

**Niederwald City Council**  
**November 5, 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 7:00 p.m.

Roll was called. Council members in attendance were:

Connie Wood  
Cheryl Williams  
Ken Perry  
Jaime Aragon

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

A moment of silence was observed.

**Presentations:** None

**Public Comment:** Bruce Schnieder

**Agenda Item 1. Discussion and possible action on Minutes of October 7, 2024 Meeting.**

**Synopsis:** The Mayor discussed some changes to agenda item 1 of the October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes.

**Motion:** Council Member Wood motioned to approve the minutes as amended, and the motion was seconded by Council Member Perry.

**Vote:**

Connie Wood - Yes  
Cheryl Williams – Yes  
Ken Perry - Yes  
Jaime Aragon - Yes

Motion passed.

**Agenda Item 2. Discussion and possible action on Financials for August and September 2024.**

**Synopsis:** The Council was presented with the financial reports for August and September 2024.

**Motion: No Action.**

**Agenda Item 3. Discussion and possible action to approve and accept the resignation of Dawn Bowen from the City Council.**

**Synopsis:** Dawn Bowen submitted a formal resignation from her position on the City Council.

**Motion:** Council Member Wood made a motion to accept the resignation, and this motion was seconded by Council Member Williams.

**Vote:**

Connie Wood - Yes

Cheryl Williams – Yes

Ken Perry - Yes

Jaime Aragon - Yes

Motion passed.

**Agenda Item 4. Discussion and possible action to appoint an individual to the vacant City Council position.**

**Synopsis:** Ernesto Madrigal was given the opportunity to express his interest in becoming a City Council Member.

**Motion:** Council Member Wood made a motion to appoint Ernesto Madrigal to the City Council and this motion was seconded by Council Member Williams.

**Vote:**

Connie Wood - Yes

Cheryl Williams – Yes

Ken Perry - Yes

Jaime Aragon - Yes

Motion passed.

**Agenda Item 5. Discussion and possible action on paying outstanding bills in excess of City Secretary's authorized limits.**

**Synopsis:** The City Clerk presented to council various invoices exceeding the City Secretary's authorized limits.

**Motion:** Council Member Perry made a motion to pay the outstanding bills, and this motion was seconded by Council Member Wood.

**Vote:**

Connie Wood - Yes  
Cheryl Williams – Yes  
Ken Perry - Yes  
Jaime Aragon – Yes  
Ernesto Madrigal - Yes

Motion passed.

**Agenda Item 6. Discussion and possible action on a resolution for the approval of the Caldwell County 2024 tax roll.**

**Synopsis:** Council was advised that Caldwell County is requesting the tax roll for 2024 to be approved by a resolution.

**Motion:** Council Member Wood made a motion to approve a resolution for the Caldwell County 2024 tax roll and this motion was seconded by Council Member Perry.

**Vote:**

Connie Wood - Yes  
Cheryl Williams – Yes  
Ken Perry - Yes  
Jaime Aragon – Yes  
Ernesto Madrigal - Yes

Motion passed.

**Agenda Item 7. Discussion and possible action to authorize Pedernales Electric Cooperative to install floodlights on 3 existing power poles to light the Community Center's entrance, parking lot and equipment/vehicle shed.**

**Synopsis:** Council Member Williams emphasized the necessity of installing lighting around the City Hall property.

**Motion:** Council Member Madrigal made a motion to approve PEC to install floodlights, and this motion was seconded Council Member Wood.

**Vote:**

Connie Wood - Yes  
Cheryl Williams – Yes  
Ken Perry - Yes  
Jaime Aragon – Yes  
Ernesto Madrigal - Yes

Motion passed.

**Agenda Item 8. Discussion and possible action to purchase and install security cameras at strategic locations around the Community Center property.**

**Synopsis:** Council discussed with the Mayor the need to have security cameras around City hall property.

**Motion:** Council Member Perry made a motion to table this agenda item, and this motion was seconded by Council Member Wood.

**Vote:**

Connie Wood - Yes

Cheryl Williams – Yes

Ken Perry - Yes

Jaime Aragon – Yes

Ernesto Madrigal - Yes

Motion passed.

**Agenda Item 9. Discussion and possible action regarding employee compensation, job titles, benefits and/or hiring additional Clerk(s) or Maintenance person(s).**

**Synopsis:** Council discussed employee health benefits, salary adjustments, job titles, and job title for a new employee.

**Motion:** Council Member Wood made a motion to appoint Zach Cronshey as City Secretary, and this motion was seconded by Council Member Perry.

**Vote:**

Connie Wood - Yes

Cheryl Williams – Yes

Ken Perry - Yes

Jaime Aragon – Yes

Ernesto Madrigal - Yes

**Motion:** Council Member Wood made a motion to approve job details of a City Clerk, and this motion was seconded by Council Member Williams

**Vote:**

Connie Wood - Yes

Cheryl Williams – Yes

Ken Perry - Yes  
Jaime Aragon – Yes  
Ernesto Madrigal - Yes

**Motion:** Council Member Perry made a motion to approve a salary adjustment increase of two dollars an hour for Zach Cronshey and this motion was seconded by Council Member Williams.

**Vote:**

Connie Wood - Yes  
Cheryl Williams – Yes  
Ken Perry - Yes  
Jaime Aragon – Yes  
Ernesto Madrigal - Yes

**Motion:** Council Member Perry made a motion to move the salary of the City Administrator to \$82,000 a year and this motion was seconded by Council Member Williams.

**Vote:**

Connie Wood - Yes  
Cheryl Williams – Yes  
Ken Perry - Yes  
Jaime Aragon – Yes  
Ernesto Madrigal - Yes

Motion passed.

**Agenda Item 10. Discussion and possible action on entering into a development agreement with Poco Loco for the C-Store on SH 21.**

**Synopsis:** The City Administrator advised council on the process on a development agreement.

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

**Vote:**

Connie Wood - Yes  
Cheryl Williams – Yes  
Ken Perry - Yes  
Jaime Aragon – Yes  
Ernesto Madrigal - Yes

Motion passed.

**Agenda Item 11. Discussion and possible action on Resolution 20241105002 hiring an engineering firm for the City's 2025-2026 Texas Community Development Block Grant Fund program.**

**Synopsis:** The City Administrator presented to council three grading sheets for an engineering firm.

**Motion:** Council Member Wood made a motion to adopt resolution number 20241105002 hiring an engineering firm (Meta Engineering) firm for the City's 2025-2026 Texas Community Development Block Grant Fund program and this motion was seconded by Council Member Williams.

**Vote:**

Connie Wood - Yes

Cheryl Williams – Yes

Ken Perry - Yes

Jaime Aragon – Yes

Ernesto Madrigal - Yes

Motion passed.

**Agenda Item 12. Discussion and possible action on entering into a non-exclusive Franchise Agreement with UniGas.**

**Synopsis:** The City Administrator discussed with council a Franchise Agreement received from UniGas.

**Motion:** Council Member Perry made a motion to table this agenda item, and this motion was seconded by Council Member Wood.

**Vote:**

Connie Wood - Yes

Cheryl Williams – Yes

Ken Perry - Yes

Jaime Aragon – Yes

Ernesto Madrigal - Yes

Motion passed.

**Agenda Item 13. Discussion and possible action on entering into a 1445 Agreement with Caldwell County.**

**Synopsis:** The City Administrator discussed a 1445 Agreement with Caldwell County which would allow the City of Niederwald to regulate the ETJ.

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

**Vote:**

Connie Wood - Yes

Cheryl Williams – Yes

Ken Perry - Yes

Jaime Aragon – Yes

Ernesto Madrigal - Yes

Motion passed.

**Agenda Item 14. Discussion and possible action on approving an Ordinance pertaining to food trucks.**

**Synopsis:** The City Administrator discussed with Council the importance of having an ordinance pertaining to food trucks.

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

**Vote:**

Connie Wood - Yes

Cheryl Williams – Yes

Ken Perry - Yes

Jaime Aragon – Yes

Ernesto Madrigal - Yes

Motion passed.

**Agenda Item 15. Discussion and possible action on approval of City logo.**

**Synopsis:** Council Member Williams presented several ideas for a City logo and discussed with council to have more ideas.

**Motion:** Council Member Wood made a motion to table this agenda item, and this motion was seconded by Council Member Perry.

**Vote:**

Connie Wood - Yes  
Cheryl Williams – Yes  
Ken Perry - Yes  
Jaime Aragon – Yes  
Ernesto Madrigal - Yes

Motion passed.

**Agenda Item 16. Discussion and possible action on purchasing additional tables for council area.**

**Synopsis:** The City Staff presented to Council options for additional tables for future meetings.

**Motion:** Council Member Perry made a motion to approve the purchase of four tables and this motion was seconded by Council Member Wood.

**Vote:**

Connie Wood - Yes  
Cheryl Williams – Yes  
Ken Perry - Yes  
Jaime Aragon – Yes  
Ernesto Madrigal - Yes

Motion passed.

**Agenda Item 17. Discussion and possible action to approve removal of fencing separating City Hall property and Fire-EMS property.**

**Synopsis:** The City Council discussed about removing the fence between Niederwald City Hall and the Fire Department.

**Motion:** Council Member Perry made a motion to not approve the removal of the fence, and this motion was seconded by Council Member Madrigal.

**Vote:**

Connie Wood - Yes  
Cheryl Williams – No  
Ken Perry - Yes  
Jaime Aragon – Yes  
Ernesto Madrigal - Yes



Motion passed.

**Agenda Item 18. Discussion and possible action to purchase and deliver material needed for pothole maintenance on Windridge Drive.**

**Synopsis:** The Council and Mayor discussed the condition of Windridge Drive.

**Motion:** Council Member Wood made a motion to table this agenda item, and this motion was seconded by Council Member Perry.

**Vote:**

Connie Wood - Yes

Cheryl Williams – Yes

Ken Perry - Yes

Jaime Aragon – Yes

Ernesto Madrigal - Yes

Motion passed.

**Agenda Item 19. Discussion and possible action to hire independent contractor(s) to mow park property and relocate concrete picnic tables from park property to City Hall property.**

**Synopsis:** Council discussed the options of this agenda item.

**Motion: No action taken.**

**Agenda Item 20. Discussion and possible action to direct staff to get quotes for covers over concrete picnic tables.**

**Synopsis:** Council discussed the process for the picnic tables.

**Motion: No action taken.**

**Agenda Item 21. Discussion and possible action to designate Niederwald Community Park (Howze Park) as the City Cemetery.**

**Synopsis:** Council discussed ideas for Howze Park.

**Motion: No action taken.**

**Agenda Item 22. Discussion and possible action to accept the VACATION OF BLOCK A LOTS 1-10; BLOCK B LOTS 1-31; BLOCK C LOTS 1-16; BLOCK D LOTS 1-19; BLOCK E LOTS 1-10; BLOCK J LOTS 1 & 16; BLOCK K LOTS 1 & 23; BLOCK L LOTS 1, 94, & 112-116; AND BLOCK P LOT 1 OF THE FINAL PLAT OF THE PARKLANDS SECTION 1 HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS.**

**Synopsis:** The City Administrator discussed with the Council and Mayor the process of this Plat Vacation.

**Motion:** Council Member Perry made a motion to accept the Plat Vacation, and this motion was seconded by Council Member Madrigal.

**Vote:**

Connie Wood - Yes

Cheryl Williams – Yes

Ken Perry - Yes

Jaime Aragon – Yes

Ernesto Madrigal - Yes

Motion passed.

**Announcements:**

Next meeting: December 3, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Attest:

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Mayor  
City of Niederwald

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City Secretary  
City of Niederwald