

CITY OF EAST TAWAKONI NOVEMBER 21,2023 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. Mayor Calhoun called the Council meeting to order at: 7:00 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL** ☒ Rose ☒ Garner ☒ Dandridge ☒ Ruffino ☒ Robert Thompson

Quorum: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Staff: ☒ Dowdy ☒ South ☒ Dudley ☒ Swaggerty ☒ Hall

Other: _____

Visitors: # 24

3. PLEDGES LED BY MAYOR HOLLY CALHOUN

4. INVOCATION GIVEN BY David Denhey

5 The Consent items are considered to be self-explanatory and will be enacted with one motion:

Approve minutes of Regular city council meeting of September 14,2023

Approve minutes of the Special CC meeting of September 26,2023

Approve bills for September 2023

Approve bills for October 2023

Motion : Approve Minutes of September 14 ,2023

made by: ☐ Rose ☐ Garner ☒ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson

Second by: ☐ Rose ☐ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☒ Robert Thompson

In favor: ☐ All ☒ Rose ☒ Garner ☒ Dandridge ☒ Ruffino ☒ Robert Thompson

Opposed: ☐ All ☐ Rose ☐ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson

Motion: ☒ Carries ☐ Fails

Motion Approve minutes for September 26,2023

made by: ☐ Rose ☐ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☒ Robert Thompson

Second by: ☐ Rose ☒ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☒ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson

In favor: ☐ All ☒ Rose ☒ Garner ☒ Dandridge ☒ Ruffino ☒ Robert Thompson

Opposed: ☐ All ☐ Rose ☐ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson

Motion: ☒ Carries ☐ Fails

Motion Approve bills for September 2023

made by: ☐ Rose ☐ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☒ Robert Thompson

Second by: ☐ Rose ☐ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson

In favor: ☐ All ☒ Rose ☒ Garner ☒ Dandridge ☒ Ruffino ☒ Robert Thompson

Opposed: ☐ All ☐ Rose ☐ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson

Motion: ☒ Carries ☐ Fails

Motion : Approve bills for October 2023

made by: ☐ Rose ☐ Garner ☒ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson

Second by: ☐ Rose ☒ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson

In favor: ☐ All ☒ Rose ☒ Garner ☒ Dandridge ☒ Ruffino ☒ Robert Thompson

Opposed: ☐ All ☐ Rose ☐ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson

Motion: ☒ Carries ☐ Fails

6 citizens comments

Citizens, who wish to address the Council, may discuss matters not on the agenda and who have not previously expressed to the Council or City hall a desire to discuss such matters. Anyone wishing to speak should sign-up on the provided sheet, prior to the start of the meeting. Presentation shall be limited to

three (3) minutes each. The only response from the Council can be a to request these items to be placed on a future agenda for discussion or action

Betty Whipkey Comments made in public and in the community

Don Deford Fire Marshall report and reserved signs

David Evans Wall built in city hall Fire Marshall report

7. Departmental reports on the following discuss and approve if necessary

Water Department – Jeff Dudley

Permits, License & Court Mayor Calhoun

Police Department – Chief South

Code Enforcement – None

Fire Department – Don Deford

Economic Development – Regina Chandler

Planning and Zoning – David Denhey

Spirit of East Tawakoni – Mary Spiwak

Library- Cynthia Willis

8.Auditor Make Ward to go over the 2022 Audit

Motion : Moved to December Meeting

made by: ☐ Rose ☐ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson
Second by: ☐ Rose ☐ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson
In favor: ☐ All ☐ Rose ☐ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson
Opposed: ☐ All ☐ Rose ☐ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson
Motion: ☐ Carries ☐ Fails

9. Discuss and take action to approve or deny Zoning Committee Members

Motion : to Approve Robin McPeters 1 year , David Denhey & Cindy Jennings 2 Year s

made by: ☐ Rose ☐ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☒ Robert Thompson
Second by: ☐ Rose ☐ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☒ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson
In favor: ☐ All ☒ Rose ☒ Garner ☒ Dandridge ☒ Ruffino ☒ Robert Thompson
Opposed: ☐ All ☐ Rose ☐ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson
Motion: ☒ Carries ☐ Fails

10..Discuss and Take action to approve or deny EDC Committee Members

Motion : to Approve Shelia Thompson (Robert Thompson & Terri Rose Abstain from Voting)

made by: ☐ Rose ☐ Garner ☒ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson
Second by: ☐ Rose ☒ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson
In favor: ☐ All ☐ Rose ☒ Garner ☒ Dandridge ☒ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson
Opposed: ☐ All ☐ Rose ☐ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson

Motion: ☒ Carries ☐ Fails

Motion : To approve Heather Douglas and Stephen Meyers (Terri Rose Abstain from voting

9. Discuss and Take action if necessary for Chief Rick South light duty status

made by: ☐ Rose ☒ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson
Second by: ☐ Rose ☐ Garner ☒ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson
In favor: ☐ All ☐ Rose ☒ Garner ☒ Dandridge ☒ Ruffino ☒ Robert Thompson
Opposed: ☐ All ☐ Rose ☐ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson
Motion: ☒ Carries ☐ Fails

11.Discuss and Take action to increase the Sewer rate that will start in January 2024

Motion : Approve Increase

made by: ☒ Rose ☐ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson
Second by: ☐ Rose ☐ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☒ Robert Thompson
In favor: ☐ All ☒ Rose ☒ Garner ☒ Dandridge ☒ Ruffino ☒ Robert Thompson
Opposed: ☐ All ☐ Rose ☐ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson
Motion: ☒ Carries ☐ Fails

12. Discuss and take action to choose a nominee for Rains County Appraisal District board of directors.

Motion: To Table

made by: ☐ Rose ☐ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☒ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson
Second by: ☐ Rose ☒ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson
In favor: ☐ All ☐ Rose ☒ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☒ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson
Opposed: ☐ All ☒ Rose ☐ Garner ☒ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☒ Robert Thompson
Motion: ☐ Carries ☒ Fails

2nd Motion to split votes evenly between candidates

made by: ☒ Rose ☐ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson
Second by: ☐ Rose ☐ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☒ Robert Thompson
In favor: ☐ All ☒ Rose ☒ Garner ☒ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☒ Robert Thompson
Opposed: ☐ All ☐ Rose ☐ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☒ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson
Motion: ☒ Carries ☐ Fails

13_ Discuss and Take action on the rezoning of Location 113 Oak Leaf Trail

Motion: Deny Changing from Residential to Commercial

made by: ☐ Rose ☒ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson
Second by: ☒ Rose ☐ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson
In favor: ☐ All ☒ Rose ☒ Garner ☒ Dandridge ☒ Ruffino ☒ Robert Thompson
Opposed: ☐ All ☐ Rose ☐ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson
Motion: ☒ Carries ☐ Fails

14. Discuss and Take action on the rezoning of location 9200 Hwy 276

Motion : Approve to rezone to Commercial

made by: ☐ Rose ☐ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☒ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson
Second by: ☒ Rose ☐ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson
In favor: ☐ All ☒ Rose ☒ Garner ☒ Dandridge ☒ Ruffino ☒ Robert Thompson
Opposed: ☐ All ☐ Rose ☐ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson
Motion: ☒ Carries ☐ Fails

15. Discuss and take action to approve the Jacobs to place a Cell Tower on the City property on Hwy 276.

Motion: To approve to place Cell tower on the City Property on Hwy 276

made by: ☐ Rose ☐ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☒ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson
Second by: ☐ Rose ☒ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson
In favor: ☐ All ☒ Rose ☒ Garner ☒ Dandridge ☒ Ruffino ☒ Robert Thompson
Opposed: ☐ All ☐ Rose ☐ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson
Motion: ☒ Carries ☐ Fails

16. Review and take action to approve or deny Letters of Recommendation for Officers John Hall, Walt Kimmel and Jeff Swaggerty .

Motion : to approve

made by: ☐ Rose ☒ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson
Second by: ☒ Rose ☐ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson
In favor: ☐ All ☒ Rose ☒ Garner ☒ Dandridge ☒ Ruffino ☒ Robert Thompson
Opposed: ☐ All ☐ Rose ☐ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson
Motion: ☒ Carries ☐ Fails

17. Discuss and Take action, if necessary on Payroll issues (Chief Rick South would like to address

Motion: to table

made by: ☐ Rose ☐ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☒ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson
Second by: ☐ Rose ☒ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson
In favor: ☐ All ☒ Rose ☒ Garner ☒ Dandridge ☒ Ruffino ☒ Robert Thompson
Opposed: ☐ All ☐ Rose ☐ Garner ☐ Dandridge ☐ Ruffino ☐ Robert Thompson
Motion: ☒ Carries ☐ Fails

18. Discuss and Take action to if necessary to sign off on a Plat to combine two previously approved lots

Platt signed by all council members

19. Council Comments

Rob Thompson spoke on Council member attendance

20.Mayor Comments

None

19.MOTION TO ADJOURN: at 9:13

made by:	☐	Rose	☐	Garner	☐	Dandridge	☐	Ruffino	☒	Robert Thompson		
Second by:	☐	Rose	☐	Garner	☒	Dandridge	☐	Ruffino	☐	Robert Thompson		
In favor:	☐	All	☒	Rose	☒	Garner	☒	Dandridge	☐	Ruffino	☒	Robert Thompson
Opposed:	☐	All	☐	Rose	☐	Garner	☐	Dandridge	☐	Ruffino	☐	Robert Thompson
Motion:	☒	Carries	☐	Fails								

Approve

Attest

Holly Calhoun , Mayor

Tammy Dowdy, City Secretary