

Niederwald City Council
April 2, 2024, 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 Charles Bisson called the meeting to order at 7: 01 p.m.

Role was called. Council members in attendance were:

Jaime Aragon
Diane Shirey
Connie Wood

Ken Perry was absent.
Dawn Bowen was absent.

City Secretary, Reynell Smith and City Clerk, Zach Cronshey were also in attendance.

A moment of silence was observed.

Presentations: None

Public Comment: None

Agenda Item 1. Discussion and possible action on Minutes of March 5, 2024, Meeting.

Synopsis: The City Council and the Mayor were discussing the verbiage of the meeting minutes from March 5th, 2024, and would be approved after edits have been made.

Motion: Council member Wood made a motion to approve March 5, 2024, Meeting Minutes as corrected and this motion was seconded by council member Shirey.

Vote: Aragon – Yes
Shirey – Yes
Wood - Yes

Motion passed.

Agenda Item 2. Discussion and possible action on Financials for March 2024.

Synopsis: The City Council and the Mayor were discussing financials that were not available and to discuss at the next City Council meeting.

Motion: No motion

Agenda Item 3. Discussion and possible action on transferring money from the Bank account to the Tex-Pool account.

Synopsis: There was discussion about the money that was in the City's bank account and money that is in the Tex-Pool account and how much money should be moved over into the Tex-Pool account and how much money the city should have in its bank account.

Motion: Council member made a motion to move \$250,000 from the Frost Bank account to the Tex-Pool account and this motion was seconded by Council member Shirey.

Vote: Aragon – Yes
Shirey – Yes
Wood – Yes

Motion passed.

Agenda Item 4. Discussion and possible action regarding the possibility of sending Zach to the TML conference in October.

Synopsis: There was discussion on sending Zach to TML conference in October. The council agreed to set a budget in the amount of \$1000 for Zach to be able to attend TML in Houston in October which includes being a plus one member and a hotel.

Motion: Council member Wood made a motion to send Zach to TML in October and this motion was seconded by Council member Aragon.

Vote: Aragon – Yes
Shirey – Yes
Wood – Yes

Motion passed.

Agenda Item 5. Discussion and possible action on approving bid for city Auditor.

Synopsis: It was brought to the council's attention by the City Secretary that the city needs one more bid.

Motion: Council member Shirey made a motion to table this item and this motion was seconded by Council member Wood.

Vote: Aragon – Yes
Shirey – Yes
Wood - Yes

Motion passed.

Agenda Item 6. Discussion and possible action on having Ed Moore create a new city map and update Census/County/TDEC information.

Synopsis: The City Council and the Mayor and City Secretary were discussing getting annexations together to be able to present to Ed Moore. The new maps would update the Census, each county and the TDEC.

Motion: Council member Wood made a motion to approve the update of the City's Map and the motion was seconded by Council member Shirey.

Vote: None

Agenda Item 7. Discussion and possible action on the Public Utility Rate Increase for 2024 pursuant to Chapter 283 of the Local Government Code (House Bill 1777).

Synopsis: There was discussion about not responding to the Public Utility Rate Increase.

Motion: Council member Wood made a motion to take no action on the Public Utility Rate Increase and this motion was seconded by Council member Shirey.

Vote: Aragon – Yes
Shirey – Yes
Wood - Yes

Motion passed.

Agenda Item 8. Discussion and possible action on paying outstanding bills in excess of the City Secretary's authorized limits.

Synopsis: The City Council and the Mayor were discussing paying outstanding bills in excess of the City Secretary authorized limits.

Motion: Council member Wood made a motion to approve the City Secretary to pay outstanding bills as presented and this motion was seconded by Council member Aragon.

Vote: Aragon – Yes
Shirey – Yes
Wood – Yes

Motion passed.

Agenda Item 9. Discussion and possible action on finishing the repairs to Gini Lane with Shaneco Asphalt contractor.

Synopsis: There was discussion on the process it would take to either repair the road in segments, filling in potholes or having the road entirely re-done.

Motion: Council member Wood made a motion to approve Shaneco to finish Gini Lane and this motion was seconded by Council member Aragon.

Vote: Aragon – Yes

Shirey – Yes
Wood – Yes

Motion passed.

Agenda Item 10. Discussion and possible action on sending a representative to the TML Small Town Conference in Granbury on May 2nd and 3rd, 2024.

Synopsis: There was discussion about the benefits of attending TML Conferences and Council member Wood volunteered to attend this conference and council member Shirey also volunteered to attend.

Motion: Council member Aragon made a motion to send a representative to the TML Small Town Conference and the motion was seconded by Council member Wood.

Vote: Aragon – Yes
Shirey – Yes
Wood - Yes

Motion passed.

Agenda Item 11. Discussion and possible action on whether to remain open or closed on Monday, April 8th for the Eclipse.

Synopsis: There was discussion on surrounding cities and county offices that are not open on that day.

Motion: Council member Wood made a motion to close the Office on Monday April 8th and this motion was seconded by Council member Shirey.

Vote: Aragon – Yes
Shirey – Yes
Wood - Yes

Motion passed.

Agenda Item 12. Discussion and possible action on appointing Reynell Smith as City Administrator and increasing pay.

Synopsis: There was discussion on appointing Reynell Smith as the City Administrator/City Secretary and with a pay increase of \$12,000.

Motion: Council member Wood made a motion to appoint Reynell Smith as City Administrator and increase pay and this motion was seconded by Council member Shirey

Vote: Aragon – Yes
Shirey – Yes
Wood - Yes

Motion passed.

Agenda Item 13. Discussion and possible action on appointing the Mayor or City Administrator as the City's authorize representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the Community Development & Revitalization program grant application for \$300,000 to possibly be used to prepare a comprehensive plan for the city that integrates hazard mitigation planning.

Synopsis: There was discussion on appointing the Mayor and/or the City Administrator to have authorization on managing the grant for the Community Development & Revitalization.

Motion: Council member Wood made a motion to appoint the City Administrator as the City's authorized representative and this motion was seconded by Council member Shirey

Vote: Aragon – Yes
Shirey – Yes
Wood - Yes

Motion passed.

The City of Niederwald temporarily closed the City Council Meeting at 8:07 pm to go into Executive session.

The City of Niederwald reopened the City Council Meeting at 9:05 pm

Agenda Item 14. Discussion and possible action on accepting a bid for IT.

Synopsis: There was discussion on waiting to vote on this Agenda item until the next council meeting.

Motion: Council member Shirey made a motion to table this Agenda item to the next Council meeting and this motion was seconded by Council member Aragon.

Vote: Aragon – Yes
Shirey – Yes
Wood - Yes

Motion passed.

Announcements:

The City will be closed on April 8, 2024

Next meeting will be on May 7, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Attest:

Mayor
City of Niederwald

City Secretary
City of Niederwald