

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN SABA
October 10, 2023**

Members in attendance were: Ken Jordan - Mayor
Robert Whitten – Mayor Pro-Tem
Shawn Oliver - Alderman
Oleta Behrens – Alderman
Marcus Amthor - Alderman
Michael Nelson – Alderman
Scott Edmonson – City Manager

Others present were: Sabrina Maultsby – City Secretary
Charlene Lindsay – Finance Director
Scott Glaze – Public Works Director
Wayne Yarbrough – Code Enforcement Officer
Bridgett Macedo – Utility Billing Coordinator
Brian Rogers - Citizen

At 6:00 p.m. Mayor Kenneth Jordan called the meeting to order, announced a quorum present, and Alderman Marcus Amthor led the Invocation and Pledges.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PRESENTATIONS:

Bridgett Macedo, Utility Billing Coordinator was selected as the Employee of the Month for October. Charlene Lindsay, City Treasurer and Alderman Marcus Amthor presented Bridgett with a plaque with her name on it and a gift certificate to a local restaurant.

CONSENT AGENDA:

On a motion by Alderman Shawn Oliver, seconded by Alderman Marcus Amthor, Council unanimously approved the following: minutes from the September 12, 2023 council meeting; payment of bills; approved Resolution No. 2023-36 waiving noise ordinance for October 14, 2023 at Mill Pond Park Gazebo for Ida Esquivel; Approved Resolution No. 2023-37 waiving noise ordinance for October 15, 2023 at Mill Pond Park Gazebo for Eliseo Cervantes; Approved Resolution No. 2023-38 waiving noise ordinance for October 14, 2023 at Joe Ragsdale Pavilion for Paul Stewart-Cantu Reunion; approved Resolution No. 2023-39 authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with TxDOT for the closure of Wallace Street on December 9, 2023 to accommodate the Christmas Parade; and approved Resolution No. 2023-40 a Resolution closing the 300 and 400 blocks of East Wallace Street to parking one hour prior and during the Annual Christmas Parade on December 9, 2023.

RESOLUTION 2023-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SAN SABA TO WAIVE AN ORDINANCE DEFINING NOISE NUISANCES

WHEREAS, the City of San Saba desires to regulate and oversee any unreasonable loud, disturbing, unnecessary noise which causes material distress, discomfort or injury to persons of ordinary sensibilities in the immediate vicinity.

WHEREAS, the playing of any radio, phonograph or other musical instrument in such manner or with such volume, particularly during the hours between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of persons of ordinary sensibilities in any dwelling, hotel or other type of residence is prohibited.

WHEREAS, **Ida Esquivel, 1007 W. Woodlawn, San Saba, Texas**, has asked the City Council to waive Ordinance No. 1967-4 to allow music to be played at the Mill Pond Park Gazebo on October 14th, 2023 until 12:00 midnight.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of San Saba is hereby authorizing the playing of music from 10:00 to 12:00 midnight on October 14, 2023 at the Mill Pond Park Gazebo.

Passed and approved this 10th day of October, 2023.

RESOLUTION 2023-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SAN SABA TO WAIVE AN ORDINANCE DEFINING NOISE NUISANCES

WHEREAS, the City of San Saba desires to regulate and oversee any unreasonable loud, disturbing, unnecessary noise which causes material distress, discomfort or injury to persons of ordinary sensibilities in the immediate vicinity.

WHEREAS, the playing of any radio, phonograph or other musical instrument in such manner or with such volume, particularly during the hours between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of persons of ordinary sensibilities in any dwelling, hotel or other type of residence is prohibited.

WHEREAS, **Eliseo Cervantes, 1102 W. Pecan, San Saba, Texas**, has asked the City Council to waive Ordinance No. 1967-4 to allow music to be played at the Mill Pond Park Gazebo on October 15th, 2023 until 12:00 midnight.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of San Saba is hereby authorizing the playing of music from 10:00 to 12:00 midnight on October 15, 2023 at the Mill Pond Park Gazebo.

Passed and approved this 10th day of October, 2023.

RESOLUTION 2023-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SAN SABA TO WAIVE AN ORDINANCE DEFINING NOISE NUISANCES

WHEREAS, the City of San Saba desires to regulate and oversee any unreasonable loud, disturbing, unnecessary noise which causes material distress, discomfort or injury to persons of ordinary sensibilities in the immediate vicinity.

WHEREAS, the playing of any radio, phonograph or other musical instrument in such manner or with such volume, particularly during the hours between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of persons of ordinary sensibilities in any dwelling, hotel or other type of residence is prohibited.

WHEREAS, Paul Stewart-Cantu Reunion, 607 W. Dry, San Saba, Texas, has asked the City Council to waive Ordinance No. 1967-4 to allow music to be played at the Joe Ragsdale Pavilion on October 14th, 2023 until 12:00 midnight.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of San Saba is hereby authorizing the playing of music from 10:00 to 12:00 midnight on October 14, 2023 at the Joe Ragsdale Pavilion.

Passed and approved this 10th day of October, 2023.

RESOLUTION 2023-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN SABA, TEXAS, TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH (TXDOT) TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CLOSURE OF ONE OF THE STATE'S RIGHT-OF-WAY'S (HWY 190 OR WALLACE STREET); AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CITY MANAGER TO ACT AS THE CITY'S EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CONTRACT.

WHEREAS, the City of San Saba has requested the temporary closure of Wallace Street for the purpose of the Christmas Parade on December 9th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Parade will be located within the City's incorporated area; and

WHEREAS, the State, in recognition of the public purpose of the Parade, wishes to cooperate with the City so long as the safety and convenience of the traveling public is ensured and that the closure of the State's right-of-way will be performed within the State's requirements,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN SABA, TEXAS: that the City Council authorizes the Mayor and/or City Manager to act as the City's Executive Officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the contract with TxDOT.

APPROVED this the 10th day of October 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-40

A RESOLUTION CLOSING THE 300 AND 400 BLOCKS OF EAST WALLACE STREET TO PARKING ONE HOUR PRIOR AND DURING THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE IN DECEMBER; PROVIDING FOR BARRIERS AND WARNING DEVICES; SEVERABILITY AND AN OPEN MEETING CLAUSE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 311 of the Texas Transportation Code, a general-law municipality such as San Saba has exclusive control over the highways, and streets of the municipality;

WHEREAS, City of San Saba Downtown business owners have asked the City Council to prohibit parking on the 300 and 400 blocks of East Wallace during a specific time frame;

WHEREAS, parking would be prohibited in this specific area for one hour prior and during the annual Christmas Parade;

WHEREAS, prohibiting parking in this area during this time will not harm public right of way uses by the City nor hinder emergency services personnel from protecting the public;

WHEREAS, prohibiting parking in this area during the parades will serve and protect the public health and safety of all citizens and visitors to San Saba.

WHEREAS, City Police staff are authorized and empowered to install barriers to prevent parking in this area during this time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN SABA, TEXAS, THAT: the 300 and 400 blocks of East Wallace Street will be closed to parking for one hour prior to and during the annual Christmas Parade.

APPROVED this the 10th day of October, 2023.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

The first action item was to Discuss, Consider, and Approve the 2024 Holiday Schedule for the City of San Saba. On a motion by Alderman Michael Nelson, seconded by Alderman Oleta Behrens, Council unanimously approved the 2024 Holiday Schedule for the City of San Saba.

**CITY OF SAN SABA
2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

- **NEW YEAR’S DAY** MONDAY - JANUARY 1, 2024
- **MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY** MONDAY – JANUARY 15, 2024
- **PRESIDENT’S DAY** MONDAY – FEBRUARY 19, 2024
- **GOOD FRIDAY** FRIDAY – MARCH 29, 2024
- **EASTER HOLIDAY (Observed)** MONDAY – APRIL 1, 2024
- **MEMORIAL DAY** MONDAY – MAY 27, 2024

- JUNE TEENTH NAT'L IND. DAY WEDNESDAY - JUNE 19, 2024
- INDEPENDENCE DAY THURSDAY - JULY 4, 2024
- LABOR DAY MONDAY – SEPTEMBER 2, 2024
- COLUMBUS DAY MONDAY – OCTOBER 14, 2024
- VETERAN’S DAY (OBSERVED) MONDAY - NOVEMBER 11, 2024
- THANKSGIVING DAY THURSDAY – NOVEMBER 28, 2024
& DAY AFTER FRIDAY – NOVEMBER 29, 2024
- CHRISTMAS EVE TUESDAY - DECEMBER 24, 2024
- CHRISTMAS DAY WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 25, 2024
- NEW YEAR’S EVE TUESDAY – DECEMBER 31, 2024
- BIRTHDAY – 1 DAY OFF TO BE TAKEN 30 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER BIRTHDAY●●

The second action item was to Discuss and Consider Approval of Resolution 2023-41 a Resolution for the City Council of the City of San Saba to appoint an individual to the Board of Directors of the San Saba County Appraisal District for a two-year staggered term for 2024 and 2025. Alderman Shawn Oliver made a motion to appoint Alderman Marcus Amthor to the Board of Directors of the San Saba County Appraisal District for a two-year staggered term for 2024 and 2025, seconded by Alderman Robert Whitten, and was unanimously approved by Council.

RESOLUTION 2023-41

WHEREAS, the City of San Saba is an entity of the San Saba Central Appraisal District, and

WHEREAS, the City Council members of the City of San Saba have the authority to appoint a member to the Board of Directors of the San Saba Central Appraisal District, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that on this 10th day of October, 2023, the City of San Saba Council Members adopt this resolution to appoint Marcus Amthor to a two-year staggered term for 2024 and 2025 of the San Saba Central Appraisal District Board of Directors.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Scott Edmonson reported on the following activities in the City of San Saba: Introduced Wayne Yarbrough to the City Council as the new Code Enforcement Officer, explaining that this was a lateral move from the Parks Department; it is looking like it is going to be toward the end of October before the crews start the Splash Pad; we received the preliminary drawings for the DRP Grant regarding the sidewalk installation to approve so they can submit the Environmental Review; took several vehicles to Goldthwaite to be auctioned off; the Park’s Department has been installing Christmas lights and other departments have been helping due to the shortage of employees in the Parks Department; Bruce Stewart will be retiring at the end of the year and the City will be looking to hire for that position; the Annular Eclipse will be this Saturday; Scott Glaze and Bruce Stewart are

having issues with a toilet at the Health Services Center and trying to get that resolved; the 'Welcome to San Saba' Rock on the corner of S. High and E. Commerce Streets is a really addition to the City and very thankful to the donors of this attraction; Sarah Saldivar nominated the Community Foundation for the Best Downtown Partner under 50K Category through the Texas Downtown Association and they are one of three that have been chosen for the #1 spot.

OTHER REPORTS

Scott Glaze, Public Works Director reported: the Generation is in place, and they have upgraded the electricity at the water plant; Chase Pecan project is still going on and they are still pouring concrete.

Wayne Yarbrough, Code Enforcement Officer reported: the Code Enforcement is a wonderful job, and I will do my very best to do the best job I can.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sabrina Maulsby, City Secretary


Robert Whitten, Mayor Pro-Tem