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**CITY COUNCIL OF POINT, TEXAS**

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday September 14th, 2023 – 6:45 pm

City Hall – 320 N. Locust Street, Point, Texas

**CALL TO ORDER**

Announce presence of a Quorum

Mayor Pro-Tem announced the passing of Council Member Jerry Hampton.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion:** Motion was made to accept consent agenda by Council Member Tammy Hooten, seconded by Council Member Courtney Frazier. Approved Unanimously.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**GENERAL COUNCIL ITEMS**

**Discuss and Take necessary Action on following Items**

**1. Payroll/Scheduling Policy and updated employee handbook to include comp time.**

**Motion:** Council MemberTammy Hooten made a motion to accept the update to the employee manual to include comp time, seconded by Council Member Courtney Frazier. Approved Unanimously.

**2. Pay for City Secretary – Merit Increase.**

**Motion:** Council Member Tammy Hooten made a motion to accept the merit increase at 25.00 hr for City Secretary, Heather Rollins, seconded by Council Member Courtney Frazier. Approved Unanimously.

**3. Ordinance 156- Adopting the General/Debt Service and Water/Sewer Budgets for fiscal year 2023-2024.**

**Motion:** Council Member Angela Nelson made a motion to accept the Water/Sewer and General budget Ordinance 156 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, seconded by Council Member Courtney Frazier. Approved Unanimously.

**4. Ordinance 157- Adopting the voter approved property tax rate: . .03772144 per/100.**

**Motion:** Council Member Courtney Frazier made a motion to Adopt Ordinance 157 for the voter approved tax rate .3772144 per/100, seconded by Council Member Tammy Hooten. Approved Unaniomously.

**5. Acknowledging achievements of Water/Sewer employees: Matt Collins has completed testing for his “C” Surface Water Operators License, Noah Cannaday and Gary Besherse have completed testing for their “D” Wastewater Operators License.**

**6. City of Point Police Dept would like to Auction old equipment no longer used or compatible with new vehicles.**

**Motion:** Council Member Tammy Hooten made the motion to Auction old Police equipment no longer used, seconded by Council Member Angela Nelson. Approved Unanimously.

**7. Point Voluntary Fire Department would like to ask for a variance to noise ordinance during their Annual Tamale Fest – Amy Hunt**

**Motion:** Council Member Tammy Hooten made a motion to give the Point Volunteer Fire Department a variance to Noise Ordinance for the Band during the Annual Tamale Fest, seconded by Council Member Courtney Frazier. Approved Unanimously.

**8. Re plat for 244 Smith Circle to alleviate land lock on property and access to the road – Liz Baker.**

**Motion:** Council Member Courtney Frazier made a motion to re-plat 244 Smith Circle to allieviate land lock for road access, seconded by Council Member Tammy Hooten. Approved Unanimously.

**9. Re plat for 360 2nd Street- German Garcia Jr.**

**Motion:** Council Member, Dustin Briggs, made a motion to table this item until more information could be obtained for re-platting 360 2nd Street, seconded by Council Member Tammy Hooten. Approved Unanimously.

**10. Variance to sq ft house ordinance on Meadowview- Tanner Kearney**

**Motion:** Council Member Tammy Hooten made a motion to accept a variance to a smaller home on Meadowview Drive, seconded by Council Member Angela Nelson. Approved Unanimously.

**11. TCEQ Fine letter for expired Waste Water permits from 2021. $1400.00**

**Motion:** Council Member Tammy Hooten made the motion to pay the fine from TCEQ, seconded by Council Member Courtney Frazier. Approved Unanimously.

**12. Accept Annual Contract from East Texas Council of Governments for 911 Addressing Services for fiscal year 2023/2024- $399**

**Motion:** Council Member Courtney Frazier made a motion to accept Annual Contract for ETCOG 2024, seconded by Council Member Tammy Hooten. Approved Unanimously.

**13. Accept Annual Budget for Rains County Appraisal District.**

**Motion:** Council Member Tammy Hooten made a motion to accept the Annual Budget presented by Rains County Appraisal District, seconded by Council Member Courtney Frazier. Approved Unanimously.

**14. Accept Paystar.com as credit card Company for Municipal Court payments. Customers will have ability to pay tickets on-line or over the phone. Fees to the City 35.00 a month to add General Account to our Services for a total of $420.00 a year. Current company Fitech we are losing approximately 2200.00 a year in credit card fees. We currently use paystar.com for utility billing and have seen an increase in collections due to the convenience.**

**Motion:** Council Member Courtney Frazier made a motion to accept Paystar.com as our cc collection services for Court and General Payments, seconded by Council Member Tammy Hooten. Approved Unanimously.

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Dustin Briggs, Mayor Pro-Tem

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Heather Rollins, City Secretary