



## CITY OF EL LAGO

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 16, 2023  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
411 TALLOWOOD DRIVE, EL LAGO,  
TEXAS 77586

1. **Call to Order** -- Mayor Findley called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.
2. **Invocation and/or Pledge of Allegiance** – Mayor Findley led the pledges.
3. **Declaration of a Quorum**

Present: Mayor Shawn Findley  
Mayor Pro Tem Ann Vernon  
Councilperson Darin Clark  
Councilperson Charles Parette  
Councilperson Jeff Michalak

Councilperson John Skelton- absent

#### 4. **Citizen Comments**

**Jerry Branham of 423 Cedar Lane** informed the council about a few incidents at the basketball courts in the pavilion. He explained that his grandkids are getting run off the courts by the adult basketball team and being harassed. He has filed a police report. Mayor Findley replied that he was aware of the incident and had spoken to Chief Nunn. Currently the basketball rims are down for maintenance.

**Jeff Tave of 302 Pine View Circle** made remarks about the presentation of the tax rate comparison and budgets. Specifically, he inquired about how many attended fitness classes and the costs as well as the low revenue at the pool. He asked that the council bring back recycling.

**Ken Paschall of 534 Whitecap** asked the council if the city still has an active code enforcement officer as there are several yards with tall grass. He also wanted to know if anyone was communicating with Seabrook Police Department regarding the 146/Repsdorff intersection where many accidents have taken place. Chief Nunn responded that the Seabrook Volunteer Fire Department has posted on social media about the intersection, but they are not required to communicate with Lakeview Police Department.

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

- 5.1. *Lakeview Police Department Monthly Report* – Chief Nunn reported the month was extremely busy with 390 calls. Chief Nunn explained that he is paying overtime for officers to watch Nasa Parkway and Kirby for red light runners. He stated they have a new officer Braden Esquivel. He reported that Sargeant Rodriquez attended Texas FBI Command College and Lakeview is implementing some best practices such as a dedicated hard drive for evidence. Chief Nunn has also completed the graduate certificate in Public Management from TX A&M.  
Mayor Findley congratulated Chief Nunn. He commended the Chief for constantly improving and training staff. Council member Michalak also commended Chief Nunn for how LPD handled the incident on Bellgrove.

#### 6. **Mayor's Reports**

- 6.1. Mayor Findley reported that our city buildings have passed the annual fire inspection with the purchase of two new fire extinguishers;
- 6.2. And our city trees have been trimmed to 12' above roadways and 8' above sidewalks.

## 7. Consent Agenda

- 7.1. *Check Detail July 15, 2023 through August 11, 2023*
- 7.2. *Minutes from the Council Meeting July 19, 2023*
- 7.3. *Minutes from the Council Workshop July 25, 2023*

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

## 8. New Business

- 8.1. *Review 2023 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report*

With little discussion, the council reviewed the report. No action was called for.

- 8.2. *Presentation of 2023 Tax Rates*

Mayor Findley read the tax rates of No New Revenue and Voter Approval and explained how the percentages are calculated in the presentation. No action was called for.

- 8.3. *Consider/Approve proposed 2023 Tax Rates*

Council member Michalak made a motion to approve the proposed tax rate using the Voter Approval Rate of .427244 with a second by council member Parette. The motion passed unanimously.

- 8.4. *Consider/Approve proposed FY2024 Budget*

Council member Vernon made a motion to approve the FY2024 proposed budget with a second by council member Michalak. The motion passed unanimously.

- 8.5. *Consider/Approve Resolution 2023-05 Payment of Regular and Recurring Bills*

Council member Parette made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-05 listing regular and recurring bills, with a second by council member Michalak. Mayor Pro Tem Vernon proposed an amendment to the motion to include the names of the vendors the city pays for transparency with a second by Michalak. Mayor Findley read the original motion with the amended language and the motion passed unanimously.

- 8.6. *Consider/Approve Resolution 2023-08 Community Center Fee Schedule increasing Fitness Center recurring charges by \$2.50 and at the gate pool charges*

Council member Michalak made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-08 increasing Fitness Center recurring charges by \$2.50 and pool charges, with a second by council member Parette. Mayor Pro Tem Vernon proposed an amendment to the motion to change the non-resident pool gate charge to the same as the resident rate of \$5.00 with a second by council member Parette. Mayor Findley read the original motion with the amended rate and the motion passed unanimously.

- 8.7. *Consider/Approve Resolution 2023-11 Changing the official newspaper to Houston Chronicle*

Mayor Pro Tem Vernon made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-11 with a second by council member Michalak. The motion passed unanimously.

- 8.8. *Consider/Approve Ordinance 498 amending Appendix B Subdivisions for General Plat Requirements*

Council discussed the ordinance regarding the approvals of the administrative plat changes. Mayor Pro Tem Vernon stated that the city may be seeing more of these with the age of the properties. There was discussion about all plats being approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission as well as if the current process would be repealed based on a section in the new ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Vernon made a motion to postpone the item until more answers can be received by the city attorney. Council member Parette seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- 8.9. *Consider/Approve Resolution 2023-07 Building Fee Schedule adding a Floodplain and Fire Safety Inspections, "minimum of 25%" verbiage and Zoning and Plat fees*

Mayor Pro Tem Vernon made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-07 with a second by council member Michalak. The motion passed unanimously.

- 8.10. *Discuss an update provided by Floodplain Administrator, Bob Kosar, regarding the Substantial Damage Management Plan (SDP) – Bob Kosar*

Floodplain administrator Bob Kosar reviewed the updates to the Substantial Damage Management Plan with the council.

- 8.11. *Consider/Approve Resolution 2023-10 approving the City's Repetitive Loss Area Analysis relative to the identification and evaluation of repetitive flood insurance loss claims*

Floodplain administrator Bob Kosar reviewed the updates to the City's Repetitive Loss Area Analysis with the council. Mayor Pro Tem Vernon asked about updated FEMA maps. Mr. Kosar explained the latest maps are from 2017 with new maps coming soon. Council member Michalak motioned to approve Resolution 2023-10 with the updates with a second by council member Parette. The motion passed unanimously.

**9. Future Agenda Items**


<i>Public Hearing for FY2024 Budget</i>	09/06/2023
<i>Joint public hearing and meeting of P&amp;Z and City Council for PUD</i>	09/06/2023
<i>Public Hearing for 2023 Tax Rates</i>	09/20/2023

- 10. Adjournment** There being no further business, Mayor Findley adjourned the meeting at 8:49 P.M.

ATTEST:



Shawn Findley  
Mayor



Missie Adkins  
Acting City Secretary