



CITY OF EL LAGO

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 4, 2023
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
411 TALLOWOOD DRIVE, EL LAGO,
TEXAS 77586

1. **Call to Order** -- Mayor Findley called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 John Skelton
Councilperson Darin Clark
Councilperson Charles Parette

Councilperson Jeff Michalak - absent

4. **Citizen Comments**

Council heard citizen comments from 1 resident.

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

- 5.1. Lakeview Police Department Monthly Report – Chief Nunn reported on the department’s September activity and provided reports.
- 5.2. Seabrook Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report – Chief Andy Gutacker reported on the department’s activity and provided reports. Chief Gutacker explained the Insurance Services Office (ISO) report regarding Public Protection Classification Results. Chief Gutacker announced that his last day would be November 1, 2023 and Nathan Douglas would be the next Chief.

Mayor Findley stated that he would share the ISO Public Protection Classification Results at the next meeting.

Council all congratulated Chief Gutacker and complimented him on his dedicated service to El Lago.

6. **Mayor’s Report**

- 6.1. Mayor Findley reported that he is heavily involved in Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership (BAHEP) and recently attended a meeting regarding the Coastal Texas Barrier Project (also referred to as IKE Dike). This is a partnership with the Army Corp of Engineers, General Land Office and Gulf Coast Protection District. The project is currently in the planning phase and the website coastaltexasprogram.com outlines the project.
- 6.2. Mayor Findley reported attending a Clear Creek Independent School District (CCISD) tour of League City Elementary. He reported on the state-of-the-art facility for PreK-5th grades and they are teaching bilingual. Mayor Findley stated that there will be 3 propositions for CCISD: Proposition A – a tax bond, Proposition B – for construction and Proposition C – for technology. Mayor Findley introduced Rebecca Lily as the new Chairman of the Board for Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce.

7. Progressive Commercial Aquatics Presentation for Pool Replastering

Erica Peace of Progressive Commercial Aquatics presented quotes for the re-plastering of the El Lago pool. Key points were as follows:

- a. A quartz plaster is recommended for a longer life span compared to our current standard white plaster.
- b. A glass media upgrade for the filters is recommended for a longer lasting better filtering system.
- c. Progressive provided a quote for regular sand filtering; however they can upgrade to glass and haul off the old sand.
- d. El Lago should tackle the current leaks when the pool is drained.
- e. Erica recommends that El Lago pick a date before year end because Spring is usually booked.
- f. The job consists of a whole re-plaster down to the gunite that should take no longer than 3 weeks depending on weather.
- g. Progressive Commercial Aquatics is a member of Buy Board and will not leave the city until the pool is full and pumps are functional (start-up).

8. PoolX Presentation on Pool Inspection report

Henry Escoto of PoolX presented the Inspection report completed for the El Lago pool. Key points were as follows:

- a. The red flag found in the pool is for Black Algae that can harbor and promote other bacteria.
- b. Black Algae is known as a “hitchhiker algae” and enters the pool from swim trunks, etc.
- c. The current plaster is very pitted and porous, and the algae roots are in the gunite.
- d. Upgrading to a quartz plaster will help, but it may not rid the pool of the algae.
- e. The pool needs to be properly balanced every day.
- f. The pool needs to have an interval to shock and decontaminate during high bather loads.
- g. The pool flow is too low at 1.8 turns per 24-hour period where minimum is 2 and ideal is 3 turns.
- h. 4 skimmers are low functioning while 2 are functioning properly.
- i. A larger pump will only help as much as the size of the pipes will allow.
- j. Changing the velocity of the pool will cause El Lago to bring the pool up to current code.
- k. The PoolX quote of \$700 per month includes daily visits as well as weekend work if needed.

9. Consent Agenda

- 9.1. Check Detail September 16, 2023 through September 30, 2023
- 9.2. Minutes from the Council Meeting September 20, 2023

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

10. New Business

10.1. Review Profit and Loss Report for Pool and Spray Ground

Council discussed the Profit and Loss report for the Pool and Spray Ground.

Mayor Findley suggested a future workshop to discuss the matter further when more information is available.

Councilmember Skelton suggested a polling of the council to determine if keeping the pool is desired knowing that it will continue to be an expensive investment.

10.2. Review Funding Options for Pool Replaster job

Councilmember Skelton motioned to postpone this item until after the workshop with a second by Councilmember Parette. The motion passed with Councilmembers Clark, Parette and Skelton for and Mayor Pro Tem Vernon against.

10.3. Consider/Approve carpet quotes for 98 Lakeshore building

Councilmember Skelton motioned to approve Wilson Flooring to install the carpet at 98 Lakeshore with a second by Councilmember Clark. The motion passed unanimously.

10.4. Consider/Approve Resolution 2023-12 Deposit Policy

Councilmember Parette motioned to approve Resolution 2023-12 Deposit Policy with a second by Councilmember Skelton. The motion passed unanimously.

10.5. Consider/Approve Resolution 2023-13 naming a representative and alternate for H-GAC

Councilmember Parette motioned to approve Resolution 2023-13 naming the representative as Councilmember Michalak and the alternate as Councilmember Parette for the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) with a second by Mayor Pro Tem Vernon. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Future Agenda Items

Workshop for discussion on the pool
4th Quarter Investment report
Councilmember Parette will be absent on October 18, 2023

12. Adjournment

13. There being no further business, Mayor Findley adjourned the meeting at 8:41 P.M.

ATTEST:



Shawn Findley
Mayor



Missie Adkins
Acting City Secretary