

CITY OF SHINER CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES AND CERTIFIED AGENDA  
Hoffie & Lank Wolters Public Library  
Regular Council Meeting, July 3, 2023  
115 E 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Shiner, TX

1.) **CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Hilscher called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2.) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Mayor Fred Hilscher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.) **INVOCATION** – Councilperson David Schroeder led the invocation.

4.) **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT	COUNCILPERSON	GREGORY MURRILE
PRESENT	COUNCILPERSON	DAVID SCHROEDER
PRESENT	COUNCILPERSON	WILL FRANKLIN
PRESENT	COUNCILPERSON	ALOIS LOUIS HERMAN
PRESENT	COUNCILPERSON	GUS JAEHNE
PRESENT	MAYOR	FRED HENRY HILSCHER

Others present were City Secretary, Natalie Fric; Public Works Director, Justin Hanson; Police Chief Kevin Kelso; Egon Barthels

5.) **ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE MAYOR AS TO THE PRESENCE OF A QUORUM, THE MEETING HAS BEEN CALLED AND THE NOTICE OF MEETING HAS BEEN POSTED FOR TIME & MANNER AS REQUIRED BY LAW** - Mayor Fred Hilscher announced that a quorum was present, and the meeting has been called and notices have been posted for the time and manner as required by law.

6.) **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Each speaker addressing the Council is limited to 3 minutes. Each speaker addressing the Council must state their name and nature of comments. The Council may not deliberate or act on non-agenda items.* Egon Barthels, President of the Chamber of Commerce wanted to thank the city and the Parks Department, Shiner PD and Shiner Fire for the use of the facilities in the park and all of the help that was provided by. Mr. Barthels said the event went well, there were no issues. He said there were a little over 40 teams for the cook-off. He said the fireworks went off well being moved back to on top of the hill.

7.) **CONSENT AGENDA**

*This portion of the agenda consists of items considered routine and can be approved by one motion unless separate discussion is requested by a member of the City Council.*

- a. Approval of the minutes from the regular council meeting dated May 1, 2023.
- b. Approval of the monthly expenses, checks paid, revenue and expense reports and CD and bank balances.

Councilman Greg Murrile made a motion to approve all consent items. Councilman Gus Jaehne seconded the motion. (Motion passed 5-0)

8.) **OLD BUSINESS:**

*Discuss, Consider, and Possibly Take Action regarding:*

- a. Fire Station Update. No Update.
- b. City of Shiner employee volunteer 457 plan. Councilman Will Franklin made a motion to approve Mission Square as the 457 plan for the City of Shiner employees. Councilman Greg Murrile seconded the motion. (Motion passed 5-0)

9.) **NEW BUSINESS:**

*Discuss, Consider, and Possibly Take Action regarding:*

- a. Consider bids on certificate of deposit #5515 \$163,464.37 maturing in July 2023. Mayor Hilscher opened two bids for CD 5515. First National Bank bid 4.59% APR & 4.68% APY for 12 months & Southstar Bank bid 4.60% APR & 4.70 APY for 12 months. Mayor Hilscher mentioned this CD is currently at First National Bank. Councilman Murrile made a motion to accept the bid from First National Bank. Councilman Gus Jaehne seconded the motion. Councilman Schroeder said he thinks we should go with the higher bid, even if it is a tenth of a point, however he understands the effort to switch the account around to another bank for a small amount of percentage may not be worth it. (Motion passed 5-0)
- b. Lions Club request to place 10 trash cans at Green Dickson Park. Councilman David Schroeder made a motion to approve the placement of trash cans at the park. Councilman Will Franklin seconded the motion. (Motion passed 5-0)
- c. Phone upgrade for city offices. City Secretary Natalie Fric presented to Council a quote from Infiniti Communications which is a subsidiary of Victoria Communications for upgraded phones and phone services for all land line city phones. Mrs. Fric explained the upfront costs of the phones would be \$5,778.57. Mrs. Fric said the phones that we are currently using are from 2010 or earlier, have no voicemail, no caller ID, or any other features through AT&T. She said the current monthly bill for all services is \$703.00 dollars for all 5 offices. With this new service the monthly bill would drop to \$436.00. Mrs. Fric said all departments affected would have enough in their capital outlay budget to pay for the initial costs of the phones. Councilman Gus Jaehne made a motion to approve the phone upgrade. Councilman Will Franklin seconded the motion. (Motion passed 5-0)
- d. Interlocal Agreement between SISD & City of Shiner Police. Mayor Hilscher adjourned into discuss item d. as well as other personnel matters as listed in executive session. The time is 6:15 p.m.

10.) **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A. **PERSONNEL MATTERS:**

1. Pursuant to Sec. 551.074. of the Texas Government Code: Personnel Matters to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to

hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee. Police Department Personnel, School Resource Officer Position; Public Works - Street/Utilities Maintenance Supervisor. There were no motions in Executive Session.

11.) **ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:**

**a. STAFF REPORTS**

1. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – No Report.
2. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Justin Hanson gave an update on the new water tower. He said it is close to being complete, fencing needs to be put around before the chlorine can be put in place.
3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT – Natalie Fric said she received verification from the comptroller’s office regarding the sales tax increase. She said it should go into effect October 1, 2023. Mrs. Fric said all taxpayers will be contacted directly. Mrs. Fric said the MIT-MOD grant was finalized and the city will be receiving \$946,600 for sewer and water infrastructure. Mrs. Fric reminded Council about the budget meeting that will be on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

**b. COUNCIL REPORTS**

1. Councilperson Gregory Murrile –Library & Museum – Mr. Murrile said the summer Reading program is in full swing, and all is well at the museum.
2. Councilperson David Schroeder report – Parks & Sanitation – Mr. Schroeder reported the basketball courts are formed up and ready. He mentioned he would like to see fencing all the way around the court.
3. Councilperson Will Franklin – Electric & Police – No Report.
4. Councilperson Alois Louis Herman report – Streets, Sewer, and Water Departments – No Report.
5. Councilperson Gus Jaehne– Fire & EMS – Mr. Jaehne wanted to thank the Shiner Volunteer FD for a good job containing the restaurant fire last week.
6. Mayor, Fred Henry Hilscher report – All Departments – No Report.

12.) **ADJOURNMENT** The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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City Secretary

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Mayor