

MINUTES
BALMORHEA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR JOHN L. DAVIS, IKE WARD, ROSA DOMINGUEZ,
JOSUE MENDOZA

MEMBERS ABSENT: DANNY VASQUEZ III, JOY LEWIS

STAFF PRESENT: SANDRA NAVARRETE, RUSSELL MORRIS, GREG PERRIN-ABSENT

VISTORS: NONE

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Davis at 6:15 pm.
2. Mayor John L. Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Josue Mendoza made a motion, seconded by Ike Ward to approve minutes for November 12, 2024 and November 25, 2024, Motion Carried 3-0.
4. Josue Mendoza made a motion, seconded by Ike Ward to approve bills and adjustments as presented 3-0.
5. Reports
 - A. ESD 1&2 report was presented by Ronald Lee. Mr. Lee stated that Balmorhea Station 3 will have substantial completion at the end of the month. At the end of February, we will start to move in personnel. Mr. Lee reported 2 engines that are out of order currently but are being replaced. Mr. Lee asked the council if they found benefit in having one of the ESD staff come to the council meetings and present report or are the paper reports sufficient. Mayor Davis responded that it's understandable if you can't make the meeting due to being on a call, but it always is good to see a face or a representative when we have questions. The city clerk asked Mr. Lee who would continue to submit monthly water usage logs. The last report that was received was back in October. Mr. Lee responded that he would make sure his office would submit them to Robert Synder to send the City of Balmorhea. Mr. Synder asked if the Balmorhea Fire Department was still around or had it been disbanded. Josue Mendoza responded, we are still active and are available to assist if you call.
 - B. City Clerk had no report. No questions were addressed.
 - C. Russell Morris, water operator stated that the last lead/copper sample was

submitted. Results should be received next week. Mayor Davis added that TCEQ was giving the city a hard time and if Gregg Perrin does not resolve the issue someone will probably have to go to Austin. Mr. Morris added that TCEQ continues to send letters stating the city is out of compliance. Mr. Morris stated that Corny Reimer had finished weatherizing all the pipes at the 3 stations. The monthly water loss has dropped from 57 percent to 43 percent in town which is still high but will continue to look for leaks. Corny has also gotten the pad done for the generator and set panels for the actual hook up. Mayor Davis stated that the rescue trailer needs to be looked at for the generator and make sure, it is ready to go if we have any bad weather situations in the coming months. If cases of water have been taken out, they need to be replaced as soon as possible.

D. Rosa Dominguez stated she had no update for BEDC.

E. Rosa Dominguez stated no update for Balmorhea Event Committee.

6. Mayor Davis explained that the city had received documentation from TML asking if anyone would be interested in being placed on the ballot to get elected to serve on the TML Benefits Pool Board of Trustees for Region 4. Mayor Davis added he would be interested in participating. Josue Mendoza made a motion, seconded by Ike Ward to consider the submission of Mayor John L. Davis as a qualified person to be placed on the ballot for the TX Heath Benefits Pool Board of Trustees for Region 4. Motion Carried 3-0.

7. Josue Mendoza made a motion, seconded by Rosa Dominguez to approve revised employee handbook. Motion Carried 3-0.

8. City Clerk read notice of deadline to file an application for place on the ballot for the May 3, 2025 General Election.

9. Josue Mendoza made a motion, seconded by Ike Ward to adjourn the meeting at 6:42pm. Motion Carried 3-0.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13 DAY OF January, 2025.



JOHN L. DAVIS, MAYOR



SANDRA NAVARRETE, CITY CLERK