

**City of Southmayd, Texas**  
Minutes of January 21, 2025  
Regular City Council Meeting

The City Council of the City of Southmayd, Texas met on this date at 6:00 p.m. for a regular City Council meeting. City Council members present were Mayor Debra Thompson, Tom Byler, Mark Everett, and Teresa Miller. The City Staff present were City Secretary Amanda McGill, Chief Laughlin, Lieutenant Aguirre, and Officer Barrett. Mayor Pro Tem Horstman was in attendance until 6:18 p.m.

**Agenda**

**A. CALL TO ORDER & Declaration of a Quorum:**

Mayor Thompson called the City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., January 21, 2025.

**B. PLEDGE TO FLAG and INVOCATION:**

Councilmember Byler led the pledge to flag and invocation.

**C. WELCOME GUESTS:**

All guests were welcomed.

**D. PUBLIC FORUM:**

There were no public comments.

**E. PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITION: (No Action)**

**F. CONSENT AGENDA & STAFF REPORTS**

*\*Consent agenda items are routine in nature and may be acted upon in one motion without discussion unless a Council Member or a citizen requests a specific item be discussed and voted on separately.*

**1. Discuss, consider, and possible action on approval of the City Council minutes for Regular Meeting, November 19, 2024.**

Councilmember Everett made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the changes requested and department reports. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**G. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

*\*These reports are for information only. No discussion is appropriate unless there is a specific item listed below or there is a request that the item be placed on a subsequent agenda as a discussion and action item. Sec. 551.0415 of Open Meetings Act*

**1. Mayors Report**

Discussion only. No action taken.

## **H. REGULAR AGENDA**

- 1. Discuss, consider, and possible action on presentation of the December 2024 financial statements and report of account by Joe Madden, CPA.**

Councilmember Byler made a motion to approve the December 2024 financial statements. Councilmember Everett seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- 2. Discuss, consider, and possible action on approving the new Copsync contract with updated pricing.**

Councilmember Everett made a motion to approve the Copsync 5 year contract with updated pricing. Councilmember Byler seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- 3. Discuss, consider, and possible action on updating phone services with Sparklight.**

Councilmember Everett made a motion to table updating phone services with Sparklight to look into other options. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- 4. Discuss Utility Data Systems billing system cost to interface with badger meters.**

Discussion only. No action taken.

- 5. Discuss, consider, and possible action on lifting or extending the moratorium for new residential/commercial building.**

Councilmember Everett made a motion to extend the moratorium for an additional 90 days. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- 6. Discuss, consider, and possible action on Fire Chief Thetford attending Fire Inspector School.**

Councilmember Everett made a motion to approve Fire Chief Thetford attending Fire Inspector School. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- 7. Discuss, consider, and possible action on Southmayd Community Center rental fee schedule.**

Councilmember Byler made a motion to table the Southmayd Community Center rental fee schedule. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- 8. Discussion on a possible agreement with the City of Dorchester for the Southmayd Police Department to patrol their city.**

Discussion only. No action taken.

- 9. Discuss, consider, and possible action on removal of all electrical components on old generators and the proper way to dispose of them.**

Councilmember Everett made a motion to table this discussion until the February 18, 2025 council meeting. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**10. Discuss, consider, and possible action on approval of the Order of Elections for the General Election held on May 3, 2025.**

Councilmember Everett made a motion to approve the Order of Elections for the general election held on May 3, 2025. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**11. Discuss, consider, and possible action on creating a city Facebook page to update citizens regarding city emergencies and other pertinent information.**

Councilmember Everett made a motion to create a Facebook page to be updated by City Secretary, Amanda McGill. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**I. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The City Council of the City of Southmayd will recess into Executive Session (Closed Meeting) pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code, to discuss the following:

1. Sec. 551.072: Real Property – to deliberate in executive session on certain matters concerning real property.
  - The purchase of 4603 Elementary.

Councilmember Everett made a motion to convene into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. Councilmember Byler seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**J. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION:**

The City Council of the City of Southmayd will reconvene into Regular Session (open meeting) pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code, to take any action necessary regarding the following items discussed in Executive Session:

1. Sec. 551.072: Real Property – to deliberate in executive session on certain matters concerning real property.
  - The purchase of 4603 Elementary.

Councilmember Everett made a motion to reconvene into regular session at 7:27 p.m. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

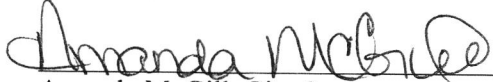
Councilmember Everett made a motion to give a 90 day extension for the title company to obtain the additional information needed from sellers. Councilmember Byler seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**K. ADJOURN**

Councilmember Everett moved to adjourn. Councilmember Byler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

  
Debra Thompson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Amanda McGill, City Secretary  
Approved: February 18, 2025