



**MINUTES**  
City of Dickinson  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

**March 28, 2023**

The Dickinson City Council met in a duly called and announced the Regular Meeting on **Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.** 4403 Highway 3, Dickinson, Texas 77539 for the purpose of considering the following numbered items.

**ITEM 1.) CALL TO ORDER AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM**

Mayor Sean Skipworth called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. City Secretary, Ana Urps called roll and certified a quorum. Those present were: Mayor Sean Skipworth, Pro Tem Johnnie Simpson, Jenna P. Simsen, Walter Wilson, Jessie Brantley, Louis Decker, and Fred L. Linton. Also present was City Attorney, Justin Pruitt, and City Manager Theo Melancon.

**ITEM 2.) INVOCATION**

Council Member Simpson gave the invocation.

**ITEM 3.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Skipworth led the pledge of allegiance to the United States and Texas flag.

**ITEM 4.) PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS**

- 4.A • Julie Robinson

Mayor Skipworth presented Julie Robinson's Proclamation to her mother Anita Laffey.

**ITEM 5.) ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Announcements concerning items of community interest. No action will be taken or discussed. Councilmember comments regarding items of community interest in accordance with Texas Government Code section 551.0415.

**5.A Council Comments**

- City Council's Pet of the Month

Council Member Wilson welcomed everyone and thanked everyone in attendance.

Council Member Brantley welcomed everyone. He congratulated Marjorie Morgan with Gator's Bar and Grill for winning Galveston County SBDC Woman of the Year. He attended a DYAC Meeting and gave his appreciation to those students. He thanked those that are running for a City Council position and briefed everyone on early voting days. He recognized Oscar Stoker, Interim Chief of Police for everything that he is doing.

Council Member Decker welcomed everyone.

Council Member Linton welcomed everyone. He briefed on events that he attended. He attended the trash bash along with Council Woman Jenna Simson. He mentioned upcoming events that he will be attending. He stated that he had the privilege of scheduling a tour of the Galveston County WCID # 1 facilities. He also met with City Manager, Theo Melancon and discussed the comp plan and future mobility plans and other projects that the city is working on.

Council Member Simpson welcomed everyone. He gave his condolences to the family of Rev. Frank Guidry. He mentioned that the Faith United Methodist Church is having a Fish Fry Friday. He briefed on events that he attended the last community meeting for the Comprehensive Plan and attended the HGAC meeting and briefed on upcoming events.

Council Woman Simsen welcomed everyone. She briefed on events that she attended. She attended the trash bash. She also mentioned that she visited the Dickinson Community Center with Mr. Collin Coker. She mentioned that the Dickinson Historical Society will have their Wine & Roses on April 21, 2023. She attended the Parks Master Planning Session and invited the community to give their input. She also recognized the DYAC Committee who she is very proud of.

Mayor Skipworth introduced Nina Baker to present Pet of the Month Jelly Roll.

## **5.B City Manager Update**

- Recognition of Outstanding Investigative Effort Award to K-9 Ares and Officer Sharp
- Lifesaving Award for Officer Clinton Brown, Officer Daniel Ammons, Communications Supervisor Tandra Currier and Dispatcher Reginaya Williams
- DISD - School Bond Presentation (Carla Voelkel)
- Infrastructure
- Project Statuses
- Community and Economic Development Status
- Community Events
- Grant Updates

Mayor Skipworth and City Manager Theo Melancon presented Recognition Awards to all employees.

City Manager introduced Carla Voelkel, Superintendent of DISD. Superintendent Voelkel presented the School Bond Presentation and briefed on projected growth and their vision for upcoming projects. She also briefed on Dickinson Tax Rate information and the proposed project totals for the 2023 Bond.

City Manager introduced Chris Mallory with Texas Heroes, a non-profit organization that supports veterans. The organization helps with emotional healing and PTSD.

City Manager introduced Brian Brown with Goodman Corporation. Mr. Brown presented the Performance based Mobility Improvement Strategy. He briefed on identified projects and discussed goals, needs-based, analysis project portfolio and the next steps for projects. He answered council questions and concerns.

City Manager introduced Bayou Friends Forever members. They will have their Gala “Black Tie Texas”, April 29, 2023 and invited the community to support their organization for the benefit of Bayou Animal Services.

**ITEM 6.)** **PUBLIC COMMENTS** Members of the public are invited to give comments at this time, lasting not longer than 3 minutes. Comments may be general in nature or may address a specific agenda item, and should be directed at the entire Council, not individual members of Council or staff. Any speaker making personal attacks or using vulgar or profane language shall forfeit his/her remaining time and shall be seated. In compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, The City Council may not deliberate.

**None.**

**ITEM 7.)** **CONSENT AGENDA** The following items are considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be a separate discussion on these items

unless a Council member requests, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and discussed after the consent agenda.

7.A Consideration and possible action on approving the minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting of March 14, 2023.

7.B **REPORTS FROM STAFF**

- Quarterly Investment Report and Financials

7.C **RESOLUTION XXX-2023** - CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DICKINSON, TEXAS, APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE PROCUREMENT CARD PROGRAM WITH CORPAY COMDATA, PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF PREAMBLE AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

7.D **RESOLUTION XXX-2023** - CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DICKINSON, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL ALLIES, INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF STREET AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS ON 44TH, 45TH, ILLINOIS, AND CAROLINE STREETS USING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING.

7.E **RESOLUTION XXX-2023** - CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DICKINSON, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACTUAL TERMS OF JUDGES RICHARD COPE AND KATHLEEN MCCUMBER; ESTABLISHING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE PROVISION OF MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREMISES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

7.F Consideration and possible action on adopting a Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual.

1st Motion: Council Member Simpson made a motion to approve the consent agenda

2nd Motion: Council Member Decker seconded the motion.

Vote:

7 Ayes (Simsen, Brantley Linton, Skipworth, Simpson, Wilson, Decker)  
0 Nays

**MOTION PASSED.**

**ITEM 8.) PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING**

**None.**

**ITEM 9.) ACTION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**9.A RESOLUTION XXX-2023 – CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION APPROVING A RESOLUTION HONORING ZIYANNA JONES.**

1st Motion: Council Member Simpson made a motion to approve.

2nd Motion: Council Member Wilson seconded the motion.

Vote:

7 Ayes (Simsen, Brantley Linton, Skipworth, Simpson, Wilson, Decker)  
0 Nays

**MOTION PASSED.**

Bailee King and Marco Gonzalez introduced themselves and all the members of the Dickinson Youth Action Council (DYAC). Bailee and Marco presented a video of Ziyanna Jones. They memorialized the life of Ziyanna Jones. City Manager stated that we will be working with State Representatives and TX-DOT as we move forward in the renaming of FM-1266 from FM-517 to FM-646. Bailee and Marco reiterated the importance of safe driving and the dangers of drinking and driving.

**ITEM 10.) EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION(S)**

Convened into Executive Session at 8:59 p.m.

Council Member Linton left the meeting at 11:34 p.m.

Reconvened from Executive Session at 12:04 a.m.

**ITEM 11.) ACTION ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION(S)**

**None.**

**ITEM 12.) ADJOURNMENT**

1st Motion: Council Member Wilson made a motion to adjourn.

2nd Motion: Council Member Simpson seconded the motion.

Vote:

7 Ayes (Simsen, Brantley Linton, Skipworth, Simpson, Wilson, Decker)  
0 Nays

**MOTION PASSED.**

**Meeting adjourned at 12:04 a.m.**



Sean Skipworth, Mayor

Attest:

*Ana Urps*

Ana Urps, City Secretary