

On this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2022, the City Council of the City of Brownfield met in a regular session with the following members present:

Mayor Tom Hesse  
Mayor Pro-Tem Besler  
Council Member Michael Tackitt, At Large  
Council Member Celso Duran, District 2  
Council Member Michelle Cooper, District 4 via Zoom  
Council Member Eric Horton, District 5

Absent  
Council Member Isaiah Bautista, At Large  
Council Member Ricky Rocha, District 1

Others Present:  
City Manager, Jeff Davis  
City Secretary Kelly Burris  
City Attorney, Matt Wade via Zoom

Mayor Hesse declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

The invocation was led by Steve Carter.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Texas Flag were led by Mayor Hesse.

The first item for the Council was to hear public comment on agenda items. There was no public comment submitted at this time.

The next item for the Council was to approve the minutes of January 6, 2022. City Secretary, Kelly Burris, spoke to the Council regarding a change that had been made to the minutes after the packets had been sent. Council Member Horton moved with a second from Council Member Duran to approve the minutes of January 6, 2022, as presented. This motion was put to a vote with Council Member Besler, Tackitt, Duran, Cooper, Horton, and Mayor Hesse voting "Aye" none "No". Mayor Hesse declared the motion carried and ordered the same to be recorded upon the minutes of the City of Brownfield.

Next, the Council recognized the February Employee of the Month. Mayor Hesse read a brief statement and recognized Building Official, Israel Limon, as the February 2022 Employee of the year. No action was taken on this item.

The Council then heard and considered the monthly financial reports for October, November, and December 2021. Under the Charter, the Director of Finance (City Manager) shall submit to the Council a monthly statement of all receipts and disbursements in sufficient detail to show the exact financial condition of the City. City Manager, Jeff Davis, explained that due to the financial software, the new budget couldn't be updated into the system until January 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Davis reviewed the monthly reports. Council Member Tackitt moved with a second from Council Member Besler to approve the monthly financial reports as presented. This motion was put to a vote with Council Member Besler, Tackitt, Duran, Cooper, Horton, and Mayor Hesse voting "Aye" none "No". Mayor Hesse declared the motion carried and ordered the same to be recorded upon the minutes of the City of Brownfield.

Council then heard and considered the quarterly investment report. Under the City of Brownfield's Investment Policy, the Director of Finance (City Manager) shall cause a quarterly investment report to be prepared and presented to the City Council showing returns from the investment program. The reports shall comply with Section 2256.023 of the Public Funds Investment Act at a minimum. City Manager, Jeff Davis, presented the monthly investment report. Council Member Horton moved with a second from Council Member Besler to approve the quarterly investment report as presented. This motion was put to a vote with Council Member Besler, Tackitt, Duran, Cooper, Horton, and Mayor Hesse voting "Aye" none "No". Mayor Hesse declared the motion carried and ordered the same to be recorded upon the minutes of the City of Brownfield.

Next, the Council heard and considered the quarterly financial report on the Visitor Information Center program funded by Hotel-Motel Tax Funds. A representative of the Brownfield Chamber of Commerce will be here to issue the financial report for the first quarter of the 2021-2020 fiscal year on the Visitor Information Center program that is funded by Hotel/Motel Tax Funds as directed in the agreement between the City of Brownfield and Brownfield Chamber of Commerce. Chamber Director, Lorena Valencia presented the financial report to the Council via Zoom. Council Member Duran moved with a second from Council Member Tackitt to approve the financial reports as presented. This motion was put to a vote with Council Member Besler, Tackitt, Duran, Cooper, and Mayor Hesse voting "Aye" none "No". Council Member Horton abstained from voting. Mayor Hesse declared the motion carried and ordered the same to be recorded upon the minutes of the City of Brownfield.

The Council then ordered an election of the City of Brownfield on Saturday, May 7, 2022, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and three (3) Council Members for District 1, District 2, and District 3 for the City of Brownfield, Texas. The Council needs to order the election for the positions of Mayor, and Council Members District 1, 2, and 3. The Terry County Elections Administrator will be holding the election. Election day will be Saturday, May 7, 2022, with early voting beginning April 25, 2022 and ending May 3, 2022. Council Member Besler moved with a second from Council Member Horton to order an election of the City of Brownfield on Saturday, May 7, 2022. This motion was put to a vote with Council Member Besler, Tackitt, Duran, Cooper, Horton, and Mayor Hesse voting "Aye" none "No". Mayor Hesse declared the motion carried and ordered the same to be recorded upon the minutes of the City of Brownfield.

Council then discussed and considered amending Chapter 15 of the Brownfield City Code by amending Article 15.300, Entitled "Miscellaneous Regulations" by amending Section 15.307, Entitled "Possession of Alcoholic Beverages in City Parks" providing regulations for the possession and consumption of alcohol in parks within the City of Brownfield and providing for a system of application, permits, permit fees, and establishing regulations as recommended by the Brownfield Fireworks Celebration Committee and the Parks and Recreation Board. City Manager, Jeff Davis, spoke the Council regarding the recommendations and possibility of allowing alcohol in the Lynn Brisendine Community Plaza and in Coleman Park. After some discussion, Council Member Tackitt moved, Council Member Cooper seconded the motion to pursue an ordinance allowing alcohol in designated parks with regulations. This motion as put to a vote with Council member Besler, Tackitt, Duran, Cooper, and Mayor Hesse voting "Aye" and Council Member Horton voting "No". Mayor Hesse declared the motion carried and ordered the same to be recorded upon the minutes of the City of Brownfield.

Next, the Council discussed and considered Resolution No. 20220203 extension of the Declaration of Local Disaster-Mayoral Order due to public health emergency to slow and prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the City of Brownfield. City Attorney, Matt Wade, spoke regarding the Resolution. Council Member

Horton moved with a second from Council Member Tackitt to approve Resolution No. 20220203 as presented. This motion as put to a vote with Council member Besler, Tackitt, Duran, Cooper, and Mayor Hesse voting “Aye” and Council Member Horton voting “No”. Mayor Hesse declared the motion carried and ordered the same to be recorded upon the minutes of the City of Brownfield.

At 7:55 A.M. the Council went into an Executive Session in accordance with Section 551.071 consultation with attorney about pending or contemplated litigation of where the duties of the attorney under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct conflict with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Also, in accordance with Section 551.074 personnel matters – to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: City Manager.

At 8:26 A.M. the Council returned to open session taking no action.

Mayor Hesse reviewed the announcements. No action was taken.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

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Tom Hesse, Mayor

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Kelly Burris, City Secretary