

MINUTES
City of Dickinson
CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

August 22, 2023

The Dickinson City Council met in a duly called and announced on **Tuesday, August 22, 2023** , at **6:00 PM** In accordance with the order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the City Council of the City of Dickinson, Texas, conducted the meeting by telephone and video conference in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to- face meetings (also called "social distancing") to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The meeting was held for the purpose of considering the following items:

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

Councilmembers present were as follows: Sean Skipworth - Mayor, Johnnie Simpson, Jenna P Simsen, Mark Townsend, Jessie Brantley, Bill Schick, Fred L Linton.

ITEM 2.) INVOCATION

Council Member Simpson led the invocation.

ITEM 3.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ITEM 4.) 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.

4.A Council Comments

Council Members welcomed and thanked everyone in attendance. They briefed on events that they attended and upcoming community events. Council Member Simpson attended the HGAC meeting and updated on the changes on the HB2127, death star bill. He also updated on the transportation plan funding that the city could receive. Council Woman Simsen briefed on the Christmas parade planning details. She also thanked everyone involved in making the first day of school successful. Councilmember Brantley recognized Harrison Nicholson and his staff in Finance for their hard work on fiscal budget. Councilmember Schick mentioned that the festival of lights needs volunteers. He thanked Dickinson Police Department for traffic control on the first day of school. Councilmember Linton mentioned that the Bayou Animal Services met and stated the Dissolution of the Bayou Animal Services Corporation.

4.B City Manager Update

- DEDC & DMD Budget Update
- Infrastructure
- Project Statuses

- Community and Economic Development Status
- Community Events
- Grant Updates

City Manager Theo Melancon briefed on ongoing projects and answered questions and concerns. City Manager updated on the DEDC and DMD budgets. Both of these proposed budgets are in a working progress.

ITEM 5.) 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.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Reason for comment</u>
Patricia Bumpus	97 Avenue J	Emergency Services Complaint
Sue Emmitte	3508 Hill Ave	Meeting changes/thanked PW
David Alston	2806 Frostwood Cir	Thanked Chaise Cary

ITEM 6.) 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.

6.A Consideration and possible action on approving the minutes of the City Council Meeting of August 08, 2023.
Item 6.A was pulled from consent agenda.

Councilmember Brantley made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Item 8.C should reflect 7 Councilmembers and should show roll call vote. Councilmember Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 7.) ACTION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

7.A **RESOLUTION XXX-2023 - CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DICKINSON, TEXAS, APPROVING AN EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS BY THE DICKINSON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR THE PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES OF HOEFER WELKER.**

Councilmember Simpson made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Simsen seconded the motion.

There was a brief discussion, City Manager and Dickinson Economic Development Corporation Director Courtland Holmann answered Council questions and concerns.

The motion passed with Councilmember Townsend voting in the negative.

7.B Consideration and possible action on the employment, appointment, removal, or evaluation of a public officer or employee, to-wit: Members of the Dickinson Economic Development Corporation (DEDC) and Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z).

- DEDC Voting Members - Ezreal Garcia & Clinton Williams
- DEDC Alternate Members - Corey Magliolo & Patrick Spies
- P&Z Commissioner - Voting Member - Nydia Garcia

Councilmember Simpson made a motion to nominate Ezreal Garcia & Clinton Garcia (voting members), Corey Magliolo & Patrick Spies (alternating members) to the Dickinson Economic Corporation, Nydia Garcia (voting member) to the Planning and Zoning Commission and re -appointment of current members Jessie Brantley, Sean Skipworth, Collin Coker, Matt Sabatier, and Walter Wilson. Councilwoman Simsen seconded the motion.

A lengthy discussion followed. Councilmember Schick questioned his re-appointment to the DEDC Board since he didn't hear his name. He stated that indeed he was resigning from DEDC after being elected to Council, but he wanted to be a part of the evaluation process. He stated that he and the other Councilmembers did not receive these applications. Councilmember Schick asked to table this item. Mayor Skipworth stated that there is a committee that handles the interviews and stated that all Councilmembers receive these applications. Mayor Skipworth also stated that Councilmembers are at liberty to contact the candidates and ask questions. Councilmember Brantley stated that he had a chance to speak to the candidates and they were all highly qualified and they all had excellent resumes. Councilmember Simpson stated that the Ordinance was adopted to facilitate the process for Boards and Commission appointments.

City Manager stated that the Bylaws will reflect that we will have alternate members, as of now it doesn't matter, they have no power or are voting members. They will be participating for viewing purposes only.

Councilmember Brantley apologized and stated that his understanding was that Councilmember Schick was stepping down. Councilmember Schick stated that he said he was, but he wanted to be in the candidate selection process since he was the sitting President.

Mayor Skipworth called for the vote, the motion passed with Councilmember Townsend and Councilmember Schick voting in the negative.

7.C Discussion concerning possible annexations of Moore's Addition.

City Manager discussed on the annexation of Moore's Addition to understand the pros and cons. He stated that Council would have to pass a Resolution. He stated that he is working with City Attorney Justin Pruitt on the process, which would include a resolution, multiple public hearings and a passage of a petition. Lastly council would deny or approve. City Manager answered councilmember questions.

There was no action taken.

ITEM 8.) EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION(S)

8.A Consultation with Attorney (Section 551.071 Texas Government Code)

Discussion with Attorney regarding contemplated/pending litigation and regarding matters protected by the attorney/client privilege.

Council convened into executive session at 6:53 p.m.

ITEM 9.) ACTION ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION(S)

Council reconvened at 8:28 p.m.

9.A Consideration and possible action concerning matters discussed in executive session.

No action taken.

ITEM 10.) ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Townsend made a motion to adjourn.
Councilmember Simpson seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

VOTE:

7 AYES (Sean Skipworth, Jenna P Simsen, Jessie Brantley, Bill Schick, Simpson, Fred L Linton, Townsend)

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MOTION PASSED

PASSED APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this October 24, 2023.



Sean Skipworth, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ana Urps

Ana Urps, City Secretary