

**CITY OF LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

The governing body of the CITY OF LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS met at 6:00p.m. on the 23rd day of May 2023 at the City Council Chambers, 525 Phelps Avenue, for the purpose of considering all matters and related incidents to the City of Littlefield.

Present: Eric Turpen, Mayor  
Eric Saenz, District 1 (6:31pm)  
Kenny Rucker, Mayor Pro Tempore, District 4  
Michael Rangel, District 2  
Buddy Holmes, District 3 (absent)

City Manager Mitch Grant; City Secretary Janine Butler; Treasurer Andrew Eisenwine  
Staff 7 and Audience 2

1. Call to order

Mayor Eric Turpen called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

2. Invocation

Mayor Pro Tempore Kenny Rucker led the prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Turpen led the pledge.

4. Public Comments of All Agenda Items

No one requested to comment.

5. Introduction of New City Employees.

No new employees were present.

6. Consider and Approve Minutes from the April 25<sup>th</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup> Meetings.

Council Member Michael Rangel made the motion to approve the minutes. Mayor Pro Tempore Kenny Rucker made the second motion. The motion passed with 3 ayes and 2 absent.

7. Consider and Approve Monthly Departmental Reports: Police Dept.; Fire Dept.; EMS; Code Enforcement; Animal Control; Landfill; Water/Wastewater; Streets and Parks; Municipal Court; Monthly Financial Reports; Sales Tax Collection; Property Tax Collection reports; LEDC A and B minutes, if Boards met.

Mayor Pro Tempore Kenny Rucker made the motion to approve the reports. Council Member Michael Rangel made the second motion. The motion passed with 3 ayes and 2 absent.

8. Consider and Approve April Expenses.

Council Member Michael Rangel made the motion to approve the expenses. Mayor Pro Tempore Kenny Rucker made the second motion. The motion passed with 3 ayes and 2 absent.

9. Consider and Approve All-Ways Towing Expenses.

There was one expense to approve. Mayor Pro Tempore Kenny Rucker made the motion to approve the expense. Council Member Michael Rangel made the second motion. The motion passed 3 ayes and 2 absent.

10. Consider and Approve Appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore for the Next Year.

Council Member Michael Rangel made the motion to appoint Kenny Rucker as Mayor Pro Tempore for the next year. Mayor Eric Turpen made the second motion. The motion passed 3 ayes and 2 absent.

11. Consider and Approve Resolution Waving Permit Fees for Littlefield I.S.D. Bond Project. City Manager Mitch Grant cannot waive the fees without City Council action. Council Member Michael Rangel abstained from discussion and the vote. Mayor Turpen recessed meeting at 6:11p.m. Mayor Turpen reopened the meeting at 6:13p.m. and went to Agenda item 14 and will return to this item later.

Mayor Turpen returned to this item after agenda item 16.

After some discussion, Mayor Turpen made the motion do not waive permit fees. The second motion was made by Council Member Eric Saenz. The motion passed with 3 ayes, 1 abstained, 1 absent.

12. Consider and Approve Transfer of ORIGINAL TOWN - LITTLEFIELD, BLOCK 9, LOT 12, 801 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., to Littlefield I.S. D.

Mayor Pro Tempore Kenny Rucker made the motion to transfer the property at 801 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> to Littlefield I.S.D. Council Member Eric Saenz made the second motion. The motion passed with 3 ayes, 1 abstained, 1 absent.

13. Consider and Approve Lease for 54 AERO L.L.C. to Construct a Private Hangar at the Airport.

Mayor Turpen abstained from discussion and voting. This would be a land lease for a new private hangar with 4 additional 3-year terms included. Mayor Pro Tempore Kenny Rucker made the motion to approve this lease with recommended wording. Council Member Michael Rangel made the second motion. The motion passed with 3 ayes, 1 abstained, 1 absent.

14. Consider and Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Littlefield Methodist Church for Parking for Aquatic Center Patrons.

Council Member Michael Rangel made the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding. Mayor Pro Tempore Kenny Rucker made the second motion. The motion passed with 3 ayes and 2 absent.

15. Consider and Approve Change Order for Annual Seal Coat Street Resurface.

City Manager Mitch Grant explained the change order is slightly less per yard and allows an increase of yardage for seal coating. Mayor Turpen made the motion to approve the change. Council Member Rangel made the second motion. The motion passed with 3 ayes and 2 absent.

16. Consider and Review Plans Regarding Utility Infrastructure and Discuss Financing Option.

City Manager Mitch Grant introduced Brad Angst, Financial Consultant with Stifel Investment Banking Co. Brad Angst was on telephone and computer presentation for various ways to finance for 3 million gallons ground storage tank, 2 new wells with test wells and infrastructure, dedicated loop water line to Continental Dairy, Main lift station reconstruction and Laguna lift station reconstruction. He presented the priorities and various financing suggestions including bonds, TDA Grant, TxCDBG funds, and/or reserve funds. No action taken at this time. City Manager was instructed to provide study of options to pay for these Utility infrastructure improvements at next meeting.

17. Executive Session: Discussion with Attorney Regarding Pending Legal Matters. Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney

Mayor Eric Turpen closed the regular session and opened the executive session at 7:25p.m. Mayor Turpen closed the executive session and reopened the regular session at 7:41p.m. No action taken.

18. Consider and Approve Action for Pending Legal Matters.

Mayor Eric Turpen made the motion to authorize the City Attorney to proceed with a lawsuit to collect Hotel Occupancy Tax from a local hotel. Mayor Pro Tempore Kenny Rucker made the second motion. The motion passed with 4 ayes and 1 absent.

19. Adjourn.

Mayor Turpen closed the meeting at 7:42p.m.



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Mayor Eric Turpen

Attest:



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City Secretary

