

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

MINUTES OF THE PLUM GROVE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL OPEN MEETING HELD ON THE 28th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023, AT THE PLUM GROVE CITY HALL, 9485 PLUM GROVE RD, CLEVELAND, TEXAS 77327, IN THE CITY OF PLUM GROVE, COUNTY OF LIBERTY, STATE OF TEXAS AT 7:00 PM.

The Council met in a SPECIAL session with the following council members present.

*** CM denotes Council Member***

AM denotes Audience Member

1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:00 P.M.
2. Roll Call

Present-

Mary Arrendell-Mayor

Danielle Enloe-Mayor Pro-Tem

Deborah Bell-CM1

Sharron Reed-CM2

Israel Lopez-CM4

Kevin Lee-CM5

Melissa Pouncey-Secretary/Disaster Relief

Jillian Frazier-Court Administrator

Frank Longoria-Police Sgt/Security

Monica Palacios-Police officer/Security

Absent-

3. Pledge of Allegiance lead by Mayor Mary Arrendell
4. Invocation lead by AM Mike Pierce
5. Public Comments

Lee Walker- Governor calling a special investigation is no surprise. What caused the stir is the book Overrun, its not rumors or allegations. Todd Bensman led counter terrorism worked with homeland security division. He was out here in January of 2022. It is what it is, no allegations.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION: the council ADJOURNED-7:05 P.M. into executive session under Texas Government Code -Section 551.071, to consult with the city's attorneys regarding the following litigation matters:
 - a. Pending or contemplated litigation concerning cause number CV2016249 - City of Plum Grove, Texas v. Colony Ridge Development, LLC, and related matters.
 - b. Pending or contemplated litigation concerning cause number CV2016249 - City of Plum Grove, Texas v. Quadvest, and related matters.

CM Reed- left executive session and the building at 7:25 P.M.

RECONVENED- 7:45 P.M.

7. Motion to Table the CV2016249 litigation including possible resolutions of same with respect to:
 - a. Colony Ridge Made by CM Lee, 2nd by CM Bell, passed unopposed.
 - b. Quadvest made by CM Lee, 2nd by CM Lopez, passed unopposed.
8. Motion to approve Interlocal Agreement between Liberty County and the City of Plum Grove for manpower, equipment, and other resources to maintain streets, roads, and ditches made by CM Enloe, 2nd by CM Lee, passed unopposed.
9. Discussion on Ordinance No. 0914-2020 decorum policy for elected and appointed officials of the city of Plum Grove; providing a penalty in an amount of not more than \$500.00 for filing a false complaint or giving false testimony; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict herewith; providing for severability and providing for an effective date the council would like to amend the ordinance at a later date. AM Walker interrupted the mayor to state that the ordinance was not passed because she did not sign it and she would have numbered it on the agenda.
10. Motion to instruct staff to draft policies and procedures for city employee reviews made by CM Enloe, 2nd by CM Lopez, passed unopposed.
11. Motion to approve the 2023/2024 budget made by CM Lopez, 2nd by CM Bell, Lee-Yes, Enloe-Yes
Discussion-CM Enloe wanted to table the budget she did not have it long enough to look over it. Secretary Pouncey explained that if the budget does not pass tonight, not one penny can be spent until it does pass. That means that the light bill, AT&T, all employees, and the county cannot be paid. There can be budget amendments later throughout the year. Mayor Arrendell also passed out information sent from TML on the consequences of not passing the budget. AM Walker interrupted again to announce while she was mayor budgets was not always passed before October first. Mayor Arrendell explained that AM Walker already spoke for 3 minutes to please refrain from interrupting. AM Walker continued to speak and said she would see her self out the door. She continued to gather her papers and book. CM Bell asked Officer Palacios to please help Ms. Walker gather her belongings and escort Ms. Walker out of the building.
12. Motion to approve Ordinance No. 0928-2023A of the city of Plum Grove, Texas making appropriations for the support of the City of Plum Grove fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024; appropriating funds for all City funds; finding that all things requisite and necessary have been done in preparation and presentment of said budget; finding compliance with the open meetings law: and providing effective date hereof made by CM Lee, 2nd by CM Enloe, passed unopposed.
13. Motion for a record vote on the 2023 Proposed Tax rate of \$0.306142 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation, also known as the no-new-revenue rate, or the voter approval rate of 0.333271 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation CM Bell-Yes, CM Lopez-Yes, CM Enloe-Yes, CM Lee-yes, passed unopposed.
14. Motion to approve Ordinance No. 0928-2023B Adopting the 2023 ad valorem no-new-tax rate calculated for 2023 in accordance with chapter 26 of the tax code, pursuant to section 26.05 (c) of the tax code, and levy of assessed valuation of all taxable property within the corporate limits of the city; providing for penalties and interest; providing for findings of fact, severability, savings, publication, and effective date made by CM Lopez, 2nd by CM Bell, passed unopposed.
15. Motion to adjourn at 8:09 P.M. made by CM Lee, 2nd by CM Bell, passed unopposed.