

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
City Council Chambers
505 Avenue D
Valley Mills, Texas 76689

STATE OF TEXAS
BOSQUE COUNTY

Monday

March 13, 2017

7:00 PM

Mayor Pro Tem Wittmer called the meeting to order.

1. Call to Order & Establishment of Quorum

Roll Call:

	Present	Not Present
Mayor Ray Bickerstaff		X
Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Wittmer	X	
Councilman Bill McKain	X	
Councilman Bill Lancaster	X	
Councilman Larry Turner	X	
Councilman Scott Layne	X	
City Administrator William Linn	X	
Municipal Clerk Robin Skinner	X	
Police Chief Bob Summers	X	
Fire Chief David Fisk		X

Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Wittmer called roll and established a quorum. Approximately seven (7) guests were present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer

Mayor Pro Tem Wittmer led the Pledge of Allegiance for the U.S. Flag and Texas Flag.
Councilman Turner gave the prayer.

3. Reports

- a. *Police Department* – Given by Chief Summers
- b. *Municipal Court* – Given by Robin Skinner
- c. *City* – Given by Robin Skinner
- d. *Volunteer Fire Department* – Given by Councilman Turner

4. Updates, Presentations, and Recognitions

- a. Recognition was given to the Valley Mills Chamber of Commerce for organizing a City-Wide clean-up day Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 8 am to 12 pm.
- b. *Landscape Yard of the Month* – Mary Ekrot on Hwy 56

5. Consent Agenda

- a. *Approval of minutes of previous meeting* – given by Robin Skinner. Motion made by Councilman Lancaster and was seconded by Councilman Turner. Council voted five (5) to zero (0) to accept previous minutes.

- b. *Payment of Accounts Payable* – Motion made by Councilman Turner to approve Accounts Payable and was seconded by Councilman McKain. Council voted five (5) to zero (0) to accept Accounts Payable.
- c. *Statement of Revenue and Expenses for previous month* – Motion made by Councilman Lancaster to approve and seconded by Councilman Layne. Council voted unanimously, Statement accepted.

6. Regular Agenda

- a. Discussion and possible action on authorizing the City Dump to be used for dumping brush during the Valley Mills Chamber of Commerce City-wide Clean-Up Day Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 8 am to 12 noon. Motion was made by Councilman McKain to authorize the use of the City Dump and was seconded by Councilman Turner. Council voted in favor with four (4) ayes and one (1) abstained.
- b. Discussion and action on approving the use of the Boy Scout Park for the Annual Tractor Pull to be held on September 23, 2017. The City is working on redoing the Boy Scout Park. Also there were questions about locking the gate to the Park when it is muddy due to damage from mudding and the City will do that to ensure no more damage occurs from mudding. Councilman Lancaster made a motion to approve the use of the Boy Scout Park, seconded by Councilman Turner. All Ayes. Motion Passed.
- c. Chris Hillin discussed the alley way off First Street north of his shop and south of his new house on Avenue G and possibly buying that alley way from the city. Councilman Layne made a motion to table until a letter could be obtained from a neighbor stating he does not use this alley way. Councilman McKain seconded. All Ayes, motion tabled.
- d. Recessed into Executive Session under the provisions of the Government Code, Section 551.074 at 7:40 pm regarding Personnel Matters pertaining to entering into an Indemnity Agreement with the City Administrator.
- e. Reconvened into Regular Session at 8:07 pm
- f. Discussion and possible action on items discussed in Executive Session. Councilman Turner made a motion to not enter into an Indemnity Agreement with the City Administrator, Councilman McKain seconded. All Ayes, Passed unanimously not to enter into an Indemnity Agreement.
- g. Discussion regarding request for Professional Services for a City Auditor. Council asked William Linn if 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 books had been completed. William Linn responded they have not been completed and he 'will not touch them without an indemnity agreement'. Motion was made by Councilman Layne to look into finding a City Auditor, seconded by Councilman McKain. Council voted five (5) to zero (0) to find a City Auditor.
- h. Discussion and possible action on appointing:
 - i. Ron Walts and Elizabeth Allen as Early Voting Clerks
 - ii. Bryant Scheutz and Rodney Nichols as Voting Judges
 - iii. John Shampton as May 6, 2017 Voting Clerk
 Councilman McKain made a motion to appoint these above names clerks and judges for May 6th election. Councilman Lancaster seconded. Council voted, All Ayes, Motion carried.
- i. Discussion and possible action on hiring Attorney Ray Black as full time City Prosecutor for a flat rate of \$500 per month. Councilman Layne made a motion to hire Ray Black and Councilman Turner seconded the motion. Council voted five (5) to zero (0), motion passed.
- j. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance No. 2017-03-10 Granting to Atmos Energy Corporation, Its Successors and Assigns, a Franchise to construct, maintain, and operate pipelines and equipment in the City of Valley Mills, Bosque County, Texas for the transportation, delivery, sale, and distribution of gas in, out of, and through said City for all purposes; providing for the payment of a fee or charge for the use of the public right-of-way; and providing that such fee shall be in lieu of other fees and charges, excepting ad valorem taxes; and repealing all previous gas franchise ordinances.

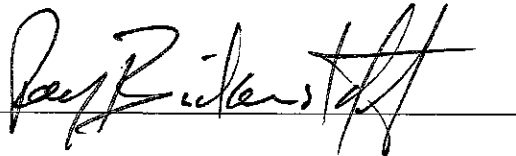
Council tabled this agenda item until a later date.

- k. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance No. 2017-03-13 Adopting the City of Valley Mills Personnel Polices Manual and Repealing Resolution No. 433 and replacing the April 2015 City of Valley Mills Personnel Manual Policy. Councilman Lancaster made a motion to table this agenda item for at least 90 days so that the council has time to study and review the Personnel Policy Manuel. Councilman Turner seconded. All Ayes, Motion was tabled for at least 90 days.

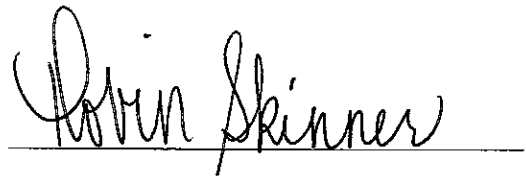
7. **Citizen Comments:**
None

8. **Adjourn:**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.



Mayor, Ray Bickerstaff



Attested by: City Municipal Clerk, Robin Skinner



CITY COUNCIL CALLED MEETING

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Friday

March 24, 2017

6:00 PM

Mayor Ray Bickerstaff called the meeting to order.

1. Call to Order & Establishment of Quorum

Roll Call:

	Present	Not Present
Mayor Ray Bickerstaff	X	
Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Wittmer	X	
Councilman Bill McKain	X	
Councilman Bill Lancaster	X	
Councilman Larry Turner	X	
Councilman Scott Layne	X	
City Administrator William Linn	X	
Municipal Clerk Robin Skinner	X	
Police Chief Bob Summers	X	
Fire Chief David Fisk		X

Mayor Bickerstaff called roll and established a quorum. Approximately three (3) guests were present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer

Mayor Bickerstaff led the Pledge of Allegiance for the U.S. Flag and Texas Flag as well as the prayer.

3. Regular Agenda

- a. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance No. 2017-03-10 Granting to Atmos Energy Corporation, Its Successors and Assigns, a Franchise to construct, maintain, and operate pipelines and equipment in the City of Valley Mills, Bosque County, Texas for the transportation, delivery, sale, and distribution of gas in, out of, and through said City for all purposes; providing for the payment of a fee or charge for the use of the public right-of-way; and providing that such fee shall be in lieu of other fees and charges, excepting ad valorem taxes; and repealing all previous gas franchise ordinances. Council McKain made a motion to pass the Ordinance, Councilman Layne seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion Passed.

4. Adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned at 6:02 PM



Mayor, Ray Bickerstaff





Attested by: City Municipal Clerk, Robin Skinner

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Monday

March 27, 2017

7:00 PM

Mayor Ray Bickerstaff called the meeting to order.

1. Call to Order & Establishment of Quorum

Roll Call:

	Present	Not Present
Mayor Ray Bickerstaff	X	
Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Wittmer	X	
Councilman Bill McKain	X	
Councilman Bill Lancaster	X	
Councilman Larry Turner	X	
Councilman Scott Layne	X	
City Administrator William Linn	X	
Municipal Clerk Robin Skinner	X	
Police Chief Bob Summers	X	
Fire Chief David Fisk		X

Mayor Bickerstaff called roll and established a quorum. Approximately six (6) guests were present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer

Mayor Bickerstaff led the Pledge of Allegiance for the U.S. Flag and Texas Flag.
Councilman Layne led the prayer.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Convene into Executive Session at 7:02 PM regarding Executive Session under the provisions of the Government Code, Section 551.074: Personnel Matters pertaining to the Department of Public Works Co-Directors performance.
- b. Reconvene into Regular Session at 8:57 PM.
- c. Discussion and possible action on items discussed in Executive Session. Motion was made by Councilman Layne to demote the Department of Public Works Co-Directors of their titles at the same pay and to report directly to William Linn. Councilman McKain seconded. Council voted five (5) to zero (0). Motion Passed.

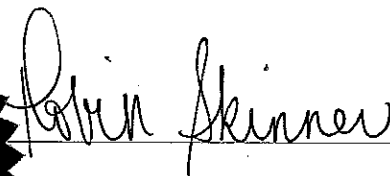
4. Adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM



Mayor, Ray Bickerstaff





City Municipal Clerk, Robin Skinner

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