

Regular City Council Meeting
Idalou City Council
January 8, 2024

The regular meeting of the Idalou City Council was called to order by Mayor Russ Perkins. Those in attendance were Mayor Russ Perkins, Kyle DuBois, Joe Sisk, Brendi Pierce and Albert Bravo. Staff in attendance were City Administrator Suzette Williams, Oscar Rodriguez, Chief Eric Williams, Corporal Cynthia Nerios, John Friedli and Cristy McAdoo and City Secretary Renee Wilbanks. Randal Terry with Ryan and King Auditors and Allen Phillips the City Engineer were in attendance.

Cristy McAdoo was sworn in as the new Officer for the Idalou PD.

Present 2022-2023 Audit: Randal Terry presented the 2022-2023 audit.

A motion was made by Kyle DuBois and seconded by Joe Sisk to recognize the November minutes; the recognition of the minutes was due to incorrect posting of the agenda and approve the December minutes.

A motion was made by Joe Sisk and seconded by Albert Bravo to approve the November and December bills. Motion passed.

Chief Williams presented the Police Monthly report for November and December.

Russ presented the Yearly Fire Report.

Billy presented the Yearly EMS Report.

Suzette presented the November and December Financial Report.

Discuss and Consider Selecting Financial Advisor Regarding the Application for Assistance in the Lead Water Line Replacement Project: Suzette presented the Qualification Statement for Financial Advisor for the TWDB Lead Water Line Replacement project. Specialized Public Finance was the only application. A motion was made by Joe Sisk and seconded by Brendi Pierce to approve Specialized Public Finance. Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider Selecting Engineering Firm Regarding the Application for Assistance in the Lead Water Line Replacement Project: Suzette presented the Qualification Statement for Jacob/ Martin for the Lead Water Line Replacement Project. A motion was made by Brendi Pierce and seconded by Joe Sisk to approve Jacob/Martin as Engineers for the Lead Water Line Replacement. Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider Selecting Bond Counsel Regarding the Application for Assistance in the Lead Water Line Replacement Project: Suzette presented the Qualification Statements from Bond Counsels for Lead Water Line Replacement Project. The two Qualification Statements were from Escamilla& Poneck, LLP and McCall, Parkhurst, & Horton, LLP. After some discussion a motion was made by Albert Bravo and seconded by Kyle DuBois to select McCall, Parkhurst, & Horton, LLP, due to previous work history. Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider TWDB Amending Resolution 23-11-02 Requesting Financial Assistance from the Texas Water Development Board, Authorizing the Filing of an application for Assistance in the Lead Water Line Replacement Project. A motion was made by Kyle DuBois and seconded by Joe Sisk to amend resolution 23-11-02. Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Application Development and Administration Services Community Development Block Grant Program, Downtown Revitalization Program (DRP). This grant will be a resubmission of the 2023 DRP application to redo N. Main St. A motion was made by Joe Sisk and seconded by Albert Bravo to approve Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Application Development and Administration Services Community Development Block Grant Program. Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider Demolition Bids, demoing 205 and 209 Locust Properties: A motion by Albert Bravo and seconded by Brendi Pierce to accept the bid of 17,500.00 for the demolition of Property. Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider Allowing City Hall Temporary Closure for Training on January 18th: The front office will train on how to maintain the website. A motion was made by Kyle DuBois and seconded by Brendi Pierce to allow the temporary closure. Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider Allowing Idalou Ball Club "Little League", to Utilize a Septic System for Possible New Restrooms to be built and maintained by Idalou Little League. After some discussion a motion was made by Joe Sisk and seconded by Albert Bravo to table discussion. The council would like to explore the location of the sewer line and possible use. Kyle DuBois recused himself. Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider Approving 2024 Idalou Baseball Park Utilization Agreement with Idalou Little League: A motion was made by Joe Sisk and seconded by Albert Bravo to Approve 2024 Idalou Baseball Utilization Agreement with Little League. Kyle DuBois recused himself. Motion passed.

Discuss the Future of Idalou EMS. The City Administrator has concerns that the limited coverage, especially the lack of transportation crews, will hinder the ability of the city to continue Idalou EMS. This concern stemmed from the loss of an Advanced EMT that allowed the city to have a transport crew.

Discuss and Consider EMS Pay Increase: Staff is requesting an increase in EMS pay in an attempt to gain additional EMS personnel. Pay request: EMT Basic: \$14.28, Advanced EMT: \$16.00, and Paramedic \$22.00. After some discussion a motion was made by Joe Sisk and seconded by Brendi Pierce to increase the EMS Pay. Motion carried.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Brendi Pierce and seconded by Albert Bravo to go into Executive Session; Gov. Code 551.074 Personnel Matters.

A motion was made by Joe Sisk and seconded by Brendi Pierce to come out of Executive Session.

Request by Mayor for Agenda Items for the Next Council Meeting: None were presented.

A motion by Joe Sisk and seconded by Brendi Pierce to adjourn. Motion passed.



Mayor William R. Perkins