

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF SHALLOWATER, JUNE 20, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.  
WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

AMANDA CUMMINGS

CITY SECRETARY

ASHLEY CARR

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

WILL GRIFFIS (VIA CONFERENCE CALL)

CITY ATTORNEY

RUSSEL MOSES

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

ALDERMAN:

CHRIS CODY

LOGAN SCARLETT

JASON WHITE

KYLE YEAGER

**Others Present:** Ruben Ponce, Leonard Nail, Billy and Linda Taylor, Jeremy Stewart, Brian Williams, Ariel Rodriguez, April Sargent, James Andrews, and Shawn Claunch

**Pledge Of Allegiance:** The meeting was opened at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Chris Cody.

**Invocation:** Invocation was offered by Mayor Pro Tem Chris Cody.

**Consider and Discuss Alley Behind 5<sup>th</sup> Street Requested by Mr. Taylor at 1318 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Street:** Billy Taylor stated that the alley behind his house at 1318 5<sup>th</sup> is constantly flooding due to the slope on the south end of the intersection at 5<sup>th</sup> and Ave N. He stated that he has lost many items in their storage building due to the water levels being so high that it gets into his building. Mr. Taylor asked the council if they would be willing to look at the intersection/alley to see if this problem could be fixed. He provided pictures to the council to show what this area looks like when it floods. He also stated that the alley has very deep ruts from the trash trucks due to the flooding. Mayor Pro Tem Chris Cody stated that this area has been an issue for some time now and that he knows it has gotten worse with growth of our town and all the recent rain. Russell Moses stated that he has messed with that area for over a decade now and that they have used asphalt and caleche to try and fix that problem. He apologized to Mr. Taylor for the alley not being taken care of sooner due to all the public works guys being tied up with water issues. He assured Mr. Taylor that the alley would be taken care of as soon as possible. Mr. Taylor made a suggestion to the council about the south end of Ave N where it dead ends into the alley. He stated that if the dirt between the street and the field were bladed down, the water would run off into the ditch of the city owned property instead of down the alley. Russell stated that he had been told in the past that changing the direction of the water runoff would be illegal. Mayor Pro Tem Chris Cody asked Will Griffis to confirm the legality of doing that and Will stated that since the city owned the land that the water would run off to, it was legal to do

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that. Leonard Nail stated that removing the berm that's between Ave N and the city owned field would allow for the water to run off smoothly.

**Open Forum:** Mayor Pro Tem Chris Cody opened open forum at 7:03 p.m.

**Department Reports:**

**Fire Department:** We currently have 43 members and two Jr. Firefighters on the department. Specifications and pricing for the replacement tanker was provided to council for discussion.

**Emergency Management:** The EOC was activated one time this month for severe weather. Spotters were sent out from the fire department. This was the first EOC activation of the year and everything is functioning properly.

**Municipal Court:** Ashley Carr presented the court report for Judge McAuley as follows: Five current cases, three truancy cases, one pre-trial, one trial, sixteen payment plans, one community service, nine driver safety course, seventeen deferrals and ninety-three warrants.

**Police Department:** Chief Williams introduced the two new officers they hired, Ariel Rodriguez and April Sargent. Both will start phase one with the department on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Chief Williams stated that the department conducted their annual firearm qualifications on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Code Enforcement:** Officer Claunch stated that he is working on locating a contact number for the owner of a property that the doors are falling off the building and weeds are out of control. He stated that Nikki and Ashley have been researching the property for him to help with locating a contact.

**Public Works:** Water production from our well field totaled 8,711,000 gallons, with 7,402,000 gallons entering distribution, equaling 82% of water produced. Reject and wastewater from the water treatment plant totaled 1,309,000 gallons which was a little higher percentage than normal due to the water plant maintenance performed at the end of the month. Water usage from the City of Lubbock totaled 3,486,000 gallons, constituting 30.78% of our total water usage which again is higher than usual due to the extended maintenance on our plant. Wastewater flow for the month was 7,267,200 gallons with a flow of 234,000 gallons per day. This put us at 81% of the systems capacity for the month of May.

This month the main project was extensive and thorough maintenance of our water plant including tearing down and rebuilding 8 out of our 12 EDR stacks. Ivan Cenicerros from Veolia spent 3 weeks with us at the plant educating and re-educating us on the intricacies of its operations and helping us to rectify several issues that had arisen over the previous 3 years. As of the end of the month, the water leaving our plant had returned to well within the parameters on its conductivity level. Though we are still 3 stacks short of a fully operational plant, the Public Works Team now has a much higher grasp on how the plant runs and how to properly and quickly address issues in the future. At the beginning of the month, Public Works crew members dug and laid an irrigation line and temporary sprinkler system for the dog parks located at Young City Park. In doing this, it will allow for future expansion and instillation of a permanent irrigation system in the future. Bermuda grass seed was panted and fertilized in a concerted effort to further the beauty and enjoyability of the dog parks. Other projects for the month were mainly focused on grounds upkeep along with one sewer tap at 707 Ave G and one street sign replacement at 7<sup>th</sup> and Ave J. Public Works employees continue to work on grounds upkeep citywide along with continuing education and record keeping overhaul.

**Consider And Discuss Water and Sewer Updates and Engineering Report-**

**Leonard Nail, Parkhill:** Leonard stated that the acid tank at the water treatment plant would be inspected on Thursday. They have been working of fixing a few pin hole leaks and he believes it will pass inspection this go around. He also stated that the AGS report is complete and he presented the report to the council. Leonard stated that they have a meeting with the Texas Water Development Board scheduled for next week and Parkhill has drawn up a letter to present to the board and he believes it will be beneficial for the mayor to sign the letter which will state that the City of Shallowater is invested and progressively working on a new water source.

**Consider and Discuss Daco Proposal for the Tanker Replacement:** Jeremy Stewart stated that there was a tanker that was ordered by someone else that didn't meet their specification but fortunately did meet the specification for SFD. He stated that normally we would order a tanker and it would take about two years to complete so they are very thankful that this tanker is available. Alderman Yeager made the motion to accept the proposal from Daco for the tanker replacement. Alderman Scarlett made the second. Motion carried with four in favor and Alderman T. White absent.

**Consider and Discuss Bids for Police Vehicle:** Chief Williams stated that they got bids on a couple of trucks that are currently in stock. He also stated that the price is not outfitted but the cost to outfit the truck is already in the budget and some things are covered with grants. Alderman J. White made the motion to accept the bid for the Dodge SSV. Alderman Scarlett made the second. Motion carried with four in favor and Alderman T. White absent.

**Consider and Discuss TML Health Now TX Health Rerate for 2023-2024 Fiscal**

**Year:** Amanda Cummings stated that unfortunately the rates are going up, but it is still better than what we can do on the open market. The rerate includes an 8% increase dental and a 16% increase on medical which makes the rate increase by \$21,000. Alderman J. White made the motion to accept the TX Health Rerate for 2023-2024 fiscal year. Alderman Yeager made the second. Motion carried with four in favor and Alderman T. White absent.

**Consider Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Alderman Yeager made the motion to approve the minutes from previous meeting. Alderman Scarlett made the second. Motion carried with four in favor and Alderman T. White absent.

**Consider Financial Report:** Alderman J. White made the motion to approve the financial report. Alderman Yeager made the second. Motion carried with four in favor and Alderman T. White absent.

**Consider Bills Payable:** Alderman Yeager made the motion to approve the bills payable. Alderman Scarlett made the second. Motion carried with four in favor and Alderman T. White absent.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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Amanda Cummings, City Secretary

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