

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF CURRY
CITY OF TEXICO
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
09/10/2024**

The Texico City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Texico Senior Citizens Building in full compliance with the laws of the State of New Mexico and ordinances and resolutions of said City with the following members present:

Mayor Deborah Autrey
Council Members: Oran Jay Autrey
 Patricia Rojas-Natividad
 Sharon Askew
 Max Carter

Also Present Connie S. Harrison, City Clerk
 Karla Barela, Utility Clerk
 Elpidia Solis, Deputy City Clerk
 Missy Peacock, Finance
 Doug Bowman, Police Chief
 Joshua Schwope, Police Officer
 Kenneth Sena, PW's Supervisor
 Terry Martin, Building Inspector
 Michael Steininger, DFA
 Diane Queener, Fire Chief
 Jeff Queener, Fire
 Billy McCoy, Assistant Fire Chief
 Rob Pomper, Stateline Tribune
 Virginia Loera, Judge
 Richard Queener, City Attorney
 Mark Huerta, EPCOR
 Robert Thornton, Curry County Commissioner
 Barry Bass, Mayor of Logan, NM
 Mike Morris, Mayor of Clovis/Chairman of ENMWUA
 Angie Frost, Logan Citizen
 Warren Frost, Attorney for Logan, NM
 Brian Fortner
 Chris Bryant, ENMWUA Treasurer
 Gene Porter
 Jennifer Enriquez

Invocation was given by Mayor Autrey
The pledge to the American flag and New Mexico flag was led by Mayor Autrey

A roll call was given for the Mayor and Council Members present:

Councilman Carter	Present
Councilwoman Rojas-Natividad	Present
Mayor Autrey	Present
Councilman Autrey	Present
Councilwoman Askew	Present

Mayor Autrey asked for a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 27, 2024. Councilman Autrey made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of August 27, 2024. Councilwoman Askew seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

The City Clerk called a roll call vote:

Councilwoman Askew	Yes
Councilman Autrey	Yes
Councilwoman Rojas-Natividad	Yes
Councilman Carter	Yes

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Ute Water Project – Councilman Carter had no report.
- B. Water Conservation – Mark Huerta, representing EPCOR gave a brief report on improvements production and services in the month of August 2024 to current on the water system in the City of Texico.
- C. Radar Feedback Unit - Councilman Autrey made the motion to table the Radar Feedback Unit until the next regular council meeting until more information is received. Councilwoman Rojas-Natividad seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. Roll call the City Clerk called vote:

Councilman Carter	Yes
Councilwoman Rojas-Natividad	Yes
Councilman Autrey	Yes
Councilwoman Askew	Yes
- D. Traffic Ticket Rates – City Attorney Queener stated that it is illegal to change documentation fees. Fees are set by the state – through the AOC (Administration Office of the Courts). No action will be taken.

Public Comment: No Comment

New Business:

- A. CES/Desert West – Mayor Autrey stated to the Council that monies need to be transferred from the General Money Market to go ahead and pay CES for the road work done by Desert West. Councilwoman Rojas-Natividad made a motion to go ahead and transfer funds from the Money Market account in the amount of \$570,000.00 to the Grant Account to pay CES and to deposit the \$570,000.00 back into the Money Market account once grant monies are received. Councilwoman Askew seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. City Clerk called for a roll call vote:

Councilwoman Askew	Yes
Councilman Carter	Yes
Councilman Autrey	Yes
Councilwoman Rojas-Natividad	Yes
- B. Water and Refuse Rates – Discussion on raising the water and refuse rates took place with the Mayor and Elpidia Solis. Ms. Solis explained that a Public Meeting needed to be held to discuss the rate increase and that the Mayor and Council would need to come to that meeting with suggestions on what the increase should be. A Public Notice needs to be published 30 days before the next regular council meeting of October 8, 2024, per City Attorney Queener. Councilwoman Rojas-Natividad made a motion to publish the Public Meeting to notify the public that the City Council is considering increasing the water and sewer rates. Councilman Autrey seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. City Clerk called for a roll call vote:

Councilman Carter	Yes
Councilwoman Rojas-Natividad	Yes
Councilman Autrey	Yes
Councilwoman Natividad	Yes

- C. Removal of Paragraph from Community Center Rules and Regulations – City Attorney Queener went over the fourth (4th) paragraph of the current Texico Community Center Rules and Regulations that excludes certain individuals from renting the Community Center for events to raise funds. For non-profits and others to rent and be able to raise funds this paragraph needs to be struck. Councilman Autrey moved to have paragraph four (4) struck from the current Community Center Rules and Regulations. Councilwoman Askew seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. City Clerk called for a roll call vote:

Councilwoman Askew	Yes
Councilman Carter	Yes
Councilman Autrey	Yes
Councilwoman Rojas-Askew	Yes

- D. Community Center rules, rates, and cleaning deposit fees – Councilwoman Askew made a motion to table this until the next regular Council meeting on September 24, 2024. Councilman Autrey seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. City Clerk called for a roll call vote:

Councilwoman Rojas-Natividad	Yes
Councilman Carter	Yes
Councilwoman Askew	Yes
Councilman Autrey	Yes

- E. Public Work Salary Increase for the mowing of the city cemetery – Mayor Autrey suggested that this be looked at in Spring of 2025 due to Public Works Supervisor stating that there will not be much mowing left for the year. Councilwoman Rojas-Natividad made a motion to look at the possible salary increase for the Public Works employees until Spring 2025. Councilwoman Askew seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. City Clerk called for a roll call vote:

Councilman Autrey	Yes
Councilwoman Askew	Yes
Councilman Carter	Yes
Councilwoman Rojas-Natividad	Yes

- F. Increase Amount for Ambulance Runs – Chief Queener explained how the runs were calculated and what the current rate was being paid to those making the ambulance runs. After much discussion Councilwoman Rojas-Natividad made a motion to raise the amount paid for ambulance runs by Ten Dollars and no/100 (\$10.00). Councilman Autrey seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. City Clerk called for a roll call vote:

Councilman Autrey	Yes
Councilwoman Rojas-Natividad	Yes
Councilman Carter	Yes
Councilwoman Askew	Yes

- G. On-Call Holiday rates for VFD – Chief Queener stated to the Council that this has been in place since Lewis Cooper was the Fire Chief that those who were called for an ambulance run during a holiday weekend, were to be paid at the holiday rate, which was double the cost of the run. Councilman Autrey made the motion to pay double the current rate for those called for an ambulance run during a holiday weekend as stated in the memo from Lewis Cooper. Councilwoman Rojas-Natividad seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 City Clerk called for a roll call vote:

Councilman Carter	Yes
Councilwoman Rojas-Natividad	Yes
Councilman Autrey	Yes
Councilwoman Askew	Yes

- H. Presentation of Ute Pipeline – Warren Frost, Council for the Village of Logan

- I. Presentation of Ute Pipeline – Mike Morris, Chairman of ENMWUA and Maor of City of Clovis.

FINANCE:

- A. Financial Report – Connie Harrison – Ms. Harrison noted that monies were all in the positive. She and Mayor Autrey spoke about the transfer of funds to pay CES (Desert West).
- B. Approval of Statements – Councilwoman Askew made the motion to approve the paying of current statements and Councilwoman Rojas-Natividad seconded the motion.

Motion passed 4-0. The City Clerk called a roll call vote:

Councilwoman Rojas-Natividad	Yes
Councilman Carter	Yes
Councilwoman Askew	Yes
Councilman Autrey	Yes

ACTION ITEM:

- A. Resolution 2025-8 Adopting ENMWUA 2025 Finance Plan – Councilman Carter made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-8. Councilwoman Rojas-Natividad seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. The City Clerk called a roll call vote:

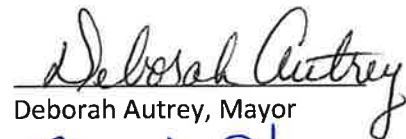
Councilwoman Askew	Yes
Councilwoman Rojas-Natividad	Yes
Councilman Autrey	Yes
Councilman Carter	Yes

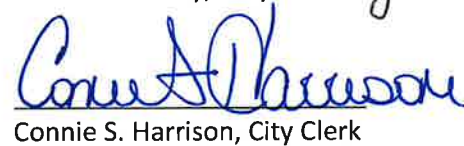
REPORTS OF PERSONNEL AND DEPARTMENTS:

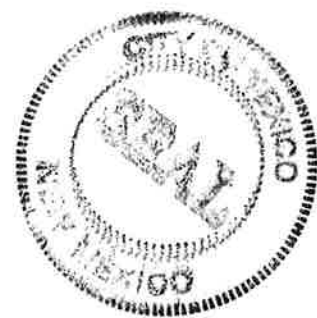
Chief Bowman introduced his new Police Officer, Joshua Schwopes.

Chief Queener reminded everyone about the importance of 911. (recorder stopped recording and I was not able to hear the beginning of her report).

Mayor Autrey adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.


Deborah Autrey, Mayor


Connie S. Harrison, City Clerk



COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday September 10, 2024

Sign-In Sheet

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
Karla Barela		
Doug Bowman		
Kenneth Sene		
Joshua Schwope		
MICHAEL STAMMGER		
Sharon Calkins		
Elpidia Solis		
Shirley Enriquez		
Missy Peacock		
Debrah Aubrey		
Chris Aubrey		
ROBERT T. KANTON		
GENE FORSTER		
Dia Queen		575-799-3393
Jeff Queen		
Max Carter		
Billy Moy		
Rich Queener		
Bob Simpson		
Connie Harrison		
Patricia R. Delgado		
Barry Bass	Mayor Logan	
Mark Huerta		
Mike Mays	Mayor of Clark	
Angie Frost		
Warren Frost		
Brian Fortner		
Chris Bryant		

AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
September 10, 2024
CITY OF TEXICO SENIOR CITIZENS BUILDING
6:30 PM

- I. PRAYER**
- II. PLEDGE**
- III. ROLL CALL**
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES Regular Council Meeting of August 27, 2024**
- V. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Ute Water Project – Councilman Carter
 - B. Water Conservation (EPCOR Representative)
 - C. Discussion and possible action on the Radar Feedback Unit Agreement (tabled from August 27 meeting)
 - D. Discussion and possible action on Traffic Ticket Rates (tabled from August 27 meeting)
- PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit to speak) No Action Will Be Taken**
- VI. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Discussion and possible action on payment to CES for road work done by Desert West
 - B. Discussion and possible action on water and refuse rates
 - C. Discussion and possible action to remove paragraph included in the current Community Center Rules and Regulations regarding Community Center being used for profit
 - D. Discussion and possible action of Community Center rules, rates and cleaning deposit fees
 - E. Discussion and possible action to increase salaries of Public Work employees for mowing of the city cemetery
 - F. Discussion and possible action on increasing amount paid for ambulance runs – Chief Queener
 - G. Discussion and possible action regarding On-Call Holiday rates for the VFD
 - H. Presentation of Ute Pipeline – Warren Frost and Village of Logan Council members
 - I. Ute Pipeline – Chairman of the ENMWUA Mayor Mike Morris
- VII. FINANCE**
 - A. Financial Report – City Clerk
 - B. Approval to pay current statements
- VIII. ACTION ITEMS**
 - A. **Resolution 2025-8 Resolution Adopting ENMWUA 2025 Finance Plan**
- IX. REPORTS OF PERSONNEL AND DEPARTMENTS**
- X. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

The next regular meeting of the Texico City Council will be Tuesday, September 24, 2024,
at 6:30 located in the Texico Senior Citizens Building
- XI. ADJOURNMENT**