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Mayor Pro Temp
Robert E. Wells

Budget & Finance Director
Administrative Manager
Darla Faulknor

City Council
Wayne Foster
Boyd Sartin
Linda Price
Boyd Doss

City Secretary
Vicki May

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, January 22, 2024
Council Workshop @ 6:00 p.m. / Council Meeting 6:15 p.m.

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body of the Maud City Council, Maud, Texas will hold its Regular Council Meeting on January 22, 2024, in the Council Chambers located at 135 Main St., Maud, Texas, for consideration of the following agenda items.

1. Call meeting to order, roll call, establish a quorum.
Meeting was called to order at 6:15pm. Present were, Mayor Pro Temp, Robert Wells, Councilwoman Linda Price, Councilman Boyd Sartin and Councilman Boyad Doss. Mayor Jimmy Clary and Councilman Wayne Foster were absent. A Quorum was established.
2. Invocation and pledge of allegiance.
Prayer voiced by City Secretary, Vicki May and the council led the pledge.
3. Open Forum - Comments from the public, limited to no more than 3 minutes each, and no more than five speakers.
Resident Deborah Smith from 543 Birch St., Maud signed up to address the assembly regarding the water fluoridation matter on the agenda. Ms Smith cited several studies on the adverse effects of excessive exposure to fluoride in the drinking water and concluded by charging the council that their job was to provide safe drinking water not healthy teeth.
4. Consider and take official action on approving the Consent Agenda – all items are deemed to require minimal council deliberation and can be enacted as one business item.
 - a. November & December 2023 financials;
 - b. November 20, 2023 Regular Council Meeting minutes;
 - c. November & December 2023 Departmental Reports.*Motion by Councilman Boyd Sartin to approve the consent agenda as presented, 2nd by Councilman Boyad Doss. Motion carried with no opposition.*
5. A presentation by Sandra Shambarger, DDS, MS and Matthew Burks, DDS, MD regarding the addition of fluoride to the city’s drinking water.
Dr. ’s Shambarger and Burks brought a power point presentation (paper copy only), on the positives of water fluoridation. Both sited studies that support that fact that .07 ppm of fluoride in the drinking water is beneficial for the development of healthy teeth in children and the elderly of the communities. Councilman Boyad Doss questioned how the human body expressed the fluoride after years of exposure as to avoid the possibility of overexposure. Dr. Burk explained the body will develop an equilibrium to level out the

buildup and storage of fluoride.

ITEM #7 BROUGHT UP BEFORE ITEM #6 SO THAT ARNOLD BERNARDINO COULD GET BACK TO TYLER BEFORE THE WEATHER GOT WORSE.

7. Consider and take official action on the request from Live Oak Waste for an increase on the rates for city's garbage pick-up and disposal - Arnold Bernardino.
Mr. Bernardino presented their case for the requested increase. Prices for equipment, fuel and the overall cost of dumping the waste has risen at a rate that was not anticipated by anyone since 2021. LiveOak Waste was asking for a 5% increase across the board for all services provide with the exception of a flat rate increase of \$4.82 for all polycarts. After some discussion of the increase on top of all the other increased cots for the residents Councilman Boyd Sartin expressed his empathy for the company and his understanding that an increase is needed to maintain the service he could not in good consciosus approve the request at this time.
Motion by Council man Boyd Sartin to table the request until the July 2024 council meeting at which new budget figures would be discussed, 2nd by Councilwoman Linda Price. Motion carried with no opposition.

6. Eli Hunt with Riverbend Water Resource District to update Mayor and council regarding Councilwoman Linda Price's topics of discussion from the November 20, 2023 council meeting.
Eli Hunt presented the council with some updated information regarding the manholes, fire hydrants and new valve placements within the city. Mr. Hunt reported that the manholes thought to be at the wastewater treatment plant were only leftover parts from the last time manholes were replaced. He said the rings, cones, etc. could be used to repair and raise manholes in the city. He has inspected 5 of the nonfunctioning fire hydrants identified by fire Chief John Nichols and beliefs that at two of them they can be repaired to be operational and the other three may need to be replaced. He also stated that he thinks the best interest of the city's residents would be served in the event of a major leak and water service interruption could be minimized if shut-off valves could be strategically placed throughout the city.

8. Consider and take official action approving resolution 24-0116. A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF M A U D , TEXAS AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CITIES SERVED BY CENTERPOINT GAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING THE INTEREST OF THE CITY AND ITS CITIZENS WITH RESPECT TO CENTERPOINT MATTERS; FURTHER SUSPENDING THE JANUARY 27, 2024 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE STATEMENT OF INTENT OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., D/B/A CENTERPOINT ENERGY ENTEX AND CENTERPOINT ENERGY TEXAS GAS TO CHANGE RATES IN THE TEXAS DMSION; TO PERMIT THE CITY TIME TO STUDY THE REQUEST AND TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE RATES; FINDING THAT THE CITY'S REASONABLE RATE CASE EXPENSES SHALL BE REIMBURSED BY THE COMPANY; AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION WITH THE CITIES SERVED BY CENTERPOINT GAS; HIRING LEGAL AND CONSULTING SERVICES TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE COMPANY AND DIRECT ANY NECESSARY LITIGATION AND APPEALS; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH TIDS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF TIDS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL.

Motion by Councilman Boyd Sartin to approve Resolution 24-0116 to suspend the January 27, 2024 effective date, 2nd by Councilwoman Linda Price. Motion carried with no opposition.

9. Consider and take official action ordering the General Municipality Election, for the City of Maud to be held May 4, 2024, as per the Texas Election Code, Title 1, Chapter 3 for the office of Mayor and 4 at large council seats.
Motion by Councilman Boyd Sartin and 2nd by Councilwoman Linda Price to approve the ordering of the general election for May 4, 2024. Motion carried with no opposition.

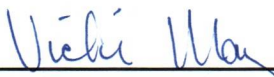
10. Adjourn.
Motion by Councilman Boyd Sartin and 2nd by Councilman Boyad Doss too adjourn meeting. Motion carried with no opposition.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 20th DAY OF February, 2024.



Robert Wells, Mayor Pro Temp

ATTEST:



Vicki May, City Secretary