

Minutes for the May 11, 2023, Regular meeting of the Buckholts City Council. In attendance were Mayor Terri Eaton, Council member Keith Janicek, Council member Tony Villanueva, Accountant Kristi Stegall, Chief of Police Shawn Newsom, Bill Lawson with LWWS and City Secretary Linda Hauk. Citizens in attendance were Chris Marrs and John Pelath

- 1. CALL TO ORDER – 5:46p.m.**
- 2. INVOCATION – said by Bill Lawson**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -said by all.**
- 4. CITIZEN COMMENTS- None in attendance**
- 5. ACTION ITEMS**
 - a. Discuss/Review/Approve Minutes from the April 13, 2023, Regular meeting – motion to approve was made by Mayor Terri Eaton and seconded by Council member Villanueva.**
 - b. Discuss/Review/Approve April Financial statements and other expenditures – Accountant Kristi Stegall went over the financials. With no questions or concerns a motion to approve the financials was made by Mayor Terri Eaton and seconded by Council member Villanueva.**
 - c. Discuss and consider approval of an ordinance to define the water and wastewater tap fees charged by the Town of Buckholts, to amend the water and wastewater tap fees, and to clarify property owner requirements to pay for the costs to connect to Town’s water and wastewater system and the necessity for the home-owner to put in a shut-off valve- Motion to approve was made by Council member Janicek and seconded by Council member Villanueva**
 - d. Review and approve request from BBA to close Main Street between 6th and 8th Streets, on June 3rd for the Cotton Festival - Council approved the closing but asked that the BBA coordinate with Buckholts Police Department on that closing.**
 - e. Discuss/Review/ Approve raising the street light cost from \$1 to \$3 - Motion to approve the increase was made by Council member Janicek and seconded by Council member Villanueva**
 - f. Discuss/ Review/ Approve reserve officer James Johnson for the PD to start Academy – This item was tabled per Chief Newsom**
 - g. Discussion by Municipal Court Judge regarding the payment to the Municipal Court on appealed cases by Milam County – Judge wanted to make the Council aware that starting May 1 the County will now be making quarterly payments on cases appealed up to Milam County Court. Somehow over the past many years, this has been overlooked and the County has not been making those payments.**

6. STAFF REPORTS

WATER/SEWER – Bill says even after the sewer project, down by the apartments, has been finished they still have INI issues. The problem must be further up the line and will be addressed when we do the next project.

ADMINISTRATION- Nothing

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief Newsom reported that Officer Paniagua’s vest was not ready. He will follow up on that as the 30 days they said it would take to finish are getting ready to expire. He also reported that he spoke with Senetor Swertner with regard to HB 790

COUNCIL – nothing to add.

MAYOR – Mayor Eaton said that something needed to be done about the house on the corner of S8th/S1915 and Avenue G. Linda reported that she was sending a letter to the homeowner the following day. Needs to be addressed withing 30 days or Chief Newsom said they would be enforcing the Dangerous Building Ordinance which comes with up to \$2,000, per day, violation fees.

- 7. ADJOURN – With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 6:22p.m.**

Signed this _____ day of May 2023.

Terri Eaton, Mayor

Linda R. Hauk, City Secretary