



City of Santa Clara, Texas
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2024

The City Council called regular meeting on September 23, 2024, at 6:34 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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands: one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all

B. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

P&Z Members present: Thomas Perkins, Lloyd Fairley, and Carrier Itschner

2. **Declaration of Quorum:** Quorum was present for September 23, 2024, City Council Meeting.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Carrie Itschner (Youngsford Rd) - Jerry has helped me so much. . . with animals, my fence being cut and dove hunters. Due to Jerry helping with the dove hunter it has calmed down abundantly. He deserved to stay here with us. My family, neighbor and I support in keeping Jerry
- Deanna Boedeker (Wetz Rd) – Appreciate the job the Marshal office has done for our community. Having them present in our area is awesome.
- Carol Folbre (Marion Rd) - #1 Carol shared with all the passing of Jim Folbre, Jr., Jim was apart of the beginning of City of Santa Clara (1997) and has served on the City Council major of these year, he loved and care for the Citizens of Santa Clara. Jim passed away on the day after the last city council meeting (8/26). One of his last phone calls was to Danny Trammell, Council member, asking Danny to let it be known how there are many citizens support Jerry Airola.
- Carol Folbre #2 – Lived in Santa Clara for over 20 years and seen speeding dump truck and UPS truck going 60 miles per hour and with Jerry and the Deputy this has been address and their presents will order in this community. It will be real miscarriage of justice if you do not extend Jerry's contract. The people of this community of Santa Clara Jerry to remain.
- Lloyd Fairley (Weil Rd) – Jerry did not come in as just a Marshal he built the City of Santa Clara's Marshal office and this is a big under taken to get it started. Jerry did not just come in here to hand out tickets and he help build this city and I do not think he is done. The city is changing and the office needs to change with it and I think you need to keep Jerry to get the job done. He has help with dumping as well as issues the animals. I suggest the City Council bring Jerry back at least couple more years.

CONTINUE PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Victor Contreras – I am the prior Mayor of Marian. Jerry has assisted Marion’s police department when requested and is very helpful. I recommend that you keep Jerry he is a great assist to the city.
- Kim Standley (N Santa Clara Rd) - I have seen what the difference Jerry has significantly made a different our community, like reduce dumping and big trucks going through our city, mail be stolen and so much more. With more house and more people moving into our city there will be more crime. This is why the budget the Marshal office is important so they continue to stop the big truck travel on our roads and we can’t afford to repair. Have you ever had a good conversation with him(?) if you do you will fine him to be a good man and respectful, as I do.
- Paul Witherspoon II (Country Ln) – Jerry has assisted and helped in many situations: trash dumping and not just trash animals/animals’ parts, and Jerry and Crane help when my business was robbed as well as you would be surprise of the drugs in our city. There was a burning house and Jerry was the first one there to help. Marshal have made a difference since they have been here (2021) and I do not want to go back to how it was before the Marshal was present.
- Led La V – Thank you for letting me speak. I just want to ask are we talking about the same police Marshal Airola that ran into that burning house. Are we so quick to forget how they put their life on the line and that with person with that kind of integrity would do that for someone with that kind of salary. The moment you find out that someone is trying to hired someone for \$40 thousand more, does not that sound political. Jerry has been so right for our community so selfishly and it an honored to have you.
- Julia Foerster (Youngsford Rd) – Airola knows his job and does his job and is not arrogant about it. Why would we want to give up something so positive(?). Our Marshal takes the time to answer question, this is something you would know if you took the time to talk to him. Let us give this man our support at we did at the beginning. He has not been proving guilty of anything and until then he is an innocent man. We need him with our community growing. We cannot survive without Jerry and is Deputies, we need them.
- Two Citizen from N Santa Clara Rd added to the concern and need to keep the Marshal and thankful for Jerry and his service and the mayor received and 18 signature of Santa Clara citizen who what to keep Jerry Airola

D. PUBLIC HEARING:

Public Hearing- Zoning Variance application for 8933 Youngsford Rd

Hearing open at 7:35 pm – No public comment – Closed at 7:36 pm

E. CONSENT AGENDA

1. August 26, 2024 – City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Danny Trammell made the motion to approve City Council Regular Meeting Minutes for August 26, 2024. Councilmember Dwane Atkins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

F. CITY STAFF REPORTS

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

1. Financial Report - City Secretary

G. DISCUSSION ONLY

1. **GVSUD fire hydrants – GVSUD process/plans “CID”**: No response for GVSUD

H. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

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

1. **Introduction/appointment for co-council for Santa Clara Municipal Court -Robert Haedge**: Councilmember Marian Carty made the motion to appoint Robert Haedge as co-council for City of Santa Clara Municipal Court. Councilmember Dwane Atkins seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
2. **8933 Youngsford Rd Zoning Variance Application**: Councilmember Marian Carty made the motion to approved 8933 Youngsford Rd Zoning Variance Application. Councilmember Dwane Atkins seconded the motion. Motion carried
3. **TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees member election selection**: Councilmember Danny Trammell made the motion to approve the TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees members election selected at City Council regular meeting – September 23, 2024. Councilmember Ernest Schoenefeldt seconded the motion. Moton carried
4. **Health Insurance coverage – no input received yet as a viable replacement**: Councilmember Marian Carty made the motion for City employees pay 40% and City pays 60% of Health Insurance coverage starting January 1, 2025. Councilmember Danny Trammell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilmember Dwane Atkins made the motion for City employees pay 40% and City pays 60% of Dental and Vision Insurance coverage starting January 1, 2025. Councilmember John Reagan second the motion. Motion carried

5. **Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates – Audit engagement FY 2024:** Councilmember Ernest Schoenefeldt made the motion to approve Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates audit engagement letter (8-26-2024) for FY 2023-2024 audit. Councilmember John Reagan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **Renewal/Appointment of Chief Marshal:** Councilmember Ernest Schoenefeldt made the motion to re-appoint Jerry Airola to serve as the Municipal Chief Marshal for the City of Santa Clara. Councilmember Danny Trammell seconded the motion. Motion carried with 4 ayes and 1 nay. (Ordinance NO. 2024-005)
7. **Possible RFQ for City Attorney:** Topic was table at this time.
8. **Amending the No Trough Truck Ordinance – Trucking Permits at fleet level:** Discussion only no action taken at this time.
9. **Approval of engineer engagement letter for ETJ mapping:** Topic was table at this time.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Election November 5, 2024. City Hall will not be location for early voting or Election Day Polling. Early Voting starts October 21, 2024. Dates, Time and Polling location is on City's website, City Halls bulletin Board and Guadalupe County's Election office website.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSIO: None

J. ATTENDANCE BY OTHER ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIALS: None

K. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Ernest Schoenefeldt made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 PM. Councilmember Dwane Atkins seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Mayor: Jeff Hunt



City Secretary: Donna White