

MINUTES
BALMORHEA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 13,2025

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,
ROBERT SYNDER

VISTORS: NONE

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Davis at 6:16 pm.
2. Mayor John L. Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Josue Mendoza made a motion, seconded by Rosa Dominguez to approve minutes for December 9, 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 Robert Synder. Mr. Synder stated that they had assisted with the fireworks on New Years. Mr. Synder added that there would be an additional rescue truck during the winter weather in Balmorhea. Mr. Synder stated that ground had been broken for Station 4, which is located on the north side of Pecos. It will be a training center and fire station. On the other 3 stations we continue to get dates that the contractors don't meet. Mayor John L. Davis asked that when completed, would there be a ribbon cutting ceremony. If so the City of Balmorhea would like to be part of that. Mr. Synder responded, yes and invitations will be sent out.
 - B. City Clerk reported that she had received an invitation from the City of Alpine to the Far West Texas Community-Building Summit, hosted by the Alpine Community Projects, taking place on January 17 and 18 at the historic Granada Theatre in Alpine, Texas.
 - C. Russell Morris, water operator stated that documentation that was received

from TCEQ needed to be signed and returned with payment on Wednesday to cover the fine. Mayor Davis added that the water operator needed to stay on top of that. Mr. Morris stated that once this gets sent off, he will start working on getting the issues corrected. Mayor Davis added that Mr. Morris needs to get all the paperwork from Greg Perrin. Mr. Morris stated he had a 4-hour water loss class scheduled for Thursday. Mr. Morris added he wanted permission to take a 2-hour class on the weekend and document them on a timecard. Mayor Davis Responded, that's fine, but you need to pass the course. Mayor Davis stated that the council needs to come to a happy medium on what they think will be a good sewer rate increase. Mr. Morris recommended an additional \$5.00 increase per utility that would bring an extra \$2000 a month or \$24,000 a year. Mayor Davis added we need to make this decision at the next meeting so that we can start at the end of the 1st quarter of the year. It is possible to add changes to the March billing.

D. Rosa Dominguez stated BEDC had meet and they are working on goals. There is one opening for a board member position. We will continue the search to fill the position.


E. Rosa Dominguez stated that the Balmorhea Event Committee had their first meeting of the year and they will start focusing on goals for 2025. Focusing on continuing to help the city and sponsors with the annual school supply bash and Memorial Day Festival.

6. Ike Ward made a motion, seconded by Rosa Dominguez to approve order of election for (3) Alderman Positions and (1) Alderman Unexpired Term on May 3, 2025 General Election. Motion Carried 3-0.

7. After some discussion Mayor Davis suggested that this item be tabled to the next meeting to allow all alderman to participate. Josue Mendoza made a motion, seconded by Rosa Dominguez to approve revised. Motion Carried 3-0.

8. Ike Ward made a motion, seconded by Josue Mendoza to adjourn the meeting at 6:41pm. Motion Carried 3-0.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 3 DAY OF February, 2025.


JOHN L. DAVIS, MAYOR


SANDRA NAVARRETE, CITY CLERK