

**STATE OF TEXAS**

**COUNTY OF TITUS**

**CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT**

The City Council of the City of Mount Pleasant, Texas, after notice posted in the manner, form and contents as required by law, met in Regular Session September 19, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. at Council Chambers located at 501 North Madison with the following members present:

Tracy Craig	-	Mayor
Tim Dale	-	Mayor Pro-Tem
Henry N Chappell II	-	Council Member
Galen Adams	-	Council Member
Sherri Spruill	-	Council Member
Jerry Walker	-	Council Member
Ed Thatcher	-	City Manager
Kerry Wootten	-	City Attorney
Candias Webster	-	City Secretary

**CONSIDER MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 REGULAR SESSION.**

Motion was made by Council Member Dale, Second by Council Member Chappell to Approve of Minutes of September 5, 2023 Regular Session. Upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

**The City Council welcomes citizen participation and comments at all Council meetings. Citizen comments are limited to two minutes out of respect for everyone’s time. The Council is not permitted to respond. The Texas Open Meetings Act requires that topics of discussion/deliberation be posted on the agenda not less than 72 hours in advance of the Council meetings. If your comments relate to a topic that is on the agenda, the Council will discuss the topic on the agenda at the time that the topic is discussed and deliberated.**

**CONSIDER CANCELING THE OCTOBER 3, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING.**

Motion was made by Council Member Spruill, Second by Council Member Adams to Approve of Canceling the October 3, 2023 Council Meeting. Upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2023-16 LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2023 (FISCAL YEAR 2024).**

Mayor opened and closed the Public Hearing with no comments. Motion was made by Council Member Dale, Second by Council Member Walker to Approve Ordinance 2023-16 moving that the property tax rate be increased by adoption of a tax rate of 34.4783 cents, which is effectively a 10% increase in the tax rate. Upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2023-17 RATIFYING THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.**

Motion was made by Council Member Adams, Second by Chappell to Approve Ordinance 2023-17 moving to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget for fiscal year 2023-2024. Upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2023-20 AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET.**

Motion was made by Council Member Dale, Second by Council Member Adams to Approve Ordinance 2023-20 Amending the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget. Upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2023-15 AMENDING AN INVESTMENT POLICY.**

Motion was made by Council Member Adams, Second by Council Member Chappell to Approve Resolution 2023-15 Amending an Investment Policy. Upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2023-15 UPDATING USER FEES FOR BUILDING PERMITS, CODE ENFORCEMENT, PARKS, CIVIC CENTER, AND ESTABLISHING FEES FOR PILGRIMS COMMUNITY CENTER.**

Motion was made by Council Member Chappell, Second by Council Member Walker to Approve Ordinance 2023-15 Updating User Fee for Building Permits, Code Enforcement, Parks, Civic Center, and establishing fees for Pilgrim's Community Center. Upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION WITH MICHAEL BEATY CONCERNING THE ANDERSON DEVELOPMENT**

Michael Beaty was present for the discussion.

**CONSIDER CASTING THE CITY'S VOTES FOR THE ELECTION OF THE TITUS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD.**

Motion was made by Council Member Chappell, Second by Council Member Walker to move this item to the next meeting. Upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDER AWARD OF CHEMICAL BID #8-2023.**

Motion was made by Council Member Walker Second by Council Member Chappell to Approve Award of Chemical Bid #8-2023 to the following: **Chem Trade** for Aluminum Sulfate, **FSTI** for Caustic Soda, **DPC Industries** for Chlorine and Liquid Sulphur Dioxide, **Harcos** for 65% Calcium Hypochlorite, and **Carbon Activated Corp** for Powdered Activated Carbon. Upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2023-18 A REQUEST FROM RICHARD W. BAKER, ON BEHALF OF RB CAPITAL, LTD FOR A ZONING CHANGE FROM GR (GENERAL RETAIL DISTRICT) TO C (COMMERCIAL DISTRICT) FOR A 1.185-ACRE PARCEL OF LAND BEING DESCRIBED AS MOUNT PLEASANT CITY BLOCKS, BLOCK 52, LOT 11, A PART OF THE BERRY MERCHANT SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 358, CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT, TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF W. 12<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND N. JEFFERSON AVENUE [BUS-271], IS ADDRESSED AS 1201 N. JEFFERSON AVENUE. Z-2023-06**

Mayor opened and closed the Public Hearing with no comments. Motion was made by Council Member Dale, Second by Council Member Chappell to Approve Ordinance 2023-18 a request from Richard W. Baker, on behalf of RB Capital, LTD for a zoning change from GR (General Retail District) to C (Commercial District) for a 1.185-acre parcel of land being described as Mount Pleasant City Blocks, Block 52, Lot 11, a part of the Berry Merchant Survey, Abstract No. 358, City of Mount Pleasant, Titus County, Texas Generally located on the Northwest Corner of W. 12<sup>th</sup> Street and N. Jefferson Avenue [BUS-271], is addressed as 1201 N. Jefferson Avenue. Z-2023-06. Upon a vote, the motion carried 3-1 with Council Members, Dale, Chappell, and Walker voting for and Council Member Spruill voting against, and Council Member Adams Recusing.

**HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2023-19 REQUEST FROM JAMES STEGALL, ON BEHALF OF JSVS ENTERPRISES, LLC FOR A ZONING CHANGE FROM GR (GENERAL RETAIL DISTRICT) AND SF-2 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) TO GR (GENERAL RETAIL DISTRICT) FOR A 2.13-ACRE PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED AS LOT 1, BRADDOCK ADDITION, CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT, TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS, GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF N. JEFFERSON AVENUE [BUS-271] AND NORTH OF W. 12<sup>TH</sup> STREET. Z-2023-07.**

Motion was made by Council Member Adams, Second by Council Member Dale to Approve Ordinance 2023-19 request from James Stegall, on behalf of JSVS Enterprises, LLC for a zoning change from GR (General Retail District) and SF-2 (Single-Family Residential District) to GR (General Retail District) for a 2.13-acre parcel of land described as Lot 1, Braddock Addition, City of Mount Pleasant, Titus County, Texas, generally located on the west side of N. Jefferson Avenue [BUS-271] and North of W. 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Upon a vote, motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDER MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ENGINEERING FIRM.**

Motion was made by Council Member Dale, Second by Council Member Chappell to Approve Master Service Agreement with CobbFendley Engineering Firm. Upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

**ADJOURN: 8:32PM**

Mayor adjourned the meeting.

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**TRACY CRAIG, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**CANDIAS WEBSTER, CITY SECRETARY**