Mayor Jimmy Clary

Mayor Pro Temp Robert E. Wells

Budget & Finance Director
Administrative Manager
Darla Faulknor

City Council
Wayne Foster
Boyd Sartin
Linda Price
Boyad Doss

City Secretary

Vicki May

## Minutes Regular Council Meeting Monday, March 18, 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 March 18, 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 6:15 p.m. Roll was called, and all councilmembers were present with the exception of Councilwoman Linda Price. Mayor Clary was also absent. A quorum was established.
- 2. Invocation and pledge of allegiance.

  Mayor Pro Temp Robert Wells called on Vicki May, City Secretary, to voice the prayer. The pledge was led by the group.
- 3. Open Forum Comments from the public, limited to no more than 3 minutes each, and no more than five speakers.

  Resident, Robert Barrack Jr., of 302 Elm Street, addressed the council regarding unleashed stray dogs in his neighborhood.
- 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. February 2024 financials;
  - b. February 20, 2024 Regular Council Meeting minutes;
  - c. February 2024 Departmental Reports.

    Motion by Councilman Boyd Sartin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Boyad Doss to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried. No opposition.
- 5. Consider and take official action approving the Maud Public Library Fiber Optic Internet Upgrade Project. Librarian, Savannah Monroe and Jesse Flack and/or Malcolm Donohoo Kinetic Business Windstream.

  Savannah introduced the program to the council and essentially advised that the E-Rate program is the same fiber-optic program used by the school and will allow the library to have faster connections, and better service at an 80% discount. Mr. Flack and Mr. Donohoo added some technical information and basically re-stated the better service, faster connection and cheaper price per month for the library. Motion by Councilman Boyd Sartin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Boyad Doss to approve the internet upgrade project for the library. Motion carried. No opposition.

6. Discuss and take official action approving the Downtown Drainage Improvements Project - David Williams, MTG Engineers.

Mr. Williams began his address to the council with the confirmation of the original improvement schematic was submitted prior to he and MR Wells meeting and the conveyance of some history regarding the drainage surrounding the city hall building. With this information Mr. Willimas advised that he had developed a much less expensive way to fix the drainage issues. He presented the amended plan to cut a ditch on the east side of the "old post office" building and estimated that the cost would be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$21,000.00 – \$22,000.00. Councilman Boyd Sartin requested the floor and said that he felt like the better way to go would be to erect a new city hall and not sink a lot of money into the existing building but confessed that was his plan idea when the original drainage improvement plan was estimated at the cost of \$160,000.00. He stated tat after he heard this alternate plan, he didn't think it was a bad idea but did say he would like for the full council and the mayor to have some input in the discussion. Councilman Boyad Doss made a motion to table the project until such time that the mayor and the entire council were present to ensure full support in the decision that would be made regarding fixing the drainage issue or constructing a new building for use as a new city hall. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Boyd Sartin. Motion carried with no opposition.

- 7. Consider and take official action, if any, on advertising for bids for the Downtown Drainage Improvements Project.

  This item was automatically tabled by the tabling of the above item.
- 8. <u>Tabled item from February meeting</u> Consider and take official action on approving the amended job duties for all the departments within the City of Maud.

Councilman Boyd Sartin advised that he did not have any major problems with the job duties and descriptions except that he would like to see them all in a standardized format with a "scope, duties outlined and a pay envelope". He had a couple of questions regarding the Administrative Manager's list of duties: 1). Does the Administrative Manager assign duties to the outside worker? and, 2). Do the decisions made by the Administrative Manager go through the mayor? He and Councilman Boyad Doss said that they would like to see that each job description includes the duty of "other duties as assigned". Boyad Doss wanted to be assured that the duties listed exact duties by each employee to ensure that when a customer entered with a complaint or issue, they would know who they would need to address for a resolution. City Secretary assured him that this was already being done. Every complaint that Betty received at the front counter was taken to Darla and if a resolution was possible it was resolved on the spot. No customer has ever been nor would be told that their issue was not "my problem" by any employee in the office. Mr. Doss was assured by this and had no other questions or concerns. No other questions were raised by any of the other councilmember present. A Motion by Councilman Boyd Sartin was made to table this item until such time as the entire council could attend a workshop to discuss the job duties and set a special called meeting to take possible action on their approval. Councilman Wayne Foster 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried. No opposition.

9. Consider and take official action approving the Certification of Unopposed Candidates for the City of Maud, Texas.

Mayor – Jimmy Clary

Councilmember – Boyd Sartin

Councilmember – Linda Price

Councilmember – Boyad Doss

Councilmember – Wayne Foster

Motion by Councilman Boyd Sartin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Boyad Doss to approve the Certification of Unopposed Candidates. Motion carried. No opposition.

- 10. Consider and take official action approving the Order of Cancellation, cancelling the General Election scheduled to be held on May 4, 2024 for the purpose of electing a Mayor and 4 at large city council members declaring each unopposed candidate elected to office.

  Motion by Councilman Boyd Sartin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Boyad Doss to approve the Order of Cancellation canceling the General Election scheduled for May 4, 2024. Motion carried. No Opposition.
- 11. Consider and take official action approving Resolution 24-0318. A Resolution by the City of Maud, Bowie County Texas, cancelling the General Election scheduled to be held on May 4, 2024 for the purpose of electing a Mayor and 4 at large city council members declaring each unopposed candidate elected to office.

  Motion by Councilman Boyd Sartin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Wayne Foster to approve Resolution 24-0318, cancelling the scheduled election of May 4, 2024 declaring all candidates unopposed and deemed elected to office. Motion carried. No opposition.
- 12. Consider and take official action approving the re-appointment, of Steven Seals, by Mayor, Jimmy Clary, to serve a two year term on the Board of Directors for TexAmerica Center, pursuant to Section 3503.052 of the Texas Special District Local Laws Code of the State of Texas.

  Councilman Boyd Sartin asked for verification that Mr. Seals agreed to the action being requested. City Secretary, Vicki May, assured him that Mayor Clary had discussed the matter with Mr. Seals prior to requesting the item be placed on the agenda.

  Motion by Councilman Wayne Foster and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Boyad Doss to approve the Mayor's re-appointment of Steven Seals to the TexAmerica's Board of Directors. Motion carried. No opposition.
- 13. Consider and take official action approving the renaming of Farmer Bank & Trust account # 60178415, Interest & Sinking /USDA Bonds Account to Public Works Project Fund. The account number and the book balance will remain as is.

  After minimal discussion in which the council was advised that the bank account would not change in any way except the name. Due to the bond being paid in full and for the allowance of the funds to be allocated for future projects. Motion by Councilman Boyad Doss and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Boyd Sartin to approve the name change of account #60178415 to Public Works Project account. Motion carried. No opposition.
- 14. Adjourn.

  Motion by Councilman Boyd Sartin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Wayne Foster to adjourn at 7:40p.m. Motion carried. No opposition.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS	15th	_DAY OF	April	, 2024.

Robert Wells, Mayor Pro Temp

Vicki May, City Secretary