



**NOTICE OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, November 9, 2023
7:00 PM**

Tammy Huff
Mayor

Ernie Burns
Mayor Pro-Tem

Mark Heatwole
Council Member

Linzy Neal
Council Member

Charles Ryan
Council Member

Laura Duncan
Council Member

City Manager

MINUTES

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mayor Huff.

A. Roll Call and Establish a Quorum

Present: Linzy Neal, Ernie Burns, Charles Ryan, Laura Duncan, Mark Heatwole

Absent:

II. INVOCATION

Invocation was led by David Barber.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Huff.

A. US Flag

B. Texas Flag

"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."

IV. OPEN FORUM

The opportunity for citizens to address the City Council on any agenda item (**limit 3 minutes per person**); however, the Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits the City Council from discussing issues that 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. 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.)

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Ernie Burns
SECONDER:	Charles Ryan
AYES:	Linzy Neal, Ernie Burns, Charles Ryan, Mark Heatwole, Laura Duncan

NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

A. Meeting Minutes

1. Minutes from October 12, 2023
2. Minutes from October 25, 2023.

B. Financial Report

VI. **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

VII. **REPORTS**

- A. Fire Department Monthly Report
Reviewed
- B. Library Monthly Report
Reviewed
- C. Municipal Court Monthly Report
Reviewed
- D. Parks Department Monthly Report
Reviewed
- E. Police Monthly Report
Reviewed
- F. Public Works Monthly Report
Reviewed

VIII. **ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action on minor plat for lots 1 and 2 property ID R000046496 and lots 3 and 4 property ID R000020018 located on W Iowa St. in the M. Gross Survey, Abstract No. 297 Van, Texas.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Ernie Burns
SECONDER:	Mark Heatwole
AYES:	Linzy Neal, Ernie Burns, Charles Ryan, Mark Heatwole, Laura Duncan
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

- B. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action on approving the calculated 2023 Tax Levy of \$1,317,585.61.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Laura Duncan
SECONDER:	Mark Heatwole
AYES:	Linzy Neal, Ernie Burns, Charles Ryan, Mark Heatwole, Laura Duncan

NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

- C. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action on an Interlocal Agreement between the Van PD K9 Unit and the Van Zandt County Precinct 4 Constable's Office.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Charles Ryan
SECONDER:	Ernie Burns
AYES:	Linzy Neal, Ernie Burns, Charles Ryan, Mark Heatwole, Laura Duncan
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

- D. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action on the removal of the stop sign at the intersection of East Pennsylvania and Magnolia Street.

RESULT:	Failed
MOVER:	Ernie Burns
SECONDER:	Mark Heatwole
AYES:	Ernie Burns, Mark Heatwole
NAYS:	Linzy Neal, Charles Ryan, Laura Duncan
ABSTAINED:	None

- E. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action on the demolition of the building located at 189 S. Maple.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Charles Ryan
SECONDER:	Ernie Burns
AYES:	Linzy Neal, Ernie Burns, Charles Ryan, Mark Heatwole, Laura Duncan
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

- F. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action on Ordinance 11-09-2023 authorizing the sale of beer and wine off-premise consumption pursuant to the authority of Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code, Section 251.725 on the commercially zoned property consisting of 10.474 acres in the J. THOMAS SURVEY, A-866, Van Zandt County, Texas As Recorded by Van Zandt County Clerk on 08-31-2021 In the official public records of Van Zandt County, Texas; providing for a severability clause; providing for an effective date.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Charles Ryan
SECONDER:	Ernie Burns
AYES:	Linzy Neal, Ernie Burns, Charles Ryan, Mark Heatwole, Laura Duncan
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

IX. 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.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Laura Duncan
SECONDER:	Mark Heatwole
AYES:	Linzy Neal, Ernie Burns, Charles Ryan, Mark Heatwole, Laura Duncan

NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

Convene into executive session at 7:41 p.m.

- A. The Council will convene in Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.074 (personnel) City Manager position.

X. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION AND CONSIDER ACTION IF ANY

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Mark Heatwole
SECONDER:	Laura Duncan
AYES:	Linzy Neal, Ernie Burns, Charles Ryan, Mark Heatwole, Laura Duncan
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

Reconvene from the executive session at 8:57 p.m.

- A. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action on Item IX. A. concerning the City Manager position.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Laura Duncan
SECONDER:	Mark Heatwole
AYES:	Linzy Neal, Ernie Burns, Charles Ryan, Mark Heatwole, Laura Duncan
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

To hire John Desha pending acceptance.

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.

Van Zandt County Emergency Manual.

XI. ADJOURN

RESULT:	Adjourn
MOVER:	Ernie Burns
SECONDER:	Linzy Neal
AYES:	Linzy Neal, Ernie Burns, Charles Ryan, Mark Heatwole, Laura Duncan
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

Attest:

Mayor

City Secretary