

MINUTES
BALMORHEA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 14,2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR JOHN L. DAVIS, IKE WARD, DANNY VASQUEZ III,
ROSA DOMINGUEZ, JOSUE MENDOZA, JOY LEWIS

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

STAFF PRESENT: SANDRA NAVARRETE, GREG PERRIN, RUSSELL MORRIS.

VISTORS: RONALD LEE, DOAK PAINTER, JULIE LEWIS

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Davis at 7:04 pm.
2. Mayor John L. Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Rosa Dominguez made a motion, seconded by Ike Ward to approve minutes for April 14, 2025, Motion Carried 5-0.
4. Josue Mendoza made a motion, seconded by Ike Ward to approve bills and adjustments as presented for March 2025. Motion Carried 5-0.
5. Doak Painter presented the financial highlights. The City's total net position increased by \$474,087 as a result of the year's operations and as a result the net position of our governmental activities increased by \$125,106 and the net position of our business-like activities increased by \$348,981. The city had expenses of \$125,06 less than the \$296,754 of revenues generated by the general operations of the city's governmental type funds and \$348,981 less expenses than generated by water and sewer sales and other revenues for the proprietary-type fund of \$849,189. Depreciation expense of the current was \$15,127 of which \$20,888 was associated with governmental activities and \$94,239 was associated with business-like activities. Total depreciation expense was \$116,735 for the prior year. The governmental-type general fund ended the year with a total fund balance of \$562,939 which was a decrease of \$1,837 from the prior year. The proprietary-type funds ended the year with a total net position amount of \$1,398,680 which represented an increase of \$348,981 from the prior year. The budget for the city's general fund revealed \$102,004 more revenues were received during the year than were originally budgeted while \$134,928 more expenses were incurred than were budgeted for the year. The net effect of the budget variance was a positive budget variance of \$49,120. During the year the Balmorhea EDC transferred assets to the general fund which caused capital outlay to be \$98,111 more than it originally budgeted for. On capital outlay you had budgeted \$35,000. The McKnight building was

not budgeted therefore it put you over. Overall, this was another good year. (Audit report attached).

6. Reports


- A. ESD 1&2 report was presented by Ronald Lee stated that the contractors that have been working on the new Station 3 have had to be supplemented with another contractor. This change will not change the budget. The completion will anytime soon. There will 2 new engines coming out to this Station 3. No questions were addressed.
- B. The City Clerk informed the council that the City of Balmorhea and the Balmorhea Event Committee would be having their 2nd Annual Easter Egg hunt. The event would take place at the old Balmorhea ISD football field on April 19th at 2:00 pm. Hot dogs and water slides would be provided including a visit from the Easter bunny.
- C. Russell Morris reported that the CT Gray Park would be irrigated tomorrow. Lupe Mendoza stated that the city only had 1 working weed eater and pitch forks are too wide. Mayor Davis asked why are we in this predicament? Russell Morris responded because he gets yelled at every time he buys a shovel. Mayor Davis stated that the employees need to stay on top of removing any debris that gathers in and around the old Balmorhea ISD building. Joy Lewis asked about the water loss for the month of March. Mr. Morris explained that Route 1 pertains to our city water and Route 2 pertains to TP Lake water. The major water loss will always be on Route 2 due to the oasis that exists at the Jerry Moore Ranch. The overflow tank has been overflowing for more that 15 years. To fix this problem would very costly. When you look at the systems totals every month this problem will always reflect on our water loss percentage. Mayor Davis added that until the city brings in extra income, then maybe we can address this problem. Greg Perrin reported that on the grants that the city has been working regarding the water finance exchange includes this project.
- D. Rosa Dominguez reported that the BEDC had a meeting and done research and decided that they would use epoxy paint for the McKnight Building floor. That project would begin within the next 2 or 3 weeks.
- E. 1. Rosa Dominguez explained that the amount requested is \$8,000 and this would cover the live music, DJ music and advertisement. Ike Ward made a motion, seconded by Danny Vasquez to approve Hotel/Motel funds for the Memorial Day Festival. Motion Carried 5-0. Mayor Davis added that soon some of the activities will eventually be moved to the Balmorhea ISD property to free up some of the traffic and parking on HWY 17. Moving the fiestas to the field would work great.

7. Mayor Davis explained that a zoning ordinance would open more opportunities for the city to control some of the issues that we are having. Most of these issues always get thrown back at the city. The city does not have its own enforcement. It is a must that Reeves County Sheriff Deputies work on some of the issues like the dog issues or the public intoxication in the downtown park. City Clerk asked what direction she would need to go to get the process going on creating the zoning ordinance. Mayor Davis responded he combine this ordinance with Local Government Code 51,52 and 53. Ike Ward made a motion, seconded by Danny Vasquez to table item 7.

8. Josue Mendoza made a motion, seconded by Danny Vasquez to add an additional weekend to the Farmer's Market Weekend. This would make it every other weekend. In exception to Memorial Day Weekend or Labor Day Weekend.

9. Ike Ward made a motion, seconded by Danny Vasquez to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm. Motion Carried 5-0.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12 DAY OF May, 2025.


JOHN L. DAVIS, MAYOR


SANDRA NAVARRETE, CITY CLERK