



**Regular Session  
Seagraves City Council  
Minutes  
February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 6:30 P.M  
The Council met at Seagraves City Hall, 205 Connors Ave.**

- 1) **Call to Order:** Mayor, Terrell declared a quorum and called to order at 06:30PM
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance:** Michael Terrell
- 3) **Invocation:** Ruben Valles
- 4) **Roll Call:** Michael Terrell, Gary McLendon, Cindy Durham, Ruben Valles, Lorena Davila, Lee Lerma.
- 5) **Approve minutes of previous meetings:** Motion to accept minutes of January 8<sup>th</sup> and January 18<sup>th</sup> by Alderman Durham, Second by Alderman McLendon. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- 6) **Public Comment:** None.
- 7) **Order Election May 04, 2024:** Motion to order by Alderman Lerma, Second by Alderman Davila. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- 8) **Approve Economic Development Grant to Little Einstein’s Learning Academy:** (Alderman Durham Abstained from the discussion and vote) Motion to approve the proposed grant of \$50,000.00 by Alderman Lerma, Second by Alderman Valles. Motion passes by unanimous vote.
- 9) **Sanitation Service Contract:** Willie Lowen of Tomahawk Disposal attended the session to answer questions. Mr. Lowen explained that the service agreement Tomahawk had been operating under did not allow for rate adjustments and that Tomahawk had fulfilled all obligations under the agreement without raising rates during the period. He stated that the city of Seminole had not allowed use of the landfill for the past two years and that Tomahawk had been using the city of Brownfield landfill. He informed the council that it was likely that the city of Brownfield would be forced to restrict the use of the landfill to residents of the city of Brownfield only at some point soon. In that event, he explained, Tomahawk would be forced to deliver waste to the landfill in Eunice, NM. If that did occur, a rate adjustment would be necessary to cover the increased cost associated with transporting the waste to that facility. Motion to accept the agreement commencing March 01, 2024 and to approve the rate increase to the sanitation portion of the City of Seagraves Utility Bill as recommended by the director of public works effective on the March Billing by Alderman Durham, Second by Alderman Lerma. Motion passes by unanimous vote.
- 10) **Truck Parking Ordinance:** Alderman Valles expressed concern that the city Seagraves may have to enact or amend an ordinance to deal with the issue of apportioned vehicles parking on the streets in residential areas of the city. The city secretary provided copies of the existing ordinance and asked the council to note that parking such vehicles on the streets of Seagraves was already unlawful. The Chief of Police asked the council if it was their direction to have the police department begin enforcing the ordinance and if so; how much warning should be given to those found to be in violation. The mayor instructed the chief to begin enforcement immediately but that it would be left to discretion of the department as to if and, for how long, to issue such waring citations. No action was taken.
- 11) **Consent Agenda:** Alderman Valles asked the city secretary to send the agenda to the council earlier than the Friday preceding the meeting. The mayor informed the council that the agenda was often

not ready earlier than the last minute and that he was not willing to release it until it had been finalized but that he would take the matter under consideration. Motion to accept by Alderman Durham, Second by Alderman Davila. Motion passes by unanimous vote.

12) **New Business:** None proposed.

13) **Set the Date and Time for the Next Regular Session:** March 11, 2024, at 06:30PM to be held at Seagraves City Hall, 205 Connors Ave.

14) **Adjourn:** 07:22PM

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**Mike Terrell, Mayor**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City Secretary (Dan Grife)**