



CITY OF EL LAGO

MINUTES OF THE JULY 19, 2023
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
411 TALLOWOOD DRIVE, EL LAGO,
TEXAS 77586

1. **Call to Order** -- Mayor Findley called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. **Invocation and/or Pledge of Allegiance** – Mayor Findley led the pledges.
3. **Declaration of a Quorum**

Present: Mayor Shawn Findley
Councilperson John Skelton
Councilperson Darin Clark
Councilperson Charles Parette
Councilperson Jeff Michalak

Mayor Pro Tem Ann Vernon - absent

4. Citizen Comments

Jeff Tave of 302 Pine View Circle thanked Floodplain Administrator Bob Kosar and City Council for the CRS study in El Lago. He received his 2023 flood policy with a savings of \$222 for the discount provided due to the Community Rating System.

Jeff Tave – also made a plea to council to bring back recycling for the city while considering the FY2024 budget. Mayor Findley thanked Bob Kosar as well and stated the city is committed to CRS and will continue to spread awareness through conversations and education.

Kellie Arnold of 523 Seaway Drive asked council about the pool closings. She also inquired if council would consider street sweeping, possible speed bumps as well as a hazardous waste collection day. Lastly, Kellie asked about the progress at 1607 Lake Arbor.

Mayor Findley responded to the pool inquiries stating that we have had several issues with the chemical balancing with recent rains, very hot sunny days as well as fecal incidents and we will always err on the side of public safety. He stated that he will get with Lakeview Police Department to discuss speed bumps. The Mayor will share information he has gathered about possibly partnering with another city for a hazardous waste collection day. Regarding 1607 Lake Arbor, the mayor stated that they have moved into permit and the city is waiting for the owner to start.

5. City Official, Board, Commission, Committee, & City Service Report

- 5.1. *Lakeview Police Department Monthly Report* – no one present to discuss the report
- 5.2. *Seabrook Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report* – *Chief Andy Gutacker* - reported on 5 service calls in June. He also reported that Seabrook is putting together a bond package to replace two of the 20 year old fire trucks that are \$1.4 million each and takes 42 months to build. Councilmember Parette asked if speed bumps would be a problem. Chief Gutacker responded that many cities have them and they are not a problem for a fire truck. Councilmember Skelton asked if speed bumps would cause any increase in risk of fire and chief responded they would not.

6. Councilmembers' Reports

- 6.1. *Councilmember Charles Parette to report on Short-Term Rentals in El Lago*

Councilmember Parette stated that ordinances from Rosenberg, TX were reviewed as well as those from Seabrook, TX. He suggested that council review these ordinances as well and that El Lago consider a short-term rental ordinance without including boarding and lodging homes at this time. He reported that Rosenberg licenses

the short-term rentals and provides for 3 violations of city ordinances prior to pulling the city issued license whereas Seabrook allows only 1 violation. The example ordinances provide for the short-term rentals to provide for fire extinguishers, evacuation routes, emergency numbers, etc. Councilmember Michalak stated this is a good way of gaining knowledge on where the short-term rentals are in the city. Mayor Findley encouraged council to read through the ordinances and relay and comments to Councilmember Parette. He stated that he would like to see an ordinance come before council to consider.

7. Mayor's Reports

7.1. Mayor Findley to report on Bandy & Associates contract for 4445 Nasa Parkway

Mayor Findley reported that he met with Floodplain Administrator Bob Kosar as well as Tim Leppard regarding the soil testing at the new development. The Mayor stated that the liability should remain with the developer and prefers the city not be in between any legalities. He told council that Tim Leppard will use Bandy & Associates to comply with the geotechnical reports. Inspections and certifications made by Bandy that indicate compliance must be submitted to the city prior to moving forward.

8. Consent Agenda

8.1. Check Detail June 24, 2023 through July 14, 2023

8.2. Minutes from the Council Meeting June 26, 2023

Hearing no objections, Mayor Findley declared the consent agenda approved.

9. Old Business

10. New Business

10.1. Consider/Approve Diving Board repair or purchase

Council reviewed the quotes received. Councilmember Michalak inquired if we need a board and would we have lower liability insurance if it was removed. He stated that last year someone cut their head and mentioned the possibility of installing a slide. Councilmember Skelton agrees that we do not need a diving board. Councilmember Clark stated that his experience is most are swimming in the deep end and not using the board. Council decided to remove the damaged diving board and re-visit a different feature at a later meeting. Mayor Findley stated he will reach out to the insurance company and inquire.

10.2. Consider/Approve Event Room Door Repairs

Council discussed the quotes received. Councilmember Michalak motioned to accept the Rae Security quote of \$2,658.50, a second by Councilmember Parette. The motion passed unanimously.

10.3. Consider/Approve 3rd Quarter Investment Report

Councilmember Michalak reviewed the report with council. Councilmember Skelton motioned to approve the 3rd quarter Investment report, a second by Councilmember Clark. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Future Agenda Items

Workshop to discuss the FY2024 Budget - scheduled for July 25th at 6pm.

Councilmember Parette asked if they could view the actual budget of what it takes to run the city and then have a separate list of needs and wants.

Public Hearing for 2023 tax rate

Adoption of 2023 tax rate

Public Hearing for FY2024 budget

Adoption of FY2024 budget

Annual CRS verification items (Bob Kosar) – 1st meeting in August.

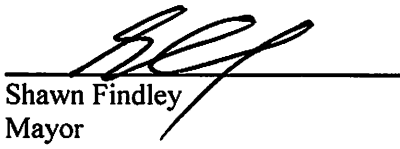
Councilmember Parette asked for the Short-term rentals to be included in future agendas.

12. Adjournment There being no further business, Mayor Findley adjourned the meeting at 7:46 P.M.

ATTEST:



Missie Adkins
Acting City Secretary



Shawn Findley
Mayor