

**Written Minutes for the
Regular City Council Meeting
Held on September 16, 2021
7:00 PM
Elmendorf City Hall
8304 FM 327
Elmendorf, TX 78112**

At any time during the City Council Meeting, the City Council may meet in executive session for consultation concerning attorney-client matters (real estate, litigation, contracts, personnel, and security).

I. City Council will convene for a Regular Meeting at the Elmendorf City Hall at 7:00 pm September 16, 2021.

Call to Order			
	The meeting is called to order at	7:04 PM	by Mayor Pro-Tem Tommy Hicks.
Pledge of Allegiance			
Invocation			by Chaplain David Kirk.
Roll Call			
Mayor	Michael J. Gonzales		Absent
Councilmember Place 1	Tracy Riojas		Present
Councilmember Place 2	Tommy Hicks		Present
Councilmember Place 3	Hipolito "Polo" Maldonado		Present
Councilmember Place 4	Manuel Decena		Present
Councilmember Place 5	Linda Pena Ortiz		Present

Also, present City Administrator Cody Dailey, City Secretary Roxanne De Leon, City Attorney Mike Guevara, Sergeant David Reyes, Officer Montoya, and Chaplain David Kirk and Chaplain James Stirnemann.

Citizens Participation

- Ms. Roel Asks Council to consider allowing pigs. She rescued a pot belly pig and has 3 acres. Police Chief Marco Pena states he has been working with the city attorney on this matter and they found there was no provision to accept swine.
- Minnie Slaughter Ms. Slaughter states her taxes are going up every year even though she is over the age of 65 years. The City of Elmendorf has enacted an ordinance in 2013 that freezes the tax rate at property owners 65 and older. Ms. Slaughter is wondering why her taxes keep increasing.
- Desi Martinez Running for state representative of District 118. Encourages everyone to vote.

II. Mayor and City Council Comments

- Councilmember Ortiz** R.W. McDonald has accepted the place of grand marshal this year for the Christmas in the Park Parade. Requests Chief Pena to give an update on National Night Out. Chief Pena states it will be held at the City Park on Tuesday, October 5th and flyers are being

mailed out. A vaccination station will be set up. Also, states the bulk trash pickup will be coming around.

Councilmember Decena

Thanks to Chief for organizing the event and it is good to see everyone here.

Councilmember Hicks

Grateful for people helping the community. It has made it so much easier. Appreciates the police department and staff.

III. Open Public Budget Hearing

Public Hearing opens at 7:25 pm.

1. Discussion regarding proposed city budget for fiscal year 2021-2022.
2. Citizens' comments regarding proposed budget.

IV. Adjourn Public Budget Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 7:31 pm.

V. Open Public Tax Rate Hearing

Public Hearing opens at 7:35 pm.

3. Citizens Comments regarding proposed tax rate for fiscal year 2021-2022.

Public Hearing closed at 7:37 pm.

VI. General Business – Consent Agenda

4. Adoption and approval of the city council minutes from August 19, 2021.
5. Adoption and approval of the city council minutes from September 7, 2021.
6. Approval of the previous month's bills paid and financial reports.
7. Adoption and Approval of Resolution number 9-17-2020-1R, adopting the City of Elmendorf Investment Policy.
8. Approve the Elmendorf Economic Development Corporation budget for fiscal year 2021-2022.

Councilmember Ortiz motions to approve all Consent Agenda items. Councilmember Riojas seconds and a vote is called.

Yay	Nay	Abstain
Councilmember Riojas		
Councilmember Hicks		
Councilmember Maldonado		
Councilmember Decena		
Councilmember Ortiz		

The motion to approve all Consent Agenda items is passed on a unanimous vote with all five (5) councilmembers in favor.

VII. General Business – Individual Consideration

9. Discuss and appropriate action regarding Ordinance number 9-16-2021-1, adopting the annual budget for fiscal year 2021-2022.

Councilmember Decena motions to approve Ordinance 9-16-2021-1, adopting the annual budget for fiscal year 2021-2022. Councilmember Maldonado seconds and a vote is called.

Yay	Nay	Abstain
Councilmember Riojas		
Councilmember Hicks		
Councilmember Maldonado		
Councilmember Decena		
Councilmember Ortiz		

The motion to approve Ordinance 9-16-2021-1, adopting the annual budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 is passed on a unanimous vote with all five (5) councilmembers in favor.

10. Discussion and appropriate action regarding Ordinance number 9-16-2021-2, adopting and setting the tax rate for 2021.

Councilmember Riojas motions to approve the M&O rate at \$0.38000 and I&S rate at \$0.081033. Councilmember Maldonado seconds and a vote is called.

Yay	Nay	Abstain
Councilmember Riojas		
Councilmember Hicks		
Councilmember Maldonado		
Councilmember Decena		
Councilmember Ortiz		

The motion to approve the M&O rate at \$0.38000 and I&S \$0.081033 is passed on a unanimous vote with all five (5) councilmembers in favor.

Councilmember Riojas motions to approve the tax rate of \$0.461289. Councilmember Maldonado seconds and a vote is called.

Yay	Nay	Abstain
Councilmember Riojas		
Councilmember Hicks		
Councilmember Maldonado		
Councilmember Decena		
Councilmember Ortiz		

The motion to approve the tax rate of \$0.461289 is passed on a unanimous vote with all five (5) councilmembers in favor.

11. Discuss and possible action regarding the allowance of plat filing for Hickory Ridge Units with an alternate form of security (Letter of Credit) upon approval by the City Attorney.

Councilmember Decena motions to approve the allowance of plat filing for Hickory Ridge Units with an alternate form of security (Letter of Credit) upon approval by the City Attorney. Councilmember Maldonado seconds and a vote is called.

Yay	Nay	Abstain
Councilmember Riojas		
Councilmember Hicks		
Councilmember Maldonado		
Councilmember Decena		
Councilmember Ortiz		

The motion to approve the allowance of plat filing for Hickory Ridge Units with an alternate form of security (Letter of Credit) upon approval by the City Attorney is passed on a unanimous vote with all five (5) councilmembers in favor.

- Discuss and possible action regarding Resolution 9-16-2021-2R, approving and adopting the Elmendorf Police Department Mental Health Leave Policy.

Texas legislation has passed mental health leave to give officers the opportunity to take leave due to experiencing traumatic events. City Attorney Mike Guevara states this policy may be tweaked as time goes on.

Councilmember Decena motions to approve Resolution 9-16-2021-2R, approving and adopting the Elmendorf Police Department Mental Health Leave Policy. Councilmember Ortiz seconds and a vote is called.

Yay	Nay	Abstain
Councilmember Riojas		
Councilmember Hicks		
Councilmember Maldonado		
Councilmember Decena		
Councilmember Ortiz		

The motion to approve Resolution 9-16-2021-2R, approving and adopting the Elmendorf Police Department Mental Health Leave Policy is passed on a unanimous vote with all five (5) councilmembers in favor.

VIII. Adjournment

Councilmember Ortiz motions to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting. Councilmember Maldonado seconds and a vote is called.

Yay	Nay	Abstain
Councilmember Riojas		
Councilmember Hicks		
Councilmember Maldonado		
Councilmember Decena		
Councilmember Ortiz		

The motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting passed on a unanimous vote with all five (5) councilmembers in favor.

Regular City Council Meeting is adjourned at:	7:50 pm
The minutes were passed and approved on:	October 21, 2021



Mayor Michael Gonzales



Attest: City Secretary Roxanne De Leon

