

**City of Tatum  
Regular Scheduled Meeting  
City Council Minutes June 12, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Tatum met in regular session, **June 12, 2023, at 5:30pm**. In the City Hall Meeting room with the following members present:

**Mayor- Don Hall**

Tate Smith- Mayor Pro-Tem  
Dana Buddecke-Not Present  
Greggory Cole  
Wendell Moore  
J. R. Smith

Letitia Poindexter  
City Secretary

**Call to Order: @ 5:30pm by Mayor Don Hall**

**Invocation:**

**Citizens: Nakita with Tedco informed the council and the citizens that a workshop will be held July 26<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup> of 2023 and August 31<sup>st</sup> to help with the understanding of Economic Development. Code Enforcement and Permits will be a few things that will be talked about. More information will be given at next regular meeting.**

**Chief Smith announced that the annual carnival would be coming this year and though it does not bring a lot of money. The proceeds go to Blue Santa for children for Christmas.**

**Correction from the May 16<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting.**

It was stated that any purchases more than (\$ 500.00) Five Hundred Dollars must be brought before the City Council by Agenda to Approve. A clerical error was made in the minutes of last month reflecting (\$50.00) Fifty Dolars. To reiterate on the Motion and Discussion from May 16, 2023 regular meeting. Item # 7  
Any work for the City of Tatum must be approved if exceeds (\$ 500.00) Five Hundred Dollars unless regular expenditures for the city to maintain daily operational service.



**Regular Meeting:**

1. Checks and Minutes were approved.

Motion by: J.R      2<sup>nd</sup> Wendell      All in Favor/None Opposed

2. Credit Card for City Secretary to use for Postage, Office Supplies etc.

Motion by: Wendell      2<sup>nd</sup> Gregory      All in Favor/ None Opposed

3. Take Home City Truck for Chief James Smith was discussed and agreed that he could take city vehicle home so that when a call is called out, he would be prepared to show up with City Vehicle and Camera for record. It was noted that vehicle is to be used for work only or for the use of Educational Courses for the City of Tatum.

Motion by J.R      2<sup>nd</sup> Wendell      All in Favor / None Opposed

4. Nominate and Name Mayor Pro-Tem- Tate Smith was nominated to remain the Mayor Pro-tem.

Motion by: Gregory      2<sup>nd</sup> J.R      All in Favor / None Opposed

5. Information: Ray Vann addressed the Council regarding Grants and how to procure a grant to make the next step to spend the allotted money that given to help with City Streets, Machinery, Equipment, Water Lines, etc. Depending on the grant. Many Cities will have grants from several horded thousand to several millions. Knowing how and when to spend that money is where you may find yourself in trouble. First you read the grant and see what it will cover, what was it intended for. There are many steps that you will need to follow in order to procure what you need. I am and will be willing to help you with this. City of Tatum has reached out to Vann for his help to get things rolling.

6. David Godwin the Auditor for the City of Tatum addressed the council and went over the 2022-2023 Fiscal year. There needs to be training in every department of the city. Education and Staying in Compliance needs to be top priority. With the over turns of staff, it causes other to play catch up and that is not good. The council needs to be aware of what is going on. I have given each of you Financial Reports and Independent Financial Review. I will be raising my fees due to the economy and cost of living. I will continue to guide City of Tatum in the right direction. I am pleased and enjoy working with you all.

Motion to accept audit: Wendell      2<sup>nd</sup> Gregory      All in Favor / None Opposed

7. Information only: Monthly Officer Report

8. Information only: Police Dept Activity Report

