



City of Santa Clara, Texas - Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2023

The City Council called regular meeting on September 25, 2023, at 6:39 PM. At City Hall 1653 N Santa Clara Road and video conference through city's homepage City of Santa Clara with Mayor Jeff Hunt.

A. PLEDGE

B. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1. **Roll Call:** Marian Carty, Jim Folbre, John Reagan, Danny Trammell, and Ernest Schoenefeldt.

P&Z Members present: Lloyd Fairley and Thomas Perkins

2. **Declaration of Quorum:** Quorum was present for September 25, 2023, City Council Meeting

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Robert (Bob) Roberson – wanted to share with City Council members and citizens present, that he is running once again for Board Member at Green Valley Special Utility District.
- Steve Beisser (Cody Lane), expressed his apprehensions and opinions regarding the budget of the City of Santa Clara. He raised concerns about various aspects such as Land/Building, Land Debt, Legal/Court funding, Budget details, Public Works, Administrative expenses, Law enforcement, and funds allocated for road repairs

D. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing – FY 2023 – 2024 Budget

Hearing open at 6:46 pm – no public comment – closed at 7:01 pm.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

The following routine, clerical, and administrative items require no public hearing and are anticipated to require little or no individualized discussion by the City Council. It is intended that these items will be acted upon with a single motion as a collective, singular item. A City Council Member may request separate deliberation for a specific item or items at which time that item or items will be removed from the consent agenda for discussion as a regular agenda item. Prior to a vote, the City Council may add to the consent agenda an item or items listed elsewhere on the regular agenda.

1. August 28, 2023 – City Council Meeting Minutes

Council member Marian Carty made the motion to approve City Council Regular Meeting Minutes for August 28, 2023. Council member John Reagan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

F. CITY STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports include briefings on pending matters from City officials or City staff. Reports may be made verbally in or in writing to be included in the agenda packet.

1. Financial Report - City Secretary
2. Planning and Zoning Commission Report – P&Z Chair – No report
3. City Marshal Report – Chief Jerry Airola

G. DISCUSSION ONLY

1. Steve German - Commissioner, Pct 4 – Streets:

Mr. German said, “I would like to share with the members of the City Council and the citizens who were present on items that are very important for the public safety.” These items are: A signal light on FM 1044 at the intersection of FM 1044/FM 78 Reduce the speed limit on FM 78 between Country Lane and Dollar General (east of Santa Clara Rd) Mr. German said that he needed our help and encouraged everyone to call their local legislators with these concerns

2. Santa Clara Loop and Wetz Rd update:

Santa Clara Loop and Wetz Road construction complete and is under warranty period.

H. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

Items listed under this heading are for discussion and possible action.

1. Proclamation National Night Out – October 3, 2023:

Council member Marian Carty made the motion for Proclamation for National Night Out on October 3, 2023. Council member Jim Folbre seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Proclamation Domestic Violence Awareness month October 2023:

Council member Marian Carty made the motion for the month October 2023 – Domestic Violence Awareness. Ernest Schoenefeldt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Esquivel Subdivision Variance application:

Council member John Reagan made the motion to approve Esquivel Subdivision Variance application based on Engineer’s comments for Lot shape and sidewalks. Council member Danny Trammell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Access Easement across City property for Cale property:

Council member Marian Carty made the motion to approve the access easement across City’s property for Sarah Cathleen Cale. Council member Ernest Schoenefeldt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. FY 2023-2024 Budget

- **Budget Ordinance (2023-006):**

Council member Danny Trammell made the motion to adopt 2023-2024 Budget. Council member Jim Folbre seconded the motion. Motion carried with the vote: Marian Carty-Aye, Ernest Schoenefeldt-Aye, Danny Trammell-Aye, Jim Folbre-Aye and John Reagan-Aye.

6. 2023 Tax Rate

- **Tax Rate Ordinance (2023-005):**

Council member John Reagan made the motion to adoption of an M&O property tax rate of \$0.1514 per one hundred dollars. Council member Ernest Schoenefeldt seconded the motion. Motion carried with the vote: Marian Carty-Aye, Ernest Schoenefeldt-Aye, Danny Trammell-Aye, Jim Folbre-Aye and John Reagan-Aye.

7. Maintenance vehicle trade:

Council member Marian Carty made the motion to trade City's 2011 Ford F-550 Super Duty Flat Bed truck with Texas Regional Public Safety for 2012 Ford F-450 XL value at \$25,000. Council member Ernest Schoenefeldt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8. Economic special district (Sales Tax):

Discussion only, no action taken at this time.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- National Night out on October 3, 2023 held at Marion ISD parking lot at 5:00 pm

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

K. ATTENDANCE BY OTHER ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIALS: None

L. ADJOURNMENT

Council member Marion Carty made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 PM. Council member John Reagan seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Mayor: Jeff Hunt



City Secretary: Donna White