# MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL CITY OF DAINGERFIELD March 13, 2023

City Council Present: Mayor Wade Kerley Councilmembers Mike Carter, Duane

Grissett, Jessie Ayers and Vicki Smith

Absent: Bob Thorne

City Staff Present: City Manager Keith Whitfield, City Secretary Michelle Jones,

Police Chief Tracey Climer, Fire Chief Jimmy Cornelius, Assistant Fire Chief Travis Miller, Finance Director Amanda

Sanders, Utility Billing Clerk Melinda Precise

Others: Toni Walker-The Steel Country Bee, Josh Sanders-

Start2Finish, Chris Osburn-SPI, Jeremy Buechter-SPI, Colton Tigert, Terry Kox, Michael Haley, Ben Ramirez, Beverly Austin, Angie Ayers, Marty Walker, Leana Walker-

Walker Realty, Jim Goodman.

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

Mr. Whitfield gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

### Public Comments:

Gerald Stotts spoke about his dissatisfaction with treatment when he enters City Hall, dissatisfaction with management of equipment and employees, dissatisfaction with City Council management of City employees.

Mike Carter spoke of his dissatisfaction with City representation at the Fire Department Banquet that was held.

Marty Walker spoke on the need for a run-off election and provided a resolution to council via City Secretary Michelle Jones. Mr. Walker asked the City Council to make this change to the Charter. City Secretary Jones provided information received from the City Attorney stating that any change to the charter would require an election.

## 4. Consent Agenda

All Consent items are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and vote.

A. Deliberate and act to Approve Minutes of February 6, 2023

- B. Deliberate and Act to Appoint Election Judges and Set Pay Scale for General Election and Local Option Election
- C. Deliberate and Act to Approve to add City Secretary Michelle Jones to ACH Transactions at Texas Heritage Bank

Motion was made by Council Member Grissett to approve the consent item agenda as presented. Seconded by Council Member Carter, and all voted aye.

### 5. Business

Discuss, Consider, and Possibly Take Action Regarding:

- A. Deliberate and Take from the Table Agenda Item to require all nonemergency purchases be approved by the City Council prior to purchase. Motion was made by Council Member Grissett to Take from the Table Agenda Item to require all non-emergency purchases be approved by the City Council prior to purchase, seconded by Council Member Smith, and all voted aye.
- B. Deliberate and Possibly Act to require all non-emergency purchases be approved by the City Council prior to purchase. Motion was made by Council Member Ayers to leave the policy as is and make no changes, seconded by Council Member Smith, Council Members Ayers and Smith voted for, Council Members Grissett and Carter voted against. Mayor Kerley voted for to break the tie. The motion passed.
- C. Deliberate and Take from the Table Agenda item to select a Consultant for the EMS and Council Chamber Facility to be Built. Motion was made by Council Member Grissett to take from the table agenda item to select a Consultant for the EMS and Council Chamber facility to be built, seconded by Council Member Smith, and all voted aye.
- D. Deliberate and Possibly Act to select a Consultant for the EMS and Council Chamber Facility to be Built. Motion was made by Council Member Grissett to select CP&Y as a Consultant for the EMS and Council Chamber to be built, seconded by Council Member Smith, and all voted aye.
- E. Presentation Update by Schaumburg & Polk (SPI) on Water and Wastewater System Projects. The presentation was made by Jeremey Buechter with SPI on status of Water and Wastewater System Projects. Report from SPI is on file.
- F. Deliberate and Act to Award Bid for the Street and Drainage Upgrade Project. Motion was made by Council Member Grissett to award bid for the Street and Drainage Upgrade Project to Rayford's Truck and Tractor, seconded by Council Member Smith, and all voted aye.
- G. Discuss possible City Charter Amendment to Article VI Section 9. to provide for a run-off election for electing the Mayor. Motion was made

by Council Member Ayers to Amend Article VI Section 9 of the City Charter to provide for a run-off election, seconded by Council Member Carter, and all voted aye.

- H. Discuss and possibly act to form a Veterans memorial committee: Motion was made by Council Member Ayers to not form a memorial committee, seconded by Council Member Smith and all voted aye.
- 6. **Monthly Departmental Reports**: *Informational reports only*; *no action to be taken*: Information only no action was taken.
  - Animal Shelter, Code Enforcement, Electrical, EMS, Fire, Library, Municipal court, Police, Public Works
  - b. Financial
  - c. City Manager

# 7. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m. on motion by Council Member Carter seconded by Council Member Smith and all voted aye.

Wade Kerley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michelle Johes City Secretary