

Regular City Council Meeting
Idalou City Council
August 14, 2023

The regular meeting of the Idalou City Council was called to order by Mayor Russ Perkins. Those in attendance were Mayor Russ Perkins, Brendi Pierce, Kyle DuBois, Joe Sisk and Albert Bravo. Staff in attendance, were City Administrator Suzette Williams, Public Works Director Oscar Rodriguez and City Secretary Renee Wilbanks. Mary Hernandez was also in attendance.

Public Comment: None

Approve July Regular Minutes as presented: A motion was made by Kyle DuBois and seconded by Joe Sisk to approve July Regular Minutes. Motion passed.

Approve July Bills as Presented: A motion was made by Joe Sisk and seconded by Albert Bravo to approve bills. Motion passed.

Public works Report for July: July usage was 13,429,000 and max use on 07/24/2023 at 433,194.

Police Monthly Report for July: Officer Leonel Barrera was sworn in as a reserve officer. The department submitted the application for accreditation to the Texas Police Chief's Association and the accreditation process for Idalou PD has officially started. Training has continued full force in all areas for the Idalou PD.

Present Financial Report: Suzette presented the Monthly Financial Report.

Present 2023 Tax Calculations, Information Provided by Lubbock Central Appraisal District:

- No New Revenue Rate: \$0.479696
- Voter Approval Tax Rate: \$0.516134
 - This is a 2.5% increase from the No New Revenue Rate
 - If Council does not adopt the No New Revenue Rate but stays under the Voter Approval Rate, an automatic election is not triggered.
- DeMinimis Rate: \$0.789432
 - This rate allows cities to "bank" unused rate increases without an automatic election.
- Debt Service Rate: \$0.035191

Update on Funding Opportunities for Water Treatment Plant and Water Tower Replacement: USDA met with Mayor Perkins to discuss conditions of the USDA loan. The loan amount offered is \$2,850,000.00, Interest Rate of 2.85% for 40 years. No Loan Forgiveness. Suzette will reach out to Vince Viaille to discuss other options for financing.

Update on Substandard Building: Current Demolition Status and Upcoming Cases: The demolition of 405 E. 6th and 103 Main St. will take place the week of Aug. 14th and August 21st.

At the September Council meeting the following structures will be placed on Building and Standards:

1. 501 W. 7th St.
2. Structure Behind 221 W. 3rd St, No Address assigned.

Discuss and Consider the Purchase of Wastewater Pumps: Council during the July Budget Session discussed pumps that the sewer plant needs to function properly. Due to the importance of the pumps to the plants' operation it was discussed that this project needed to be moved to the 22-23 Budget Cycle. A motion was made by Joe Sisk and seconded by Albert Bravo to approve the purpose of 2 Smith and Loveless Model 4B2B Star One pumps. Motion passed.

Discuss and Consider Resolution 23-08-01 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 2023 Rate Review Mechanism Filing: A motion was made by Kyle DuBois and seconded by Albert Bravo to approve Resolution 23-08-01 with Joe Sisk opposed. Motion passed.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 23-08-01 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4 "Business Regulations," Adding Article 4.06 "Smoke Shops": Regulating Smoke Shops within the Limits of the City of Idalou, Texas to include Definition, Distance Regulation, Signage for Minors, and Regulations: A motion was made by Joe Sisk and seconded by Kyle DuBois to table discussion. Motion passed.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 23-08-02, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3 "Building Regulations," Adding Article 3.10, Regulating Temporary Portable Storage Containers within the limits of the City of Idalou, Texas: A motion was made by Joe Sisk and seconded by Kyle DuBois to approve Ordinance 23-08-02. Motion passed.

Request by Mayor for Agenda Items for the Next Council Meeting:

A motion by Joe Sisk and seconded by Albert Bravo to adjourn. Motion passed.



Mayor William R. Perkins