



City of Santa Clara, Texas
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2024

The City Council called regular meeting on October 28, 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 and David Cale

2. Declaration of Quorum: Quorum was present for October 28, 2024, City Council Meeting.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Gail Damerou – Santa Clara 4-H:** 4-H president Tyler Schnieder along with sever 4-H members, gave a re-cap of the club's past 4-H 23–24-year activities and thanked the City of Santa Clara for the continue support and letting them continue to hold their meetings at the City Hall.
- **Glenn Frederick (Santa Clara Loop):** Asked a question regarding the flexibility of speakers breaking the 3-minute rule.
- **Wendie Wolfe (Marion Community Library)** Shared the Marion Community Library Calendar of events for November and December.
- **John Reagan (Wetz Rd):** Commented on the lack of decorum and personal attacks of council members during the prior meeting.

D. PUBLIC HEARING: None

E. CONSENT AGENDA

1. September 23, 2024 – City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Danny Trammell made the motion to approve City Council Regular Meeting Minutes for September 23, 2024. Councilmember Ernest Schoenefeldt seconded the motion. Motion carried with 4 ayes and 1 abstain

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

2. Law Enforcement – updates if needed: Chief Jerry Airola will be preparing Marshal Office Statistics Report in written form and posted on the City’s website.

G. DISCUSSION ONLY

1. **Santa Clara Loop & Wetz Rd:** Mayor Hunt presented the letter prepared by the City engineer Freeland & Turk regarding Wetz Road and Santa Clara Loop Warranty Inspection & list of Correction Period Obligations (dated 10-18-2024).

H. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

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

1. **2024-0005 Re-Appointment of Municipal Chief Marshal - 2nd reading/ratification:** Correction 2024-0005 – Correct Ordinance # 2024-005.

Councilmember Ernest Schoenefeldt made the motion to ratified the Re-Appointment of Municipal Chief Marshal. Councilmember Danny Trammell seconded the motion.

The City Council retired to Executive Session for purpose of consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Chapter 551.071 of the Texas Government Code and discussion of personnel matters pursuant to Chapter 551.074 of the Texas Government Code. Executive session opened at 7:04 PM and adjourned at 8:16 PM. All council members present for executive session. No action taken in Executive Session.

Council returned to open session at 8:19 pm

Mayor clarified that action taken at the last meeting (9-23-2024), on 2024-005 Re-Appointment of Municipal Chief Marshal, was an emergency as the Marshal’s term was set to expire, and that re-appointment does not remove him from administrative leave.

Motion on ratification to Re-Appointment of Municipal Chief Marshal carried with a vote 5 yes and 0 no

CONTINUE DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

2. **Capital Improvement Plan and Impact Fee Advisory Committee:** Councilmember Dwane Atkins made the motion to table this topic. Councilmember John Reagan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Amending the No Trough Truck Ordinance – Trucking Permits at fleet level:** Councilmember Dwane Atkins made the motion to amend the No Trough Truck Ordinance – Truck permit to add Fleet permit and remove Frequent Access permit fees. Councilmember Marin Carty seconded the motion. Motion carried
4. **How to meet the City GIS requirements:** Mayor Jeff Hunt reached out to the GIS in the Guadalupe County and they can get City of Santa Clara a city map along with Santa Clara’s ETJ. No action was needed on this topic

5. **Proposed Hands-Free Driving Ordinance:** Councilmember Marian Carty made the motion to send to City Attorney and City Prosecutor. Councilmember John Reagan seconded the motion. Motion carried
6. **Proposed Towing Authority Ordinance:** Councilmember John Reagan made the motion to send to City Attorney and City Prosecutor. Councilmember Danny Trammell seconded the motion. Motion carried

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next City Council Regular meeting will be held on 11-11-2024 @ 6:30 pm (no CC on 11-25-24).
- Daylight saving time, Sunday, November 3, 2024
- Carmen Long will be organizing “A Little Free Library” at Santa Clara City Hall. Where you can get a book and take a book.
- Mayor, Jeff Hunt appointed Jeffry Standley to the Planning and Zoning Commission Place 7 (even year). Appointment starting at next P & Z Meeting 11-11-2024
- November 8th part two of the “S” curve road repair – Hot mix will be applied to the road.
- Pre- development meeting was held with City Engineer with developer off FM 1044
- New owner for the old Goerke’s restaurant is looking to open new restaurant.

I. ATTENDANCE BY OTHER ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIALS: None

K. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Marian Carty made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 PM.
Councilmember John Reagan seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Mayor: Jeff Hunt



City Secretary: Donna White