

## Regular City Council Meeting - Minutes

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Assistant to the City Secretary Brenda Dennis provided the roll call with Mayor Williams, noting a quorum of the following Council members Present: 1) Council Member Joyce Wolfe, 2) Council Member Kim Schlichting, 3) Council Member Beverly Felts, 4) Council Member Mike Hale, 5) Mayor Pro-Tem Erika Gonzales
3. **Opening:** Pledge of Allegiance US Flag and Texas Flag was led by Mayor Williams. The Invocation was led by Melvin Strey.
4. **Comments:**
  - a. **Mayor Comments** – Mayor Williams reminded everyone regarding this Saturday Oktober Feier – October 21, 2023, New Berlin Community Center, 8815 FM 775. 5K Run/Walk begins at 9:00 a.m. Packet pickup is this Friday at 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. for those pre-registered and wishing to register. Craft Fair and other activities to follow the 5K Run/Walk.
  - b. **County Commissioner Comments** – No Comments
  - c. **Fire Chief Comments** – No Comments
  - d. **City Marshal Comments** Marshal Hatcher provided his activity report for the dates September 19, 2023, to October 16, 2023:
    - *Total Stops – 10*
    - *Total citations issued – 10*
    - *Warnings issued – 8*
    - *Truck Route Violations – 2*
    - *No/Suspended DL – 1*
    - *Expired Registration – 7*
    - *License Plate (False/fictitious/Improper use) - 3*
    - *Call for service/incidents - 1*
    - *Assist Agency – 1*

Marshal Hatcher indicated that we still need signage (No through truck traffic) on Gin and Santa Clara before he can issue warnings and citations. He stated that there are only two signs up, (1) at Linne Road and I-10; (2) one next to City Hall. He has been monitoring these. Mayor Williams indicated that the county was to put up the signs, but it has fallen through. Mayor Williams indicated that he will be reaching out to the cities of Seguin and New Braunfels for assistance in getting the signs printed so he can get them up this month.

- e. **City Council Members Comments** Mayor Williams recognized Council Member Mike Hale who stated he had a complaint from a couple of citizens regarding overgrown trees and vegetation on Albrect Lane where it intersects Linne Road, the southeast side. Visibility problem and had already caused an accident. He indicated that he could assist in contacting the neighbor on Linne Road and see if he can cut it back, clearing it out but needs someone else to assist and bring a chainsaw. Mayor Williams stated he has a chainsaw and to let him know when he wants to do this.

Mayor Williams recognized Council Member Beverly Felts who indicated that they had discussions during National Night Out regarding the possibility of using the Community Center for the Christmas Celebration and Tree lighting ceremony and possibility give them a discount. Chair Kim Schlichting indicated that the Community Center will be having a meeting this Friday, and she will see if the Center is available and check on the possibility of a discount or even no charge. If this is approved it will need to be communicated out to the public, post and include in the newsletter.

- f. **Public Comments:** This time is provided for the public to address the City Council on issues or concerns. NO CITY COUNCIL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AT THIS TIME. Please add your name to the sign-up list

BEFORE THE MEETING. Public comment(s) may be limited to 3 minutes per speaker. You will be called upon by the mayor during the meeting. Any person making personal, impertinent, or slanderous remarks while addressing the Council may be directed to leave the meeting.

No one spoke.

**g. Planning and Zoning Commission Comments:** Diana Flippo Strey, Chairperson – No Comments.

**h. Other Committee Comments**

1. **PARKS and PLAYGROUNDS** – Melvin Strey, Chairperson – Mr. Strey indicated that they had not heard back from GVEC on the grant. Mayor Williams stated that a letter came from GVEC addressed to Jeff and we were not selected for the GVEC Power-Up Grant for the walking path project. Melvin stated that they would resubmit again next year.
2. **ORDINANCES REVIEW/REVISE** – Kim Schlichting, Chairman – Council Member Schlichting stated she has not received any ordinances that they need to review and asked if any other entities had looked at theirs and is looking for guidance and direction moving forward.

**5. Consent Agenda:**

**a. Discussion/Action** on these Consent Agenda items to be acted on in a single motion.

1. **Minutes:** City Council Meeting – September 18, 2023
2. **Financial Reports:** September 2023

Mayor Williams recognized Assistant to the City Secretary Brenda Dennis who stated that there is a correction on page 4 of the minutes, it should say Beverly Felts – not Beverly Hale.

Council Member Joyce Wolfe motioned to approve consent agenda items 1& 2 with corrections noted to the minutes. Council Member Beverly Felts seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0. Motion carried.

**6. Council Discussion Agenda**

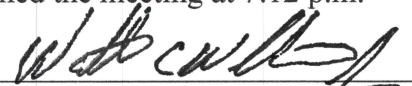
**a. Ordinance No. 2023-007** – Conduct a Public Hearing and consideration and/or action approving an Ordinance annexing a 108.517-acre tract of land situated in the V. Gortari Survey, A-24, Guadalupe County, Texas, as requested by a voluntary petition from Brenda Lee Kunde, dated August 31, 2023.

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing and recognized Assistant to the City Secretary Brenda Dennis and Council Member Kim Schlichting who stated that this item was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission at their meeting of October 2, 2023, and recommends approval. As no one else spoke, Mayor Williams closed the public hearing can called for a motion of approval.

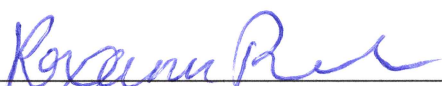
Council Member Kim Schlichting motioned to approve Ordinance No. 2023-007 Council Member Mike Hale seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0. Motion carried.

**Announcements** – None were provided.

**7. Adjournment** – As there was no future business, Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.



Walter C. Williams Jr., Mayor

Attested by:   
Roxann Pullin, City Secretary