

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF MULESHOE, TEXAS
Monday, August 14, 2023, 5:30 p.m. City Hall**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ellis; Mayor Pro-Tem Parker; Council members Alarcon, Mendoza and Atchley.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Gil Rennels, Channel 6; Kenneth King; Renada Burdell; Bernie Manfre; Jesse Carrion; Paula Carrion; Margie Lopez; Public Works Director Juan Flores; Police Chief Benny Parker; City Manager Ramon Sanchez and City Secretary Zanea Carpenter

Mayor Ellis opened the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

Kenneth King, Renada Burdell, Paula Carrion and Margie Lopez addressed the council regarding the use of golf carts on city streets.

AGENDA

1. a. Motion was made by Mayor Ellis and second by Mayor Pro-Tem Parker to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2023, Council meeting. Motion carried.
2. Motion was made by Mayor Ellis and second by Council member Mendoza to approve Resolution R-796-0823 denying SPS Company's proposed rate increase. Motion carried.
3. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Parker and second by Council member Austin Atchley to approve Resolution R-797-0823 approving a negotiated settlement with Atmos Energy Corp for the 2023 Rate Review Mechanism Filing. Motion carried.
4. Motion was made by Mayor Ellis and second by Mayor Pro-Tem Parker to propose the 2024 tax rate of \$0.718240 per \$100 valuation which includes \$0.586787 for Maintenance and Operations and \$0.131453 for Debt Services. Votes were, for: Mayor Ellis; Mayor Pro-Tem Parker, Council member Mendoza; and Council member Atchley. Council member Alarcon was absent for the vote. Motion carried.
5. The date for the public hearing for the 2024 tax rate and the 2023-2024 budget was set for Thursday, August 31, 2023 at 5:30pm.
6. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Parker and second by Council member Atchley to receive the financial statement for July 31, 2023. Motion carried.

Council member Alarcon joined the meeting at 5:46pm.

7. Administrative reports included:

- a. The last “Movie in the Park” for this season will be Friday, August 18th. We will be showing “Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile”.
 - b. The SPAG Annual General Assembly Meeting will be Wednesday, September 13th, at the Lubbock Women’s Club in Lubbock.
 - c. The TML Region III meeting will be Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 5:30pm in Post, TX.
 - d. The TML Annual Conference will be in Dallas October 4 – 6. Cancellations must be made by August 24th.
 - e. The Muleshoe Water Park will close for regular hours on August 13, 2023. We will continue to open on Saturday from 1-8pm and Sunday from 1-6pm until further notice.
8. Mayor and Council remarks included:
9. At 6:00pm, Council convened a closed session in accordance with Vernon’s Texas Codes Annotated Government, Section 551.072 Real Estate. Council reconvened in open session at 6:26pm.
- Council member Alarcon left the meeting at 6:26pm.
- At 6:34pm, Council convened a closed session in accordance with Vernon’s Texas Codes Annotated Government, Section 551.074 Personnel Matters. Council reconvened in open session at 7:18pm.
10. There was no action taken on Executive Session.
11. Mayor Ellis adjourned the meeting at 7:18pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 11th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023.

Colt Ellis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Zanea Carpenter, City Secretary