



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday April 26, 2022

Present: Mayor Rachel Ruelas, Council Member Diana Castaneda, Andy Carrasco, Mary Alvarado, Vera Zavala, Arturo De La Fuente, City Treasurer Josh, City Clerk Sylvia Sanchez, City Attorney William Edelblute, Police Chief Garcia and Deputy City Clerk Maricela Galvez

1. Call to Order Time: 7:00p.m

2. Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence and Roll Call

3. Vote on the Meeting Agenda

There was a motion by Andy and a second by Diana to approve the meeting agenda. Motion approved 5-0.

4. **Visitor Comments** (At the discretion of the presiding Chair, Visitor Comments may be accepted on individual business items only and will be limited to 2 to 5 minutes.)

- Teresa Vargas 617 First Street commented on payment plan for sewer line connections and a 2008 bill.
- Laura Vazquez 717 South St. commented on her list of items she wanted clarified.
- Fred commented on the leasing of the Banner Bank building.
- Sophia Sotelo 220 Cedar St. commented on City Hall building, compliance of water, and public works director.
- Florencio Bueno SDA Church commented on the purposed contract for the leasing of the church.
- Jose Ochoa Member of the SDA Church commented on the purposed contract for the leasing of the church.
- Collin Mears commented on the SDA Church, Leasing of bank and appreciation of Chief Garcia.
- Amber Alice 304 Third Ave commented on her appreciation for the Mabton Police and feeling safer.
- Sierra Rivera 309 Maple Street wanted to recognize the Council members along with the Police Department, commented on the church and recognition on the mayor's performance.

5. **Consent Agenda** (The following will be enacted by one motion. There will be no discussion separate of these items unless a Council Member requests separate discussion. The item will be removed from the Consent agenda and added to New Business.)

There was a motion by Andy and a second by Diana to approve the consent agenda. Motion approved 5-0.

- A. Approve Study Session Minutes for Tuesday April 12,2022
- B. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes for Tuesday April 12,2022
- C. Approve Payroll Warrant Register April 26,2022, Numbers #12834-12836 in the amount of \$41985.73.
- D. Approve Claim Voucher/Payment April 26,2022, Numbers #12837 through 12866 and electronic transfers totaling \$53,938.87.

6. Public Hearing: Start Time: _____ End Time: _____

7. Old Business

- A. Approval of **Resolution 2022-12 A Resolution of The City of Mabton, Washington Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Lease Agreement with Alfred Webb Investment Properties LLC, Kurt Balliet Managing Member For 408 B Street the Ex-Banner Bank Building**

There was a motion by Andy and a second by Vera to table Resolution 2022-12. Motion approved 3-2.

8. New Business

- A. Approval of **Resolution 2022-13 Authorizing a lease agreement between the city of Mabton and the SDA Church for building located at 406 Washington St. -Strike**
- B. Approval of **Resolution 2022-15 Authorizing the Mayor to Eliminate the Public Works Director Position**

There was a motion by Arturo and a second by Vera not to approve Resolution 2022-15. Motion was not approved 2-3.

9. Mayor's Report

- Beautification Award

Mayor reports the Beautification award has begun. Encourages the citizens to participate and submit photos of their yards or neighbors that deserve to be recognized. Mayor also explains that she will be donating a gift basket for the winners.

10. Staff Reports

- Council Reports

Vera- Would like to have the council review expenses before making a decision on the leasing of the bank. Also, Vera explains procedure for proceeding with contracts with council approval and explains a recent incident with a park permit.

Arturo- Addresses recent complaints on the cemetery.

- City Clerk- Upcoming Presentation

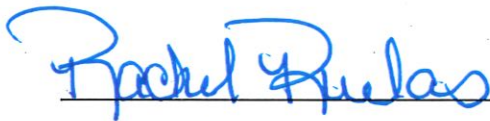
Sylvia explains an upcoming presentation being brought by WCIA for Mayor and Council Members on May 24th.

- City Attorney
- City Treasurer
- Chief of Police

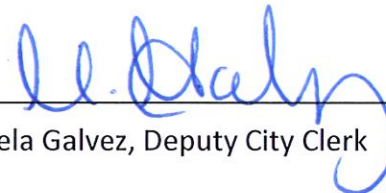
Chief Garcia explains he is now evaluating the manpower of the police department. Chief explains he is looking at the budget to possibly hire one to two more officers. Chief will put numbers together and will report it back to council. It is also reported that the police department has been busy and the Facebook page is up and will be a good way of communication to the residents about what is going on, so he encourages everyone to follow the page. Chief emphasizes reporting all activities to the dispatch center at 509-574-2500 to help track calls and complaints.

11. Adjournment:

Time: 7:50p.m



Rachel Ruelas, Mayor



Maricela Galvez, Deputy City Clerk