 01 (Marked) 24 patrol miles
Unit 700 (Unmarked) 94 patrol miles
Fuel: Unit 01 (Marked) Zero gallons - \$0.00
Social Media: Department Facebook page has AUG 794 "Likes" & AUG 919 "Follows"
 3. Completed Projects
 4. On-Going Projects
-TCOG Police Vehicle Grant – Radio, GPS, magnetic stripe card reader, printer, fire extinguisher and first aid kit on order or installed. Grant funds scheduled to be spent and all documentation uploaded in e-Grants by the end of August. Grant to be finalized / closed in September.
-Ladonia Police Officers and the Fannindel ISD Admin will be conducting Active Shooter Response training on both campuses - September 12th starting at 2 p.m. Officers will walk through the buildings and review the ISD Response plan. Inv. Blankenship and Ms. Wilburn will be leading this session.

VII. Old Business

- A. Discuss, consider, action/Taylor St Repair
Motion was made by Russell Duckworth and seconded by Deborah Barkheimer to table until next regular meeting **VOTE 5-0**
- B. Discuss, consider, action/Job Description
Motion was made by Discha Threlkeld and seconded by Russell Duckworth to table until changes made again **VOTE 5-0**
- C. Discuss, consider, action/RVS Software Integration for e-bills & autopay
Motion was made by Greg Morris and seconded by Deborah Barkheimer to table until new poll on website and drop box at City Hall **VOTE 4-1**

- D. Discuss, consider, action/Renewal of Republic Sanitation Contract
Motion was made by Greg Morris and seconded by Deborah Barkheimer to table until next regular meeting **VOTE 5-0**
- E. Discuss, consider, action/McClanahan & Holmes Engagement Letter
Motion was made by Russell Duckworth and seconded by Discha Threlkeld to accept McClanahan & Holmes Engagement Letter **VOTE 5-0**

VIII. New Business

- A. Discuss, consider, action/Action Regarding Police chief, reserve police officers and police department volunteers
Motion was made by Greg Morris and seconded by Discha Threlkeld to make a motion due to lack of confidence to terminate any agreements made with Howard Day to fill the position of Police Chief of the City of Ladonia and all reserve officers and staff members of the Ladonia Police Department. Howard Day and all officers and staff shall surrender all items purchased for or donated to the Ladonia Police Dept. to include but not limited to badges, identification cards, ammunition, body armor, tasers and taser cartridges, computer software, keys and any items that can be linked back to the City of Ladonia. All Ladonia Police Dept. members shall not enter any said City of Ladonia property with exception of City Hall public lobby unless escorted by the Mayor and at least one City Council Member. The Mayor will assume position of Police Dept. Administrator until a new Police Chief is appointed by the Mayor and Council.

Citizens voiced concerned that the current administration is disbanding the current PD without a plan in place and that should have a say in what happens to the PD.

RD-stated that discussion needs to occur once the second is made

GM-We do not have to have discussion

RD-Yes we do that is procedure. You do not get to say that we had a motion and a second and move on to vote without discussion. Now we are going to talk about why we are going to vote the way we are.

I am looking at the UTRWD contract and it states we are to exercise police powers to assist with the development of the lake.

Excessive Audience participation was allowed to occur.

Call to order was established.

RD- I want to know the why. This PD was set up as a starter kit, it's intended to gets us a PD that can scale as the lake develops and the town grows. You read the contract with Chief Day is not doing something he is supposed to be doing?

GM-He's been doing nothing.

PH-He will not follow any kind of direction. We need someone we can rely on and that will be here when we call on him.

RD- How much have you budgeted for a Police Chief for next year?

PH- We do not have a Police Chief, we will have an interim.

Constable Kevin Mayberry explained how the Mayor is the administrator.

RD- Call to Second

PH- reread the motion

RD- I request a roll call vote

COUNCIL VOTE

Discha Threlkeld, Mayor Pro Tem
Russell Duckworth, Alderman
Shakemala Aubrey, Alderman
Deborah Barkheimer, Alderman
Greg Morris, Alderman

FOR

X

X
X

AGAINST

X

ABSTAINED


X

It was called to question if you need a majority vote or a super majority vote. The council went into closed session to consult with the attorney in regards to how the vote needs to be followed at 8:17pm.

At 9:42 pm once session reconvened, the majority vote will carry per John Skotnik.

- B. Discuss, consider, action/Action Regarding International Residence Code Ordinance
Motion was made by Russell Duckworth and seconded by Shakemala Aubrey to table until next regular meeting **VOTE 5-0**
During this discussion Dan Robertson approached Councilman Greg Morris and a private discussion occurred that was not pertaining to the current item at hand.
Mayor Harrod had to call to order to have Mr. Robertson to remove himself from the Council table.
- C. Discuss, consider, action/Action Regarding International Building Code Ordinance
Motion was made by Russell Duckworth and seconded by Shakemala Aubrey to table until next regular meeting **VOTE 5-0**
- D. Discuss, consider, action/Approve Proclamation National Fossil Day
Motion was made by Russell Duckworth and seconded by Discha Threlkeld to approve the Proclamation for National Fossil Day **VOTE 5-0**
- E. Discuss, consider, action/Council Chambers Sound System
Motion was made by Russell Duckworth and seconded by Greg Morris to Table with no further action to be taken **VOTE 5-0**
- F. Discuss, consider, action/Mill St & Richard St road repair
Motion was made by Greg Morris and seconded by Russell Duckworth to Table until we get quotes from three (3) different companies that Mr. Morris will contact to get the quotes **VOTE 5-0**
- G. Discuss, consider, action/Rent 2 portable toilets for Fossil Day
Motion was made by Russell Duckworth and seconded by Greg Morris to approve Pat's Pump to deliver two (2) portable toilets for Fossil Day **VOTE 5-0**
- IX. The Council convened in Executive Session at **8:17 pm** as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Open Meetings
A. Role & Responsibilities of Liaisons to the City Departments
B. City Personnel
- X. The Council reconvened in Open Session at **9:42 pm** to take action (if any) on items discussed in executive session.
A. No action taken
B. No action taken
- XI. Motion was made by Russell Duckworth and seconded by Deborah Barkheimer that the meeting adjourn at 9:58 pm. **VOTE 5-0**


Dana Burkett, City Secretary


Patricia Harrod, Mayor