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**MINUTES
NOVEMBER 13, 2023
REGULAR MEETING**

Meeting was called to order by Mayor: Don Hall at 5:30pm.
Councilman Greggory Cole was not present.

Citizen:

OLD BUSINESS:

Parking Cover for Tatum PD was discussed and pulled from the agenda when the council could not come to an agreement. Councilman Smith suggested the money to put towards this project could go towards water pump stations. This was decided after a disagreement between two of the council members regarding the bids that were submitted. Council Moore pulled his bid after a remark of conflict of interest was mentioned by Councilman Palmer. After further discussion this item was pulled and off the table.

Motion to remove this item was made by Wendell Moore 2nd: Tate Smith
All Approved Councilman Greggory Cole not present.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion was made to pass last month's minutes and checks.

Motioned by: J.R Smith 2nd: Wendell Moore
All In Favor Councilman Greggory Cole not present

2. Discussion to make a motion to hire Attorney Ronal Stutes was briefly discussed and a Motion was made to hire Mr. Stutes to represent the City of Tatum.

Motioned by: Tate Smith 2nd: Wendell Moore
All in Favor Councilman Greggory Cole not present

3. Discussion to make a motion on Center Point Energy to raise the rate. A Motion was made by Wendell Moore to take no action. Council Agreed.

Motion by: Wendell Moore 2nd: J.R Smith
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4. Discussion and Consideration to issue request for proposals to lead the Grant for Safer Streets. John McElfish spoke with the council and explained how things would work. Motion was Made to hire him to lead up this project and publish for proposals.

Motioned by: Wendell Moore
All In Favor

2nd: Wendell Moore
Councilman Greggory Cole was not present

5. Discussion to make a Motion on request from Citizen: Pat Dahna Mrs. Dahna requested the council to allow adjustment be made on her water bill due to an unknown leak that increased their bill and she would not be able to pay such a high bill. After a brief discussion it was agreed to take sewer charge off and 20% and that needed to be paid in full. Mrs. Dahna gave a check at the council meeting to pay in full.

Motion by: Wendell Moore
All in Favor

2nd: Tate Smith
Councilman Greggory Cole not present

6. Monthly Report: Water-Works Report by: Michael Morton/Supervisor Water and Sewer.

7. Monthly Report: Tatum Volunteer Fire Department. Chief Rayford Gibson

8. Monthly Report: Executive Director of TEDCO: Nakia Smith

9. Monthly Report: Tatum Police Department: Chief James Smith

10. Council Discussed the item on agenda to hire a full-time patrol officer, Drew Russell. After a brief introduction by Mr. Russell. It was agreed and a Motion was made to Hire Mr. Russell as a new Full Time Patrol Officer for the City of Tatum PD at Twenty Dollars an Hour and on a 90 Probation. Chief James Smith will Monitor him and Training will begin at the end of November.

Motion by: Tate Smith
All in Favor

2nd: Wendell Moore
Councilman Greggory Cole was not present

11. The salary increase of Judge Bonnie Miller was on the agenda for Discussion and Motion. Judge Bonnie Miller addressed the council. She asked for this increase for she had not been given a salary increase since she started. Mayor Don Hall asked what she thought. Judge Bonnie Miller said, Five Hundred Dollars a month. She had checked around and other Municipal Judges are paid more but she felt this would be a fair start. Council agreed and a Motion was made to pay Judge Bonnie Miller a monthly salary of Five Hundred Dollars a month. This is an increase of Two Hundred Dollars each month.

Motion by: J.R Smith
All in Favor

2nd: Wendell Moore
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12. Discussion for pay raise for City Secretary was on the table for Discussion. The probation period was over June 27, 2023. This was put on the agenda to give a pay raise after probation period that was never acknowledged by the council. A brief discussion between the council member and it was motioned that a dollar pay raise would be given at this time until budget meeting for fiscal year June 2023. A motion was made to increase the hourly pay for the city secretary by one dollar an hour.

Motion by: J.R Smith
All in Favor

2nd: Tate Smith
Councilman Greggory Cole not present

Mayor Don Hall called for Executive Meeting to speak with each candidate that applied for Assistant City Secretary/Court Clerk Position. Executive Meeting: 6:33pm.

13. Hiring for Part-Time Position with the City of Tatum.

At 7:10pm, The Meeting was called back to order from the Executive Meeting.

Mayor Don Hall announced that the Position would be offered to Mrs. Jackie Muckleroy.

Mrs. Jackie stood up and accepted the position. Mayor Don Hall and the Council expressed their appreciation to all the candidates that applied for this position.

14. Discussion kicked off quickly to talk about the next item on the agenda which is to purchase and replace equipment at the McCormick Pump Station. Michael Morton addressed the Council that this has been a problem for years. The cost of constantly repairing is not working anymore. This is critical that this is done. A motion was made by J.R Smith to purchase a new motor and plate for McCormick Pump Station.

Motion by: J.R Smith
All in Favor

2nd: Wendell Moore
Councilman Greggory Cole not present

15. The RO Pump Station was put on the agenda to discuss and make a motion to purchase a back up motor. This is critical to have a spare. A brief discussion and quickly a motion was made to purchase a new motor for back-up. Items 14 and 15 was grouped together in a discussion.

Motion by: J.R Smith
All in Favor

2nd: Wendell Moore
Councilman Greggory Cole not present

16. Discussion to purchase 5 new taser was on the agenda. After a brief discussion by the council. Everyone agreed that this item was passed on a previous agenda. Chief James Smith acknowledges this to City Secretary but wanted confirmation from council before placing order. Council agreed that this item was already addressed. No motion was made.

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17. Discussion: Michael Henry addressed the council. He had concerns and questions. The Hours that the Police worked and was it 24/7. He also mentioned that the officers should be paid more being they do put their lives on the lines for the City and Citizens of Tatum.

18. Discussion: Jefferey Mace addressed the council. He had concerns and wanted to let the council know that the Tatum Police should have a pay increase.

19. Information Only: Monthly Officers Activity Report

20. Information Only: Monthly Officer Citation Report

Councilman Moore made a Motion to adjourn and Councilman Tate 2nd the Motion. Mayor Don Hall adjourned the meeting at 7:28PM

“The Tatum City Council reserves the right to adjourn to executive meeting at any time during this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with an Attorney). 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property). 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations). 551.074 (Personal Matters). 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and 551.086 (Economic Development).

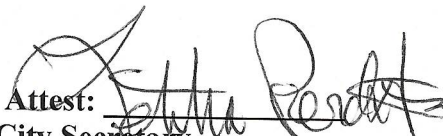
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I certify that the foregoing notice was posted on the bulletin board and the front door of the Tatum City Hall, Tatum, Texas this the day of

Date: _____

10-13-23


Mayor: Don Hall

Attest: 
City Secretary

