

MINUTES
BALMORHEA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR JOHN L. DAVIS, ROSA DOMINGUEZ,
JULIE LEWIS, JOY LEWIS, DANNY VASQUEZ III(PHONE)

MEMBERS ABSENT: IKE WARD

STAFF PRESENT: SANDRA NAVARRETE

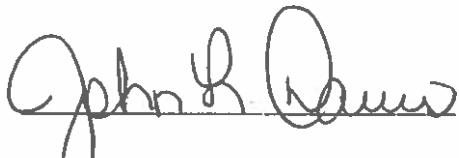
VISTORS: NONE

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Davis at 2:06 pm.
2. Mayor John L. Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Mayor Davis explained that after Laura Lannom had talked to the City Auditor, Doak Painter requested that the city pay off any existing debt with the money that was received from sales tax this fiscal year 2024-2025. Julie Lewis made a motion, seconded by Rosa Dominguez to pay off USDA and Communities Unlimited debt in this fiscal year. Motion carried 4-0.
4. Julie Lewis asked Mayor Davis if he had an estimate or idea of what the pending pipe fencing was going to be for the sections of Houston St. through Austin St. Mayor Davis stated that the whole project was going to be around \$30,000. This project was bid on last year and voted on. Julie Lewis asked how many people was that bid submitted too. Mayor Davis responded he had three from Corny Reimers brother in laws, Benny and Corny. Five or six people throughout the whole process. Joy Lewis asked if the council had seen the bids. Mayor Davis responded, we agreed on the \$30,000 for the whole project. Mayor Davis asked the city clerk when the bid had been received. City Clerk responded she had not seen any bid for the project. Joy Lewis stated that the bid did not come through the council to decide. Mayor Davis stated yes it did, Mrs. Lewis you need to go back and look. Joy Lewis responded, I did go back and look and there was no bid. Mayor Davis added that the pipe being used for this part of the fencing did not come from the same vendor as before. Joy Lewis asked who purchased the pipe. Mayor Davis responded that Mr. Reimer had brought the pipe from Seminole. Mayor Davis added that Danny Vasquez III was in on the pipe when it was voted to get the pipe. Mayor Davis stated that the first two blocks of pipe fencing, we did not bid. The second phase we did bid, and the bid for that stuff came in around \$30,000. Joy Lewis asked how Danny Vasquez III got involved in being the vendor of the pipe, if he is a council member. Mayor Davis responded, Danny

Vasquez III was not the vendor, but we had the discussion of locating the pipe and purchasing the pipe. Julie Lewis asked if Mr. Reimer was going to be responsible for redoing the pipe fencing on the first two blocks due to the poor paint job. Mayor Davis responded that Mr. Reimer was aware he was going to have to redo at no charge. Joy Lewis asked how many workers is Mr. Reimer charging for? We need to stay on top of this because he is very pricy. Mayor Davis stated on regular water leaks and other jobs he can understand but on a project that involves fencing two people can't do that pipe. Julie Lewis asked if the \$30,000 would cover the 5 blocks of fencing. Mayor Davis responded, yes. Joy Lewis asked if Mr. Reimer was going to be paid hourly. Mayor Davis responded we are not paying him hourly we are paying him as a whole project. The \$30,000 includes labor and installation. After City clerk researching the minutes onsite the continuation of the pipe fencing was approved on March 10, 2025 Regular Meeting. Mayor Davis stated that the only thing different that was done on the pipe fencing this time was to take 4 ft. back on some blocks due to traffic. On some of the blocks they are wide, but the issues there are the trees that hang over into the street. Julie Lewis asked if the parallel parking signs are going to remain there in front the 2 businesses. Mayor Davis stated even if you parallel park you can still get a vehicle through there. Rosa Dominguez asked if the business owners did not have any knowledge that they are required to provide parking for the customers. Mayor Davis stated that is not going to happen now, it should have been addressed a long time ago. Mr. Vasquez asked if this project that is being discussed already paid for. Mayor Davis responded no, this project has not been billed due to it was not to start until the new fiscal year 2024-2025. Mr. Vasquez asked if Mr. Reimer hourly rate was still \$85.00 per hour. Mayor Davis responded yes. Mr. Vasquez added that rate is still more reasonable than a local welder.

3. Joy Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:02 pm. Motion Carried 4-0.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8 DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025.


JOHN L. DAVIS, MAYOR


SANDRA NAVARRETE, CITY CLERK