



**NOTICE OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, October 14, 2021
7:00 PM**

Don Smith
Mayor

Ernie Burns
Mayor Pro-Tem

Amanda Davis
Council Member

Linzy Neal
Council Member

Charles Ryan
Council Member

Ryan Hanson
Council Member

Charles West
City Manager

AGENDA

Notice is hereby given as required by Title 5, Chapter 551.041 of the Government Code that the Van City Council will meet in a Regular Meeting on **Thursday October 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM** at Van City Hall, 310 Chestnut St., Van, TX 75790. The items listed below are placed on the agenda for discussion and/or action.

The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at anytime during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matter listed below, 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 551.087 (Economic Development).

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- A. Roll Call and Establish a Quorum

II. INVOCATION

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. US Flag
B. Texas Flag

IV. OPEN FORUM

The opportunity for citizens to address the City Council on any non-agenda item (**limit 3 minutes per person**); however, the Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits the City Council from discussing issues which the public has not been given seventy- two (72) hour notice. Issues raised may be referred to City Staff for research and potential future action.

V. PRESENTATION / RECOGNITION

- A. Introduction and swearing in of the New Police Chief

VI. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action on setting a permanent date for Trick or Treating Downtown each year
- B. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on the subdivision of a 1.041 acre tract on N Bois D Arc and Stadium Drive to create three residential lots and dedicate 0.054 acres of right of way to the City of Van for roadway and utilities. Denny Rucker

- C. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action on a request from Josh Harris to discuss city codes related to businesses within the city limits and what can be done to make it fair to businesses and residents.
- D. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action on a request for funding for a historical marker to be placed on city property near the Van Oil Museum showing the history and importance of the Texas Short Line Railway in 1930 and how it impacted the Van Community.
- E. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action on the City of Van Partnering with Basa Energy in hosting and sponsoring the annual Oil Festival to be held at the City Park located next to the Oil Museum.
- F. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action on amending the City of Van Personnel Policy
- G. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action on adopting "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF VAN, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 13, PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF VAN, TEXAS ON DECEMBER 10, 2020, AS CODIFIED IN THE VAN CODE OF ORDINANCES AS CHAPTER 13; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE"
- H. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action on adopting "AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF VAN AS "TAX ABATEMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER ONE"; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE AND EXPIRATION DATE FOR THE ZONE; PROVIDING FOR RENEWAL OF THE ZONE; AND PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE"
- I. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action on adopting "Tax Abatement Policy Principles" for the City of Van.
- J. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action on "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF VAN, TEXAS JOINING WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE AS A PARTY IN THE TEXAS OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS SECURED BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION FORMS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."
- K. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action on approving the calculated 2021 Tax Levy

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

(All consent agenda items are considered routine by City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member request an item be removed and considered separately.)

- A. Minutes from September 9, 2021 Council Meeting
- B. September 2021 Expenditures

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Sec. 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.076, 551.087, and Section 418.183(f) of the Texas Government Code (Texas Disaster Act). Refer to posted list attached hereto and incorporated here in.

IX. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION AND CONSIDER ACTION IF ANY

X. REPORTS

- A. City Manager Monthly Report
- B. Fire Department Monthly Report
- C. Fire Marshal Monthly Report
- D. Library Monthly Report
- E. Municipal Court Monthly Report

- F. Parks Department Monthly Report
- G. Police Monthly Report
- H. Public Works Monthly Report

RECEIVE REQUESTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS/STAFF FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Discussion under this item must be limited to whether the Council wishes to include a potential agenda item on a future agenda.

XI. **ADJOURN**

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above notice was posted in the bulletin board at Van City Hall, 113 W. Main, Van, Texas 75790 by **5:00 pm on Friday October 8, 2021.**

Sereca Huff-Huggins, City Secretary

NOTE: If, during the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Council will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E

 *Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this public meeting and who may need auxiliary aid or services are requested to contact the Van City Hall 48 hours in advance, at (903)963-7216, and reasonable accommodations will be made for assistance.*