REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF SHALLOWATER, AUGUST 20, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M. WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

ROYKING POTTER
MAYOR
AMANDA CUMMINGS
CITY SECRETARY
NIKKI CORONADO
DEPUTY CITY SECRETARY
RUSSEL MOSES
CITY ADMINISTRATOR
WILL GRIFFIS
CITY ATTORNEY (VIA CONFERENCE CALL)

ALDERMAN:
CHRIS CODY
LOGAN SCARLETT
TROY WHITE

Others Present: Cory Buck, Kathy Williams, Brian Williams, Leonard Nail, James Andrews, Jeremy Stewart, Nolan Henson, Silas Jones, Shawn Claunch, and James Andrews

Pledge Of Allegiance: The meeting was opened at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Potter. Mayor Potter closed the hearing at 7:41 p.m.

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

Open Forum: Open forum was opened at 7:05 p.m. Amanda Cummings wanted the council to give a big thank you and kudos to JD Young and Russel Moses for contacting Mrs. Marr and getting permission to work north of the berm. She mentioned this is something we have worked on for a very long time and they met with her and have a signed approval document. Mayor Potter closed open forum at 7:54 p.m.

Department Reports:

Fire Department: Chief Cory Buck was present and a written report was presented. There were no questions. Chief Buck added that the new brush truck should be ready soon.

Consider and Discuss the Interlocal Agreement Between Lubbock County, Texas and the City of Shallowater for Fire Suppression and Rescue Services: Alderman Cody made the motion to accept the Interlocal Agreement as presented. Alderman Scarlett made the second. The motion carried with 3 in favor and Alderman J. White and Alderman Yeager absent.

Emergency Management: Chief Buck was present and a written report was presented. There were no questions.

Municipal Court: Judge McAuley provided Amanda Cummings with the report. She stated that there were seven new cases, four truancies, eighteen on payment plans, eight show cause, nine deferred, one community service, six driver safety courses, five awaiting trial, and 110 warrants.

Code Enforcement: Officer Claunch provided a written report. There were no questions.

Public Works: Nolan Henson presented a written report. There were no questions.

Consider and Discuss Water and Sewer Updates and Engineering Report-Leonard Nail, Parkhill: Leonard Nail stated that the emergency wastewater project has come to a halt. We are waiting on a pump that will not be here until November and it is at a standstill until it arrives.

Consider and Discuss Authorization for Resolutions for the Texas Water Development Board D funding for the Planning and Design of Water and Wastewater Projects: Mayor Potter explained that we had a workshop before the meeting. Mayor Potter stated that he recommended we move as quickly as possible on this so we can begin the planning and design for the water and wastewater projects with the TWDB through available funds through the D Fund. Alderman T. White asked for clarification. Amanda Cummings explained that if we complete the planning and design phase of the projects through the D Fund, we will hopefully have a better chance of being awarded State Revolving Fund monies in the construction phase. She mentioned that the projects will be considered “shovel ready” and more points are attached to projects that are ready to be constructed. She stated that they have a Pre-Application Meeting with the TWDB on Thursday to gather more information, but are seeking the approval of the required resolutions for D fund applications and authorization for Mayor Potter to sign them and to proceed with the application and funding process. Alderman T. White made the motion to approve the required resolutions for the D Fund Application and authorize Mayor Potter to sign and proceed with seeking funding assistance from the Texas Water Development Board D Fund. Alderman Scarlett made the second. The motion carried with 4 in favor and Alderman J. White absent.

Consider and Discuss the Parkhill Master Services Agreement: Mayor Potter recommended the council accept the Parkhill Master Services Agreement for the D Fund financing for the planning, design, and acquisition for water and waste water improvements. Alderman T. White made the motion to accept the Parkhill Master Service Agreement for the Texas Water Development Board D Fund financing for the design, planning, and acquisition for water and wastewater improvements. Alderman Cody made the second. The motion carried with 3 in favor and Alderman J. White and Alderman Yeager absent.

The council went into executive session to discuss the Well Field Proposal Project under section 551.071 of the government code regarding consultation with city attorney and section 551.072 of the government code regarding deliberations about real property to discuss the possible purchase of land at 7:16 p.m.

The Council reconvened in regular session at 7:51 p.m.

Consider and Discuss Well Field Proposal Project Presented by Silas Jones: Mayor Potter recommended the city purchase the property. Will Griffis advised that the motion should be to purchase this acreage for $2,500 per acre and close before or on January 31, 2025 and the city will pay $1,000 in escrow. Alderman T. White made the motion that we purchase the 26.7 acres from Silas Jones's entity for $2,500 per acre to close on before February 1, 2025 and the city will pay $1,000 in escrow. Alderman Cody made the second. The motion carried with 3 in favor and Alderman J. White and Alderman Yeager absent.

Consider and Discuss Proposed 2024 Property Tax Rate and Public Hearing Date: Amanda Cummings explained that this notice was prepared to publish the voter approval rate as the proposed tax rate and have the public hearing on September 17, 2024, the date of the regular meeting and that it requires a record vote. Alderman Cody made the motion to set the 2024 proposed tax rate to the voter approval rate of $0.562772 per $100 valuation and the public hearing to held at the September 17,2024 meeting. Alderman T. White made the second. The motion carried with 3 in favor and Alderman J. White and Alderman Yeager absent. The record vote is as follows:

Alderman Cody in favor	Alderman Yeager absent
Alderman T. White in favor	Alderman J. White absent
Alderman Scarlett absent	Mayor Royking Potter in favor

Consider and Discuss Resolution of the City Council of the City of Shallowater,

Texas, Approving a Negotiated Settlement Between the Executive Committee of Cities Served by Atmos West Texas ("Cities") and Atmos Energy Corp., West Texas Division Regarding the Company's 2024 Rate Review Mechanism Filing; Declaring Existing Rates to be Unreasonable; Adopting Tariffs That Reflect Rate Adjustments Consistent with the Negotiated Settlement; Finding the Rates to be Set by the Attached Settlement Tariffs to be Just and Reasonable and in the Public Interest; Approving an Attachment Establishing a Benchmark for Pensions and Retiree Medical Benefits; Requiring the Company to Reimburse Cities' Reasonable Ratemaking Expenses; Determining That This Resolution was Passed in Accordance with the Requirements Of The Texas Open Meetings Act; Adopting A Savings Clause; Declaring An0 Effective Date; And Requiring Delivery Of This Resolution To The Company And The Cities' Legal Counsel: Alderman Cody made the motion to accept the resolution as presented. Alderman Scarlett made the second. The motion carried with 3 in favor and Alderman J. White and Alderman Yeager absent.

CONSIDER AND DISCUSS BANK AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION AND DUTIES: Alderman Cody made the motion to remove Ashley Carr from all City of Shallowater accounts and access as she is no longer employed by the city and all other signers will continue to have the same access as the previous resolution. Alderman T. White made the second. The motion carried with 3 in favor and Alderman J. White and Alderman Yeager absent.

Consider Minutes of Previous Meeting: Alderman Cody made the motion to approve minutes from previous meetings. Alderman Scarlett made the second. The motion carried with 3 in favor and Alderman J. White and Alderman Yeager absent.

Consider Financial Report: Alderman Cody made the motion to approve the financial report. Alderman Scarlett made the second. The motion carried with 3 in favor and Alderman J. White and Alderman Yeager absent.

Consider Bills Payable: Alderman Scarlett made the motion to approve the bills payable. Alderman T. White made the second. The motion carried with 3 in favor and Alderman J. White and Alderman Yeager absent.

Budget Workshop: Amanada asked if anyone had any questions regarding the proposed budget. She added that this will be filed with the County Clerk. There were no questions.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Amanda Cummings, City Secretary Royking Potter, Mayor