

Niederwald City Council
March 4, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes

The following represents the actions taken by the Niederwald City Council in the order they occurred during the City Council meeting.

Mayor Connie Wood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll was called. Council members in attendance were:

Jaime Aragon
Caleb Jones
Ernesto Madrigal
Emily Iverson

City Secretary, Zach Cronshey, was in attendance. City Attorney, Luke Cochran, was also in attendance.

A moment of silence was observed.

Presentations: None

Agenda Item 1. Discussion and possible action on Cheryl Williams resignation.

Synopsis: The Mayor presented to Council the resignation letter from Cheryl Williams.

Motion: Council Member Madrigal made a motion to accept the resignation letter from Cheryl Williams and this motion was seconded by Council Member Iverson.

Vote:

Jaime Aragon – Yes
Caleb Jones – Yes
Ernesto Madrigal – Yes
Emily Iverson – Yes

Motion passed.

Agenda Item 2. Discussion and possible action on the minutes from the February 4, 2025 regular City Council meeting.

Synopsis: The Mayor suggested to add Luke Cochran to the minutes for attendance.

Motion: Council Member Madrigal made a motion to approve the minutes, and this motion was seconded by Council Member Iverson.

Vote:

Jaime Aragon – Yes

Caleb Jones – Yes

Ernesto Madrigal – Yes

Emily Iverson – Yes

Motion passed.

Agenda Item 3. Discussion and possible action on Financials for January 2024.

Synopsis: Council reviewed the financial statements for January 2024.

Motion: Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the financials for January 2024.

Vote:

Jaime Aragon – Yes

Caleb Jones – Yes

Ernesto Madrigal – Yes

Emily Iverson – Yes

Motion passed.

Agenda Item 4. Discussion and possible action on paying outstanding bills in excess of City Secretary's authorized limits.

Synopsis: There were no outstanding bills that exceeded the City Secretary's authorized spending limits.

Motion: No action was taken on this item.

Agenda Item 5. Updates from City Secretary on outstanding projects.

Synopsis: The City Secretary provided the Council with an update on ongoing projects.

Motion: No action was taken on this item.

Agenda Item 6. Discussion and possible action on Covered Wagon preliminary plat approval.

Synopsis: The Council discussed the Covered Wagon preliminary plat. During the discussion, a resident asked questions regarding the plat.

Motion: Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the Covered Wagon preliminary plat, and this motion was seconded by Council Member Aragon.

Vote:

Jaime Aragon – Yes

Caleb Jones – Yes

Ernesto Madrigal – Yes

Emily Iverson – Yes

Motion passed.

Agenda Item 7. Discussion and possible action to approve the City of Niederwald authorization to issue requests for proposals for administrative services (RFP) as a disaster recovery management service provider to complete application and project implementation and request for qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA)/Hazard Mitigation Assistance(HMA) funding administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Texas Division of Emergency Management and/or Texas Water Development Board.

Synopsis: A representative from Grant Works provided an explanation of the purpose and necessity of issuing requests for proposals (RFP) for administrative services and requests for qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services related to FEMA Public Assistance (PA) and Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) funding.

Motion: Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the City of Niederwald's authorization to issue requests for proposals (RFP) for administrative services as a disaster recovery management service provider to complete applications and project implementation, and a request for qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services for FEMA Public Assistance (PA)/Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) funding, administered by FEMA, the Texas Division of Emergency Management, and/or the Texas Water Development Board. The motion was seconded by Council Member Iverson.

Vote:

Jaime Aragon – Yes

Caleb Jones – Yes

Ernesto Madrigal – Yes

Emily Iverson – Yes

Motion passed.

Agenda Item 8. Discussion and possible action on a bid for trash cleanup on Schubert Lane.

Synopsis: Council reviewed the bid for trash and brush cleanup on Schubert Lane.

Motion: Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the bid for trash cleanup on Schubert Lane and this motion was seconded by Council Member Iverson.

Vote:

Jaime Aragon – Yes

Caleb Jones – Yes

Ernesto Madrigal – Yes

Emily Iverson – Yes

Motion passed.

Agenda Item 9. Discussion and possible action on approving a resolution making changes to Frost Bank account by removing Cheryl Williams and adding any new Council Member.

Synopsis: The Mayor discussed with Council removing Cheryl Williams from the Frost Bank Account.

Motion: Council Member Iverson made a motion approving a resolution making changes to Frost Bank account by removing Cheryl Williams with no additional Council Members and this motion was seconded by Council Member Madrigal.

Vote:

Jaime Aragon – Yes

Caleb Jones – Yes

Ernesto Madrigal – Yes

Emily Iverson – Yes

Motion passed.

Agenda Item 10. Discussion on CenterPoint Energy 2025 Annual GRIP Adjustment for the Houston, Texas Coast, South Texas, and Beaumont/East Texas Geographic Rate Areas.

Synopsis: The City Attorney, Luke, updated Council on the process for this GRIP adjustment.

Motion: Council Member Madrigal made a motion to table this agenda item, and this motion was seconded by Council Member Jones.

Vote:

Jaime Aragon – Yes

Caleb Jones – Yes

Ernesto Madrigal – Yes

Emily Iverson – Yes

Motion passed.

Agenda Item 11. Discussion and possible action to amend the Camino Real Development Agreement requirement that street grades be less than 6% at intersections.

Synopsis: The Mayor discussed with Council this request is from the City Engineer Ed Moore, and it was an amendment to the Camino Real Development Agreement.

Motion: Council Member Iverson made a motion to approve the amendment of the Camino Real Development Agreement that street grades be less than 6% at intersections, and this motion was seconded by Council Member Jones.

Vote:

Jaime Aragon – Yes

Caleb Jones – Yes

Ernesto Madrigal – Yes

Emily Iverson – Yes

Motion passed.

Agenda Item 12. Discussion and possible action on approving an Interlocal agreement between Hays County, Texas and the City of Niederwald, Texas regarding subdivision regulation in the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of the City of Niederwald.

Synopsis: The Mayor updated the Council that Hays County Legal team still needed to review a draft before the City of Niederwald can review it.

Motion: Council Member Iverson made a motion to table this agenda item, and this motion was seconded by Council Member Madrigal.

Vote:

Jaime Aragon – Yes

Caleb Jones – Yes

Ernesto Madrigal – Yes

Emily Iverson – Yes

Motion passed.

Agenda Item 13. Discussion and possible action on appointing committee and budget for National Night Out.

Synopsis: A couple of residents mentioned that they would like to be on the committee for National Night Out (NNO).

Motion: Council Member Madrigal made a motion to start a committee for the National Night Out and this motion was seconded by Council Member Jones.

Vote:

Jaime Aragon – Yes

Caleb Jones – Yes

Ernesto Madrigal – Yes

Emily Iverson – Yes

Motion passed.

Agenda Item 14. Discussion and possible action on Franchise Agreement with Texas Disposal Systems.

Synopsis: Council reviewed an email from Texas Disposal Systems with rate adjustments.

Motion: Council Member Jones made a motion to approve the rate adjustments, and this motion was seconded by Council Member Iverson.

Vote:

Jaime Aragon – Yes
Caleb Jones – Yes
Ernesto Madrigal – Yes
Emily Iverson – Yes

Motion passed.

Agenda Item 15. Discussion and possible action on a resolution of the City Council of the City of Niederwald, Texas authorizing city representatives in matters pertaining to the City's participation in the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program.

Synopsis: The City Secretary discussed with Council the resolution and options for it.

Motion: Council Member Iverson made a motion to keep just the City Administrator and the Mayor for this resolution and this motion was seconded by Council Member Jones.

Vote:

Jaime Aragon – Yes
Caleb Jones – Yes
Ernesto Madrigal – Yes
Emily Iverson – Yes

Motion passed.

Announcements:

Tuesday, April 1, 2025, City Council Meeting.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Attest:

Mayor
City of Niederwald

City Secretary
City of Niederwald