



**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2022**

**The Regular Session of the City Council of the City of Seagoville, Texas was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 12, 2022, at City Hall, 702 N. Hwy 175, Seagoville, Texas with a quorum present, to wit:**

Dennis Childress	Mayor
Harold Magill	Mayor Pro Tem
Jose Hernandez	Councilmember
Rick Howard	Councilmember
Mike Fruin	Councilmember
Jon Epps	Councilmember

The following staff members were also present: City Manager Patrick Stallings, Police Chief Ray Calverley, Community Development Director Ladis Barr, City Attorney Victoria Thomas, Finance Director Gail French, Director of Administrative Services Cindy Brown, and City Secretary Kandi Jackson.

**Invocation** – *Invocation was led by Mayor Pro Tem Magill.*

**Pledge of Allegiance** – *Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Magill.*

**Mayor’s Report** – *None.*

**Citizens Public Comment Period-** *This portion of the meeting is to allow each speaker up to six (6) minutes to address the council on items not posted on the current agenda. Council may not discuss these items but may respond with factual data or policy information, or place the item on a future agenda. Citizens wishing to speak on posted agenda items will be called upon at that time. Anyone wishing to speak shall submit a Speaker Request Form to the City Secretary.*

*None.*

**REGULAR AGENDA-**

**7. Receive presentation of City of Seagoville’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2021 (Finance Director/Fox, Byrd, and Company)**

*Frank Conroy with Fox, Byrd, and Company presented the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2021.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-**

**1. Recessed into Executive Session at 7:10 p.m.**

**Council will recess into executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code:**

**A. § 551.074. Personnel, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee to wit: Alternate Municipal Court Judge**

**2. Reconvened into Regular Session at 7:57 p.m.**

**Council will reconvene into open session, and take action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session.**

**A. § 551.074. Personnel, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee to wit: Alternate Municipal Court Judge**

*No action taken.*

**3. Discuss and consider approving an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Seagoville, Texas, appointing Holly Fox to serve as an Alternate Municipal Court Judge of the Municipal Court of Record of the City of Seagoville, Texas; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause; providing a savings clause; and providing an effective date (City Attorney)**

*Motion to approve an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Seagoville, Texas, appointing Holly Fox to serve as an Alternate Municipal Court Judge of the Municipal Court of Record of the City of Seagoville, Texas; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause; providing a savings clause; and providing an effective date – Hernandez, seconded by Epps; motion passed with all ayes 4/0*

**CONSENT AGENDA-** The Consent Agenda contains items which are routine in nature and will be acted upon in one motion.

**4. Consider approving City Council Meeting Minutes for August 29, 2022 (City Secretary)**

**5. Discuss and consider approving a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Seagoville, Texas, approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee (“ACSC”) and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division regarding the company’s 2022 Rate Review Mechanism filings; declaring existing rates to be unreasonable; adopting tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement; finding the rates to be set by the attached settlement tariffs to be just and reasonable and in the public interest; approving an attachment establishing a benchmark for pensions and retiree medical benefits; requiring the company to reimburse ACSC’S reasonable ratemaking expenses; determining that this Resolution was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act; adopting a savings clause; declaring an effective date; and requiring delivery of this Resolution to the Company and the ACSC’S legal counsel (Director of Administrative Services)**

*Motion to approve Consent Agenda as read – Hernandez, seconded by Howard; motion passed. 3/1 (For Hernandez, Howard, Epps; Against Fruin)*

**REGULAR AGENDA-**

**6. Conduct an interview with a board & commission applicant for appointment (City Secretary)**

*City Secretary Jackson stated Mr. Braelin Evans applied to fill a vacancy for an Alternate Place on the Board of Adjustments, and he passed the background investigation as required by Ordinance No. 24-2019.*

*Motion to appoint Mr. Evans to Alternate #1 on Board of Adjustments – Hernandez, seconded by Howard; motion passed with all ayes. 4/0*

**8. Conduct a public hearing to receive citizen input on the proposed tax rate of \$0.752687 per \$100 valuation, which is greater than the no new revenue tax rate calculated by the Dallas County Tax Assessor/Collector of \$0.662127 per 100 and not greater than the voter-approval tax rate of .752688 per \$100. This rate will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$1,455,800 (Finance Director)**

*Mayor Pro Tem Magill opened the public hearing at 8:03 p.m.*

*No one spoke for or against.*

*Mayor Pro Tem Magill closed the public hearing at 8:03 p.m.*

**9. Discuss and consider approving an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Seagoville, Texas, adopting and levying ad valorem taxes for the year 2022 (fiscal year 2022-2023) at a rate of \$0.752687 per one hundred dollars (\$100) assessed valuation on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City of Seagoville as of January 1, 2022, to provide revenue for the payment of current expenses; providing for an interest and sinking fund for all outstanding debt of the city of Seagoville; providing for due and delinquent dates together with penalties and interest; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date (Finance Director)**

*I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.752687, which is effectively a 13.68 percent increase in the tax rate – Hernandez, seconded by Epps; motion passed with all ayes. 4/0 (Mayor Pro Tem Magill called for a record vote; For Hernandez, Howard, Fruin, & Epps)*

**10. Discuss and consider approving a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Seagoville, Texas ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the City’s adopted Fiscal year 2022-2023 budget, which is a budget that will require raising more revenue from property taxes than in the previous year; and providing an effective date (Finance Director)**

*Motion to approve a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Seagoville, Texas ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the City’s adopted Fiscal year 2022-2023 budget, which is a budget that will require raising more revenue from property taxes than in the previous year; and providing an effective date – Hernandez, seconded by Howard; motion passed with all ayes. 4/0 (Mayor Pro Tem Magill called for a record vote; For Hernandez, Howard, Fruin, & Epps)*

**11. Discussion concerning carport requirements (Mayor Pro Tem Magill)**

*Mayor Pro Tem Magill stated he would like Staff to investigate ways to improve relations with citizens that need carports.*

**12. Receive Councilmember Reports/Items of Community Interest - as authorized by Section 551.0415 of the Texas Government Code.**

*Councilmember Hernandez stated Seagofest and the State Fair are coming up.*

**13. Future Agenda Items – Council to provide direction to staff regarding future agenda items. These items will not be discussed and no action will be taken at this meeting.**

*None.*

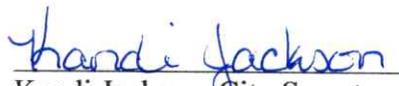
**Adjourned at 8:11 p.m.**

**APPROVED:**



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Mayor Dennis K. Childress

**ATTEST:**

  
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Kandi Jackson, City Secretary