

**MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF DIBOLL, TEXAS  
REGULAR SESSION MEETING ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021, AT 5:15PM, IN  
THE DIBOLL CITY HALL CHAMBERS.**

**COUNCIL PRESENT**

Mayor Trey Wilkerson, Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Lopez, Councilmembers Benita Sheffield Duffield, and Luis Maldonado, Brian Moreno, Charles Moses, Sr., and Ruben Terrazas.

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT**

Interim City Manager, Keith Wright, City Secretary Melissa McCall, Interim Chief of Police Norman Williams, and Police Sergeant Feliz Estrada.

**Call to Order:** Mayor Trey Wilkerson called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Mayor Wilkerson gave the invocation, then led the Pledge of Allegiance which was recited by those in attendance.

**Citizens Presentation: (Limited to 3 minutes)**

This item provides the opportunity to address the City Council on any matter whether or not it's posted on the agenda. However, in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.041, the Council cannot discuss, deliberate, or take any action on matters not listed on the agenda. At this time, the Council will receive citizen comments, and if necessary, may refer the matter to City staff for research, resolution, or referral to Council on a future agenda.

Sandra Poulard commend the Council on the beautification efforts and City Hall and express that she hopes that plans are to continue down the median on Temple Drive, as well works to remove junk vehicles throughout the city.

**Item #1: Consent Agenda:** All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately. Consider approving the following reports:

- a. Minutes from September 14, 2021, Regular Session Meeting
- b. Minutes from September 21, 2021 Special Called Meeting
- c. Minutes from September 30, 2021 Special Called Meeting
- d. Financial Statement for September 2021
- e. Investment Report for September 2021

Daniel Lopez made the motion to approve; Luis Maldonado second. All in favor, motion carries.

**Item #2:** Consideration and possible action to amend Tax Levy Ordinance 2021-09-005, due to a computation error that does not increase the total tax rate for 2021.

Mayor Wilkerson express that this will not change the current tax rate or budget that was previously approve, however, just correcting an error in the prior stated computation figures

Brian Moreno made a motion to approve; Charles Moses, Sr. second. All in favor, motion carries.

**Item #3:** Consideration and possible action to appoint two additional board members to the TLL Temple Memorial Library and Archives Board to include:

1. Marisa Salazar
2. Blanca Sanchez

Luis Maldonado made the motion to appoint both Salazar and Sanchez; Brian Moreno second. All in favor, motion carries.

**Item #4:** Discuss possible ordinance amendment to increase impoundment fees on livestock located within 200 feet of a residence. Code of Ordinances Section 4-1.

Mayor Wilkerson brought to light that that this item was added out of concern by Councilwoman Duffield.

Higher fees were discussed, as well as making an exception to those residence living near the Diboll High School Agriculture Barn.

Item will be “tabled for next month’s agenda”.

**Item #5:** Discuss possible ordinance for establishing a fence ordinance for the City of Diboll.

Mayor Wilkerson brought to light that that this item was also added out of concern by Councilwoman Duffield who felt that different areas of the City had numerous types of fences and felt a bias in the area where she resided, stating that all types of fences could be found, sharing pictures of fences she’d taken. She requested that council consider an ordinance for future fences permits. After Councilman Lopez questioned if current fences would be grandfathered to which Mayor Wilkerson responded that he believed so.

Item will be tabled for the future.

**Item #6: DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

1. Fire Department Report – Larry Lucas, Asst Fire Chief
2. Police Department Report – Steve Baker, Police Chief
3. Animal Control – Grady Courtney, Animal Control Officer
4. Street Department Report – Robbie Roberts, Jr, Department Head
5. Water Department Report – Eric Pope, Department Head
6. Wastewater Department Report – Bridget Sarver, Department Head
7. Parks Department Report – Bridget Sarver
8. Finance & Court – Sam Durham, Finance Director
9. City Secretary Report - Melissa McCall – Attendance Record

**Item #7:** Consideration and possible action to fill the open position of City Manager for the City of Diboll.

**Executive Session** - The Diboll Council convened at 5:32 p.m. into a closed Executive Session, in accordance with Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code 551.072, for the purpose of discussing and the possible onboarding of new City Manager for the City of Diboll.

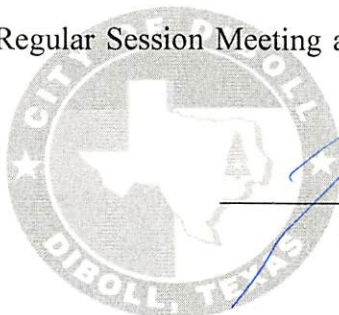
Council reconvened at 6:02 p.m. into open session following closed door session and took action on matters discussed in Executive Session.

Brian Moreno made the motion to hire under contract applicant Jason Arnold, effective November 01, 2021, to fill the vacant City Manager position, as discussed in Executive Session; Daniel Lopez second; all in favor, motion carries.

A photo session with the council, Mr. Arnold, and then Arnold and spouse Felicia, quickly took place following the naming Arnold as City Manager.

Mayor Wilkerson called to adjourn at 6:05 p.m.

Minutes of the October 14, 2021 Regular Session Meeting approved by council on this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021



  
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Trey Wilkerson, Mayor

**ATTEST BY:**

  
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Melissa McCall TRMC, City Secretary

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CITY OF DIBOLL     §

