

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF MULESHOE, TEXAS
Monday, September 16, 2024, 5:30 p.m. City Hall**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ellis; Council members Alarcon and Atchley

MEMBERS ABSENT: Council member Mendoza; Mayor Pro-Tem Parker

OTHERS PRESENT: Gil Rennels, Channel 6; Citizen Ashley Turnbow; Public Works Director Juan Flores; Police Chief Benny Parker; Street Superintendent Crystal Casto; City Manager Ramon Sanchez and City Secretary Tamara Cain

Mayor Ellis opened the meeting at 5:31p.m.

AGENDA

1. a. Motion was made by Mayor Ellis and second by Council member Atchley to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2024, council meeting. Motion carried.
b. Motion was made by Mayor Ellis and second by Council member Atchley to the minutes of the September 9, 2024, Public Hearing (2025 Tax Rate/2024-2025 Budget). Motion carried.
2. Motion was made by Mayor Ellis and second by Council member Atchley to approve Resolution R-812-0924 denying SPS Company's Proposed Rate Increase. Motion carried.
3. Motion was made by Mayor Ellis and second by Council member Alarcon to approve Resolution R-811-0924 approving a negotiated settlement with Atmos Energy Corp for the 2024 Rate Review Mechanism Filing. Motion carried.
4. Motion was made by Mayor Ellis and second by Council member Atchley to approve Resolution R-814-0924 ratifying the increased property tax revenues. Motion carried.
5. Motion was made by Mayor Ellis and second by Council member Alarcon to approve Ordinance O-547-0924 adopting the 2024-2025 budget. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Motion was made by Mayor Ellis and second by Council member Atchley to approve Ordinance O-546-0924 setting the 2025 Maintenance & Operations tax rate at \$0.573134 and the Interest and Sinking at \$0.119376 for a total tax rate of \$.692510. Mayor Ellis, Council members Atchley and Alarcon were present for the vote. Vote carried unanimously.
7. Motion was made by Mayor Ellis and second by Council member Atchley to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Contract for the Failure to Appear Program between the City of Muleshoe and Texas Department of Public Safety. This is a contract that allows the Municipal Judge to file a Failure to Appear report to DPS and in return DPS puts a hold on the individual's driver's license until the matter is resolved. Motion carried.

8. Motion was made by Mayor Ellis and second by Council member Alarcon to approve Resolution R-813-0924 amending/replacing Resolution R-810-0824 authorizing the submission of an application and authorizing the City Manager to act as the Chief Administrative Officer for the City's participation in the HOME Program. Motion carried.
9. Motion made by Mayor Ellis and second by Council member Atchley to award the depository agreement to Happy State Bank. Motion carried.
10. Motion made by Mayor Ellis and second by Council member Alarcon to approve the Official Ballot of TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees. Trustees voted on were Place 11 – Randy Criswell, Place 12 – Allison Heyward, Place 13 – Harland Jefferson, and Place 14 – Mike Land. Motion carried.
11. Motion made by Mayor Ellis and second by Council member Atchley to approve Ordinance O-548-0924 amending the Fee Schedule. Amendments as follows:

Water utility fees - Section A8.002

(a)(1) will increase the minimum water charge \$2.00 per month.

(a)(2) additional amounts for water usage shall be charged as follows:

Gallons Used	Charge per Thousand Gallons
1-10,000	\$2.50
10,001- 20,000	\$3.00
20,001- 30,000	\$3.50
30,001- 40,000	\$4.00
40,001- 50,000	\$4.50
50,001 and over	\$5.00

Motion carried.

12. Motion made by Mayor Ellis and second by Council member Alarcon to award the construction contract for the Downtown Revitalization Project TXCDBG contract #CDM23-0288 to West Construction SVCS, LLC from Wilson Texas.
13. Motion was made by Mayor Ellis and second by Council member Atchley to receive the financial statement for August 31, 2024. Motion carried.
14. Administrative reports included:
 - a. The SPAG Annual General Assembly Meeting was held Wednesday, September 11th, at the Lubbock Women's Club in Lubbock. Council members Atchley and Mendoza along with staff attended the meeting.
 - b. The TML Annual Conference will be in Houston October 9th – 11th.
 - c. The Muleshoe Waterpark is closed for the season.
 - d. The 2024 seal coat project has been completed.
15. Mayor and Council remarks.

16. Mayor Ellis adjourned the meeting at 5:48 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 17th DAY OF OCTOBER 2024.

Colt Ellis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tamara Cain, City Secretary