

**CITY OF TATUM
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
January 10, 2022**

The City Council of the City of Tatum met in regular session on **January 10, 2022**, at **5:29p.m.** in the City Hall Meeting Room with the following members present:

Mayor - Clay Lassen

City Secretary – Kay Dyer

City Council

Jeff Keller

Kim R. Smith

Tate R. Smith

Jack York

Dana Buddecke – Mayor Pro-Tem

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

None

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. **Last month's minutes and checks written** – Mr. Jeff Keller made a motion to approve the last month's minutes and checks written. Mr. Jack York seconded the motion and the motion passed with none opposed.
2. **Updates from Mayor Clay Lassen**
 - Chief April Rains contacted TX Dot and they are approximately two months out on doing the traffic study on State Hwy 149 and State Hwy 43.
 - Blue Santa and Christmas parade both went smooth. The parade was televised.
 - Rusk County Sheriff's Department will be changing their radios, therefore the radios that were purchased with radio grant will not work. The radios will have to be dual band, with analog and digital. Mayor Lassen will amend the grant and go with less radios due to the cost.
 - Smith County Judge, Nathaniel Moran contacted Mayor Lassen and let him know that he is running for Louie Gohmert's seat in Congress.
 - City of Tatum was removed from the list for the internet. Mayor Lassen attended a meeting Friday and it was productive.
3. **The Payment Group** – Mr. Kim Smith made a motion to allow contractors the availability to pay their permit fees online once permits have been approved by the city. Mr. Tate Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed with none opposed.
4. **Ordinance 2022-01 Order of Election** – Mr. Jeff Keller made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-01 Order of Election. Mr. Kim Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed with none opposed.
5. **Joint Election Agreement with Tatum ISD** – Mr. Jeff Keller wants to contact Rusk County Elections Office to see if it is possible to rent a voting machine for the upcoming May 7, 2022 election. Mr. Kim Smith made a motion to approve the Joint Election Agreement with Tatum ISD. Mr. Jack York seconded the motion and the motion passed with none opposed.
6. **Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)** – Mayor Clay Lassen explained how the programs works. It is a grant that provides emergency assistance to low-income households to help prevent the disconnection of their water services due to non-payment. The customer would have to fill out an application either online or in paper form and submit it

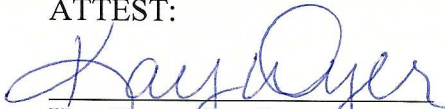
for approval to the Greater East Texas Community Action Program (GETCAP). GETCAP would notify the customer and Tatum Waterworks of the eligibility. Mr. Kim Smith made a motion to approve the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program. Mr. Jeff Keller seconded the motion and the motion passed with none opposed.

9. **Employee Raises** – Council went into executive session at 5:50 p.m. and returned back to normal session at 6:20 p.m. Mayor Clay Lassen stated that a six (6) percent raise will be given to the water works department, city secretary and court clerk. Annual raises will be reviewed in the 2023 budget. Employees will have an evaluation by their supervisors and council. Mr. Jeff Keller made a motion to approve a six (6) percent raise for the water works, city secretary and court clerk. Mrs. Dana Buddecke seconded the motion and the motion passed with none opposed.
10. **Adjourn** - Mr. Kim Smith made a motion to adjourn @ 6:22 p.m. p.m. Mr. Jack York seconded the motion and the motion passed, all in favor.

APPROVED:


Clay Lassen, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kay Dyer, City Secretary