

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF CURRY  
CITY OF TEXICO

The Texico City Council met in regular session on Tuesday September 24, 2024 at 6:30p.m. at Texico Senior Citizens Center in full compliance with the laws of the State of New Mexico and the ordinances and resolutions of said City with the following members present:

Mayor: Deborah Autrey  
Mayor Pro Tem Max Carter-late  
Council Members Oran Jay Autrey  
Sharon Askew  
Patricia Natividad

Also Present: Elpidia Solis, Connie Harrison, Karla Barela, Diane Queener, Rick Queener, Rob Pomper, Eliaser Natividad, Missy Peacock, Billy McCoy, Virginia Loera

- I. **Prayer** – Deborah Autrey opened with prayer.
- II. **Pledge** of Allegiance to U.S. Flag and N.M. Flag.
- III. **Roll call:** All council members present with Max Carter being late.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval for minutes from September 10, 2024 meeting was motioned by OJ Autrey and seconded by Sharon Askew. Roll call vote 4-0.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Ute Water Project-** Deborah Autrey mentioned that lines are being marked and bids will be obtained for engineering.
- B. **Water conservation-** no EPCOR representative available.
- C. **Discussion and possible action on the Radar Feedback unit Agreement** – Draft has been revised to show correct mile marker (a bit further West, due to electrical needs). Sharon Askew motioned for approval of installation of Radar Feedback Unit with a second from Patricia Natividad. Roll call vote – 4-0.
- D. **Discussion and possible action on Community Center Rules, Rates and Cleaning Deposit Fees** – Rick Queener revamped rules. The current application already has a place for signature of receipt of rules. This will be removed from the rules revamped by Queener. Indemnification should be on the application. Portion that denied commercial use of the building has been removed. The rental price will be added to the application. Patricia Natividad suggested to increase the price of the rent to \$250 and leave the deposit at \$200. Sharon Askew said that it should be increased but the community center needs some maintenance. Deborah Autrey suggested that the increased amount be set aside for such improvements. Missy Peacock suggested \$350 for rental. Patricia Natividad motioned that effective 01/01/2025 the rental fee be increased from \$150 to \$350 with the deposit remaining the same at \$200; the \$200 rental increase will be set aside for improvements to the community

center and used for possible grant match funds. Sharon Askew seconded. Motion passed with Roll call vote 3-1 with Max Carter voting "no".

**PUBLIC COMMENT-** no public comment

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS-**

**A. Discussion and possible action gifting of VFD Ambulance to the Lions Club of Clovis** – Chief Queener wanted to gift the ambulance, but it was discovered that this is not allowable. It may be sold privately or publicly if the value is less than \$2,500. Chief Queener stated that they are obtaining values through two certified mechanics. Patricia Natividad motioned to table this item until the Fire Department obtains more information. Motion seconded by Sharon Askew. Roll call vote 4-0.

**B. Discussion and possible action on Affidavit of Gift for Ambulance gifted to Tucumcari in 2022** – This ambulance was gifted to Tucumcari in 2021. DFA states that they never received the title. It was sent certified and was signed for, however, they do not have it. Patricia Natividad motioned to approve signing a gift affidavit. Max Carter seconded the motion. Roll call vote 4-0.

**C. Discussion and possible action on EPCOG Ute Water FY2024-25 Representative/ Alternate Representative** -Sharon Askew motioned for Oran Jay Autrey to be the Representative and Deborah Autrey to be the alternate. Max Carter seconded the motion. Roll call vote 4-0.

**D. Discussion and possible action to Appoint a Committee to Form an Administrative Policy** – Deborah suggested that she go through different policies prior to appointing a committee. Max Carter motioned to table this item. Sharon Askew seconded the motion. Roll call vote 4-0.

**E. Discussion and possible action Republic's Contract** – A contract was drawn up by Marion Rutter before he stepped down, between Republic Services and the City of Texico but was not signed. This has been an issue with the audits. The proposed contract will alleviate overage charges for residential containers. Oran Jay motioned to sign the contract. Patricia Natividad seconded the motion. Roll call vote 4-0.

**F. Discussion and possible action on Contract with Daniel B. Stephens and Associates to provide Engineering Services for the City of Texico's Water Infrastructure** - Curry County went out for RFP for engineering services for infrastructure with the \$1.5M of which they are the City's fiscal agent. County approved the contract with Daniel B Stephens and Associates after negotiations. Oran Jay Autrey motioned to approve the recommendation of Curry County. Sharon Askew seconded. Roll call vote 4-0.

## **VII. FINANCE**

**A. Financial Report-** Connie Harrison reported that all the accounts look good. There is \$75K of Police Grants that is in the Water and Sewer fund that has been deposited by DFA. These monies are for Officer Schwope's salary and benefits. A ticket has been sent for DFA to deposit future monies into the General Fund instead of the water and sewer. Oran Jay Autrey motioned to approve. Seconded by Patricia Natividad. Roll call vote 4-0

**B. Approval to pay current Statements** – There was a question regarding Tyler Technology invoices. Melissa Peacock explained that each time a module is opened, Tyler sends a bill for each stage which is billed as a "separate project". Patricia

Natividad motioned to pay the current statements with the exception of Siddons Martin. Seconded by Sharon Askew. Roll call vote 4-0

**VIII. MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION –**

**\*10-15-H(2) Discussion of hiring, promotion, demotion, dismissal, assignment or resignation of or the investigation or consideration of complaints or charges against any individual public employee.**

**\*Fire Chief**

Sharon Askew motioned to enter executive session at 7:41 pm for the reasons listed on the agenda. Motion seconded by Patricia Natividad. Roll call vote 4-0.

**MOTION TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION –** Max Carter motioned to exit executive session at 8:20 pm. Sharon Askew seconded the motion. Roll call vote 4-0.

**ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION –** No action needed

**IX. ACTION ITEMS - none**

**X. REPORTS OF PERSONNEL AND DEPARTMENTS:**

-Elpidia Solis mentioned that the “project” she is working with Tyler Technologies is mainly demonstrating to them how Sleuth (current court software), works. They are not technically teaching or training. Most of these trainings are 4-8 hrs per day.

-Diane Queener stated that warranty for the Life Pak 15 defibrillators will cost \$6281.40 for all three owned. The warranty provides for two replacement batteries per warranty. The batteries go bad constantly and cost \$1700 each without the warranty. She also mentioned that they are getting quote for new stretchers. They will cost approximately \$34,881. It was mentioned that

5 year payment plans are available but government entities cannot enter payment plans.


**XI. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

The next regular meeting of the Texico City Council will be Tuesday October 8, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at Texico Senior Citizens Building. A special meeting for Stake Holders will be held at 4:00pm in the Texico Community Center for Texico/Farwell Overpass – Public meeting will follow at 4:30 pm in the community center.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Deborah Autrey adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm.

  
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Deborah Autrey, Mayor

  
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Elpidia Solis, Deputy Clerk





**AGENDA**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**September 24, 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 September 10, 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 September 10, 2024 meeting)
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**PUBLIC COMMENT (5-minute limit to speak) No Action Will Be Taken**

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**Motion to Exit Executive Session**

**Action Resulting from Executive Session**

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**XII. ADJOURNMENT**