

**CITY OF WEST TAWAKONI CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**January 9, 2024**

**7:00 P.M.**

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**MASKS ARE OPTIONAL**

**THE MEETING LIVE AT**

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**Regular Session**

**7:00 PM**

**1. Call to Order by Kevin Featherston @ 7 P.M.**

- **Attending Council Members:**  
Kevin Featherston  
Jacq O'Connell  
Chris Burkett  
Leon Myers  
Robin Myers  
Leigh Thompson- City Attorney

**2. Invocation lead by Robin Myers.**

**3. Pledge of Allegiance lead by all.**

**4. Announcements**

- Robin noted that April 8<sup>th</sup> there will be a Solar Eclipse and all surrounding cities have people coming from all over. The City can try and bring people in.
- Kevin announced The Food Pantry in Quinlan expects to feed 30,000 families this year and kudos to them for their hard work.
- Mary Hall speaks on behalf of The Food Pantry and announces if any one would like to volunteer, donate food, or bags. Families can come once a week now instead of once a month.
- Jacq asked times, Mary states the pantry is open 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Monday-Thursday.
- Kevin wants to give thanks to Tracey Travers, his wife, and everyone who helped organize The events for Lucas, who is fighting childhood cancer.
- Kevin announces for line 5 we will discuss

**5. Citizen Input - 3 Minute Limit - (Related to Agenda Items) Kevin added Non-Related Items**

- Pam Reed read a letter she wrote to Mayor, Jim Turnipseed. In regards to the removal of Rhett Byers from EDC being unethical, She is asking for the resignation of The Mayor. (Pam gave a copy to Amanda)
- Bob Roberts states The Amvets is looking to see if the City will grant more property to increase their parking lot. The Amvets would like to extend their activities to an outside area. Bob Roberts gave a copy of the markers to council members and would like to know where to start.
- Kevin advises Mr. Roberts to come to The City Hall and get with Kim Cowley to get on the agenda for discussion and consideration.
- Jane Kheler has some questions she wants known, What was the revenue on the circus and where did that money go? The metal that was out at the plant/dump where did that go to? Does the City have something with Sanitation solution on the metal? Did the City cash it in? if so, where did that money go in the Budget and what is it being used for?

**6. Consent Agenda:**

Please note that your consent agenda items are from a-m

- a. Approval of Minutes (December 2023)
- b. Approve Bills Paid and Those to be Paid (December 2023)
- c. Approval of Financial Reports (December 2023)
- d. Court Report - (December 2023)
- e. Police Department Report (December 2023)
- f. Public Works Work Order Report (Completed & Outstanding December 2023)
- g. Public Work Reports (December 2023)
- h. Permit Report (December 2023)
- i. Code Enforcement Report – (December 2023)
- j. EDC Minutes- (None)
- k. KWTB Minutes – (None)
- l. Planning and Zoning Minutes-(None)
- m. Report from All American Dogs - (December 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023)

- Kevin asks if there are any questions and states he had copies of the new P&L That has just a few changes. (like where the rock was applied and a few others)
- Robin asked a question on the court report, stated Amanda you can answer this? Is the amount for the year or monthly. Amanda replied this is a monthly amount.
- Kevin states there is no 6g Public Works director was not at the meeting, any questions or comments?
- Chris motions to approve consent agenda items, Robin 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

**7. Old Business:**

- a. Discussion and/or Action on applications for Park Board/Committee Members
  - Jacq asks if The City does background checks? Agreed by al that they do not believe so. Also, she would like to contact the Applicants to make sure they are still interested. Leon says we should make a point to if they are accepted.
  - Kevin states we will have 7 members in total an if there is any questions or thoughts.
  - Robin gives praise to everyone who applied. Questions are asked if this will be a board or a committee?
  - Kevin suggests a Special Session for thoughts a decision on January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Where they will scope and decide.
  - Chris Motions to allow Jacq to contact applicants, Kevin 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

**8. New Business:**

- a. Discussion and/or Action to Approve 1st Reading of Ordinance No. #310-01-16-2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10, SECTION 1, 1.A, 1.C., SECTION 2A, 2, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WEST TAWAKONI, TEXAS TO PROVIDE FOR NEW WATER/SEWER RATES, WATER DEPOSITS, DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE, WINTER OFF FEES, TAP FEES, ROAD BORES, INSUFFICIENT FUNDS CHECK CHARGE AND A CATEGORY DEFINITION ACCORDING TO

**BILLING FEES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT: PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE: PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

- Jacq motions to approve, Chris 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

**b. Discussion and/or Action to Approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. # 311-01-16-2024**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10, SECTION 1.B OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WEST TAWAKONI, TEXAS TO PROVIDE FOR NEW WATER/SEWER RATES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT: PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE: PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

- Leon motions to approve, Kevin 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

**c. Discussion and/or Action to Approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. # 312-01-16-2024**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF WEST TAWAKONI, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR A COLLECTION FEE FOR DELINQUENT UTILITY BILLS, WITH MVBA.**

- Jacq asks how far back they will go? Tammy and Amanda, 4 years.
- Robin motions to approve, Chris 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

**d. Discussion and/or Action to Approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading on Ordinance No. 307-01-09-2024**

**An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 9 "Traffic Regulations", of The City of West Tawakoni, Providing for A Penalty of a Fine Not to Exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for Eash Offense; Providing A Savings Clause; Providing A Severability Clause; Providing a Repealer Clause; Providing for Publication; and Providing for an Effective Date.**

- Kevin states changes were made, adding the Chief and changing HWY 35 to HWY 36.
- Chris motioned to approve, Robin 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

**e. Discussion and/or Action to Approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading for Ordinance No. 308-01-09-2024**

**An Ordinance of the City of West Tawakoni Providing for "Backflow Prevention"; Providing for Severability; And That This Ordinance Shall Become Effective From And After Its Passage and Adoption and Publication In The Official Newspaper of The City.**

- Jacq motioned to approve, Leon 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

**9. Discussion and/or Action to Rescind Resolution NO. #378-06-08-2021 – West Tawakoni Farmers Market (Market on the Lake)**

- Robin motioned to approve, Kevin 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

**10. Discussion and/or Action – Reconsideration of appointment of Rhett Byers to the Economic Development Committee.**

- Robin asked to go into Executive Session, Closed @ 7:44 p.m. Regular Session opened back @ 7:57 p.m.
- Kevin states we don't feel like we have everything in place to do that, so no action will be taken.

11. Adjourn – Leon motioned to adjourn, Chris 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

ATTEST:

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Amanda Hock – Court Clerk

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Kim Cowley - City Secretary

The City of West Tawakoni reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices,) and 551.086 (Economic Development).