

**MINUTES OF THE  
CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAMPA, TEXAS  
PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor DeFever at 4:00 p.m.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Lance DeFever	Mayor
	Paul Searl	Commissioner
	Brian Doughty	Commissioner
	Jimmy Keough	Commissioner
	Jimmy Reed	Commissioner

**ABSENT:** None

<b>STAFF:</b>	Shane Stokes	City Manager
	Kimberlee Hughes	Admin Assistant
	Bryan Guymon	City Attorney
	Theresa Daniels	Finance Director
	Dustin Miller	Community Services Director
	Kasey Presson	Fire Chief
	Gary Turley	Public Works Director
	Lance Richburg	Chief of Police
	Kevin Webb	Information Technology
	Leroy Cox	Assistant Fire Chief
	Jason Roberts	Fire Marshall
	Mike Day	Assistant Fire Chief
	Cary Rushing	Building Official
	Jasmine Chaney	Assistant Finance Director
	Kenneth Hopson	Assistant Police Chief
	Jeffery Kennedy	Code Enforcement Officer
	Troy Schwiegerath	Emergency Management

<b>VISITORS:</b>	Cortnie Patterson	Peggy C. Miller
	Dale Garner	Phillis Garner
	Dinah Reed	Clay Rice
	Mark Eastham	Mason Miller
	Matthew Albracht	

**NEWS MEDIA:** None

**INVOCATION:** Paul Searl, Commissioner

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**PUBLIC HEARING:** The City Commission held a Public Hearing regarding property located at 337 S. Finley.

Mayor DeFever opened the Public Hearing at 4:01 p.m.

Cary Rushing, Building Official, indicated that the structure is unsecured and has been without utilities for the past eleven years. In line with this information, the Staff strongly recommends the demolition of this structure.

**23-090**

A motion was made by Commissioner Searl and seconded by Commissioner Keough to close the public hearing. With each Commission Member voting AYE, the motion carries.

Public hearing is closed at 4:03 p.m.

1. Consider, take action, and issue any necessary order regarding the substandard structure located at 337. S. Finley.

**23-091**

A motion was made by Commissioner Doughty and seconded by Commissioner Reed to issue items 7, 8, 10, 11, 19 & 20 according to the City's Substandard Structure Order. With each Commission Member voting AYE, the motion carries.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** The City Commission held a Public Hearing regarding property located at 303 E. Browning.

Mayor DeFever opened the Public Hearing at 4:08 p.m.

Cary Rushing, Building Official, reported that the property comprises of two structures. Both structures are currently unsecured and have been devoid of utilities for a considerable duration. In light of these circumstances, the Staff strongly recommends the demolition of these buildings.

**23-092**

A motion was made by Commissioner Keough and seconded by Commissioner Searl to close the public hearing. With each Commission Member voting AYE, the motion carries.

Public hearing closed at 4:09 p.m.

2. Consider, take action, and issue any necessary order regarding the substandard structure located at 303 E. Browning.

**23-093**

A motion was made by Commissioner Searl and seconded by Commissioner Doughty to issue items 7, 8, 10, 11, 19 & 20 according to the City's Substandard Structure Order. With each Commission Member voting AYE, the motion carries.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** The City Commission held a Public Hearing regarding property located at 1001 E Campbell.

Mayor DeFever opened the Public Hearing at 4:10 p.m.

Cary Rushing, Building Official, identified this structure as hazardous. One of the property owners has already signed a relinquishment agreement for it. The property remains unsecured, further adding to the risk. In light of these circumstances, the staff strongly advises the demolition of this structure.

**23-094**

A motion was made by Commissioner Searl and seconded by Commissioner Doughty to close the public hearing. With each Commission Member voting AYE, the motion carries.

Public hearing closed at 4:12 p.m.

3. Consider, take action, and issue any necessary order regarding the substandard structure located at 1001 Campbell.

**23-095**

A motion was made by Commissioner Doughty and seconded by Commissioner Keough to issue items 7, 8, 10, 11, 19 & 20 according to the City's Substandard Structure Order. With each Commission Member voting AYE, the motion carries.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** The City Commission held a Public Hearing regarding property located at 1022 E. Francis.

Mayor DeFever opened the Public Hearing at 4:13 p.m.

Cary Rushing, Building Official, reports that the structure is currently unsecured and exhibits significant structural damage. The property has been the subject of frequent complaints. Given these factors, the staff firmly recommends the demolition of this property.

**23-096**

A motion was made by Commissioner Searl and seconded by Commissioner Doughty to close the public hearing. With each Commission Member voting AYE, the motion carries.

Public hearing closed at 4:15 p.m.

4. Consider, take action, and issue any necessary order regarding the substandard structure located at 1022 E. Francis.

**23-097**

A motion was made by Commissioner Keough and seconded by Commissioner Searl to issue items 7, 8, 10, 11, 19 & 20 according to the City's Substandard Structure Order. With each Commission Member voting AYE, the motion carries.

**DISCUSSION:**

- Rebranding – Dustin Miller, Community Services Director, lead a discussion on the ongoing rebranding efforts. The Commission expressed their preferences for specific color schemes under consideration.
- 2023-2024 Budget – Theresa Daniels, Finance Director, led a comprehensive discussion on the Tax Rate.

**AUTHORIZATIONS BY CITY COMMISSION:**

5. Consider approving the minutes of the July 24, 2023, Regular Commission Meeting.

**23-098**

A motion was made by Commissioner Searl and seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2023, Regular Commission Meeting as presented. With each Commission Member voting AYE, the motion carries.

6. Consider excusing the absence of Mayor DeFever from July 24, 2023, regular commission meeting.

**23-099**

A motion was made by Commissioner Keough and seconded by Commissioner Searl to excuse Mayor DeFever from the July 24, 2023, regular commission meeting. With each Commissioner Member voting AYE, the motion carries.

7. Consider adopting on second and final reading Ordinance No. 1784, amending the revenues and appropriations for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1784**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF PAMPA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2022 ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023. THIS AMENDMENT PROVIDES FOR AN INCREASE IN REVENUE FOR GRANTS, INTEREST INCOME, SALE OF MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT AND FOR AN INCREASE IN APPROPRIATIONS FOR EQUIPMENT, CAPITAL ASSETS, AND BEAUTIFICATION GRANT PROCEEDS PREVIOUSLY UNBUDGETED.**

**23-100**

A motion was made by Commissioner Doughty and seconded by Commissioner Keough to adopt on second and final reading Ordinance No. 1784 as presented. With all commission members voting AYE, the motion carries.

8. Consider adopting on second and final reading Ordinance No. 1785, amending the school zone for Travis Elementary School.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1785**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PAMPA, TEXAS, PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BE AMENDED BY REVISING SECTION 12.05.002(a)(3) AMENDING THE SCHOOL ZONE TO 23rd AVENUE AND CRESCENT DRIVE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**23-101**

A motion was made by Commissioner Reed and seconded by Commissioner Searl to adopt on second and final reading Ordinance No. 1785 as presented. With each Commission Member voting AYE, the motion carries.

9. Consider adopting on second and final reading Ordinance No. 1786, amending sign ordinance to add electric sign regulations.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1786**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 3, BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE 3.15, SIGNS, BY REPEALING, REPLACING, AND ADDING SECTIONS RELATED TO ELECTRIC SIGNS TO NOW ALLOW FOR ELECTRONIC SIGNS, AND TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS OF ELECTRONIC SIGNS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**23-102**

A motion was made by Commissioner Doughty and seconded by Commissioner Reed to adopt on second and final reading Ordinance No. 1786 as presented. With each Commission Member voting AYE, the motion carries.

10. Consider adopting Resolution No. R23-018, denying Southwestern Public Service Company's proposed rate increase.

**RESOLUTION NO. R23-018**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF PAMPA, TEXAS ("CITY") DENYING SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY'S PROPOSED RATE INCREASE REQUEST IN CONNECTION WITH ITS STATEMENT OF INTENT SUBMITTED ON ABOUT FEBRUARY 8, 2023; REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT OF REASONABLE LEGAL AND CONSULTANT EXPENSES; THAT THE MEETING COMPLIES WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT**

**23-103**

A motion was made by Commissioner Keough and seconded by Commissioner Searl to adopt Resolution No. R23-018 as presented. With each Commission Member voting AYE, the motion carries.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The City convened into closed session at 4:59 p.m. in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Section 551.087 to discuss Economic Development.

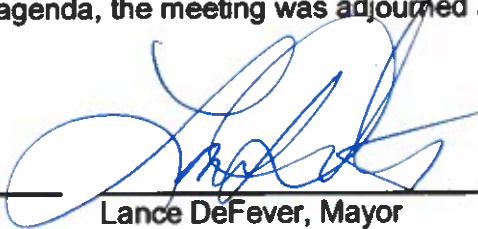
RECONVENE: The City Commission reconvened into open session at 5:46 p.m. to at if necessary. Regarding matters discussed in Executive Session.

**ADJOURNED:**

With no further items remaining on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m. by Mayor DeFever.



Kimberlee Hughes, Admin Assistant



Lance DeFever, Mayor