

CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
CITY HALL COMMISSION MEETING ROOM  
JANUARY 13, 2025

THOSE PRESENT: Mayor Clifton Shaw  
Commissioner Ward I Tony Newton  
Commissioner Ward II Jim Taliaferro  
Commissioner Ward III Benny Lopez  
Commissioner Ward IV Valarie Johnson (Absent)

CITY STAFF: Wade Willson, City Administrator  
Pamela King, City Secretary  
Ross Hester, Police Chief  
Tyler Jones, Police Officer  
David Camargo, Police Officer  
Andrew Barker, Police Officer  
Abby Hargrove, Police Officer  
Jose Gonzalez, Police Officer  
Randy Bishop, Street Department  
Waylan Field, Utility Construction/City Inspector

OTHERS PRESENT: Patsy Warshaw, Barry Wicker, Peter Laverty, James Underwood, Terry Melugin, Paul Jasin, Paula Samuels, Cleve & Patsy Vessels, Katie Carter, Olga Rubio, Monique Ruiz, Kristi Camargo, Roger & Kay Castillo, Ignacia Castillo, Melissa McCaghren.

I. Call to order:

With a quorum of the Commission members present the Regular Meeting of the Slaton City Commission was called to order by Mayor Clifton Shaw at 6:30 pm, January 13, 2025, in the City Hall Commission Room, 130 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Slaton, Texas.

2. Pledge of allegiance to the US flag and the Texas state flag:

3. Invocation:

The Invocation was given by Henry Wilson

4. Presentation of Life Saving Ribbons for Slaton Police Officers:

Police Chief, Ross Hester presented the Life Saving ribbons to Slaton Police Officers Andrew Barker, David Camargo and Abby Hargrove for rescuing the life of the homeowner who was inside the home when his house caught on fire.

5. Abstention and Conflict of Interest:

There was none.

6. Public Comment (limited to 5 minutes per person)

Peter Laverty, Harvey House Board Member, gave an update on the Texas Historic Commission. He said the Harvey House will now be a historical site. He let everyone know that the paperwork has been signed and the

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Texas Historic Commission will be over seeing the operations of the Harvey House. He said the Harvey House Board members will still do the fundraising and still have an input on a few things.

Olga Rubio, Slaton resident voiced her concerns regarding the HOME Program and concerns if she was still getting a home built. She also stated her rent was going up at the Housing Authority where she is currently staying and will soon have to be looking for another place to stay.

7. Discuss and consider approval of minutes for the Commission Meeting of January 13, 2025:

A motion was made by Commissioner Taliaferro and a second by Commissioner Lopez to approve the minutes of the City Commission Meeting of January 13, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Discuss and consider approval of the November & December financial statement, monthly bills, and pooled cash reports:

A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez and a second by Commissioner Newton to approve the November & December financial statements, pooled cash reports and pays the monthly bills. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Discuss and consider approval of the November & December Public Investment Funds:

A motion was made by Commissioner Taliaferro and a second was made by Commissioner Newton to approve the November & December Public Investment Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Department Reports:

- a. Street and Sanitation
- b. Water and Sewer
- c. Zoning, Code Enforcement
- d. Police, Animal Control
- e. Administration and Finance
- f. Progress Report on Slaton Senior Center

Department reports were presented.

11. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Ordinance #833 an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of the City of Slaton Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificate of Obligation, Series 2025A , in the principal amount of \$3,200,000 to provide funds for Water System Improvement Projects and Awarding the sale of such Certificates of Obligation to the Texas Water Development Board:

A motion was made by Commissioner Taliaferro and a second was made by Commissioner Newton to approve Ordinance #833. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Resolution #011325A a resolution adopting and approving the Execution and Delivery of a Principal Forgiveness Agreement with the Texas Water Development Board in the Amount of \$898,917 for Water System Improvement Projects; and Resolving Other Matters Relating to the Subject:

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A motion was made by Commissioner Newton and a second was made by Commissioner Taliaferro to approve Resolution #011325A. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Discuss and Take Necessary action on Resolution #011325B a resolution authorizing and Directing Establishment of Two Construction Accounts with Depository Bank in Connection with Texas Water Development Board Project; appointing Authorized Signatories with respect to such Accounts; and Resolving Other Matters relating to the Subject:

A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez and a second was made by Commissioner Taliaferro to approve Resolution 011325B. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Resolution #011325C a resolution Directing Publication of Notice of Intention to Issue up to \$7,065,000 City of Slaton, Texas Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025B to Provide Funds for Street Improvement Projects; and Resolving Other Matters Relating to the Subject:

A motion was made by Commissioner Taliaferro and a second was made by Commissioner Newton to approve Resolution 011325C. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on funding commitment from Texas Water Development Board for Lead Service Replacement Project and provide direction to City Staff and Consultants related thereto:

Paul Jasin, with specialized Public Finance gave a brief presentation on the funding commitment from the Texas Water Development Board for the Lead Service Replacement Project and made the recommendation to withdraw the city application for the Lead Service Replacement Project for now.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taliaferro and a second was made by Commissioner Newton to withdraw the City's application for the Lead Service Replacement Project. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Resolution #011325D a resolution designating an official newspaper for the City of Slaton for the calendar year of 2025:

A motion was made by Commissioner Taliaferro and a second was made by Commissioner Lopez to approve Resolution 011325D. Motion carried unanimously.

17. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Municipal Materials Management Agreement:

A motion was made by Commissioner Taliaferro and a second was made by Commissioner Lopez to go out for bids for a Municipal Materials Management Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

18. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Slaton Police Department Forfeiture Report:

Police Chief, Ross Hester presented the Slaton Police Department Forfeiture Report. No Action Taken.

19. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Slaton Police Department Racial Profiling Report:

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Police Chief, Ross Hester presented the Slaton Police Department Racial Profiling Report. No Action Taken.

20. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Ordinance #834 an ordinance authorizing Restricted Prior Service Credit for employees allowing them to use previous full-time employment at another public employer to satisfy the length of service requirements for the Texas Municipal Retirement System vesting and retirement eligibility:

A motion was made by Commissioner Newton and a second was made by Commissioner Taliaferro to approve Ordinance 834. Motion carried unanimously.

21. Executive Session- VTCA Government Code 551-074 Deliberations regarding personnel of the City-Municipal Judge:

Mayor Shaw closed the meeting at 7:47 p.m.  
Mayor Shaw opened the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

22. Discuss and Take Necessary Action resulting from Executive Session:

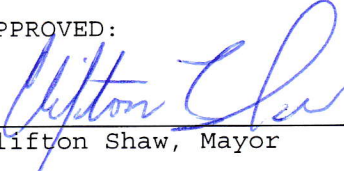
A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez and a second was made by Commissioner Newton to appoint Danielle Novier as the new Judge for Slaton Municipal Court. Motion carried unanimously.

23. Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez and a second was made by Commissioner Newton to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
Clifton Shaw, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Pamela King, TRMC City Secretary



CEMETERY BOARD MEETING  
CITY HALL COMMISSION ROOM  
JANUARY 27, 2025

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| THOSE PRESENT: | Mayor                 | Clifton Shaw |
|                | Cemetery Board Member | Monique Ruiz |
|                | Cemetery Board Member | Greg Dyess   |
|                | Cemetery Board Member | Doris Jones  |

CITY STAFF:           Wade Willson, City Manager  
                              Pamela King, City Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

1. Call to Order:

With a quorum of the Cemetery Board Members present the Cemetery Board Meeting was called to order by Greg Dyess, at 6:00 pm, January 27, 2025, in the City Hall Commission Room, 130 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Slaton, Texas.

2. Public Comment:

There was none.

3. Discuss Old Business:

Mayor Shaw, said this is the second year the City of Slaton had participated in the Wreath Across America Project and it was a success, wreaths were placed on the Veterans grave sites and the Cemetery employees will gather the wreaths at a later time.  
Discussion was had on replacing the fence at the Cemetery and to look at grant funding for fencing and repairs at the Cemetery.

4. Discuss New Business:

City Manager, Wade Willson said Cemetery employee Carl Seymour is having several health issues, and will be placed on leave with pay until January 28, 2025. He said cemetery employee Daniel Chavarria will be doing more work and helping Carl with his job.

5. Discuss and consider new business:

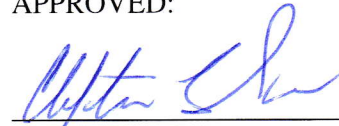
Cemetery Board members discuss putting the curb runners on the undeveloped side of the Cemetery and to raise the price of the cemetery plots to cover the cost of the curbing.

6. Adjournment:

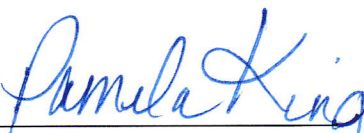
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The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm.

APPROVED:

  
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Clifton Shaw, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Pamela King TRMC, City Secretary



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THOSE PRESENT: Mayor Clifton Shaw  
Commissioner Ward I Tony Newton  
Commissioner Ward II Jim Taliaferro  
Commissioner Ward III Benny Lopez  
Commissioner Ward IV Valarie Johnson

CITY STAFF: Wade Willson, City Administrator  
Pamela King, City Secretary  
Ross Hester, Police Chief  
Randy Bishop, Street Department  
Waylan Field, Utility Construction/City Inspector

OTHERS PRESENT: Terry Reeves, Barry Wicker, Jessie Lopez, Mark Meurer,  
Henry Wilson, Paula Samuels, Doris Jones, Monique Ruiz, Hayden Hargrave,  
Matthew Pederson, Melissa McCaghren.

1. Call to order:

With a quorum of the Commission members present the Regular Meeting of the Slaton City Commission was called to order by Mayor Clifton Shaw at 6:30 pm, February 10, 2025, in the City Hall Commission Room, 130 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Slaton, Texas.

2. Pledge of allegiance to the US flag and the Texas state flag:

3. Invocation:

The Invocation was given by Terry Reeves

4. Abstention and Conflict of Interest:

There was none.

5. Public Comment Limited to 5 minutes per person):

There was none.

6. Discuss and consider approval of minutes for the Commission Meeting of January 13, 2025 and the minutes of the Cemetery Board Meeting of January 27, 2025:

A motion was made by Commissioner Newton and a second by Commissioner Taliaferro to approve the minutes of the City Commission Meeting of January 13, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taliaferro and a second by Commissioner Newton to approve the minutes of the Cemetery Board Meeting of January 27, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Discuss and consider approval of the financial statement, monthly bills, and pooled cash reports:

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A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez and a second by Commissioner Newton to approve the financial statements, pooled cash reports and pays the monthly bills. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Discuss and consider approval of the Public Investment Funds:

A motion was made by Commissioner Taliaferro and a second was made by Commissioner Lopez to approve the Public Investment Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Department Reports:

- a. Street and Sanitation
- b. Water and Sewer
- c. Police, Animal Control
- d. Municipal Court
- e. Zoning, Code Enforcement
- f. Administration and Finance
- g. CRMWA Report

Department reports were presented, Except Municipal Court, Judge Novier was not in attendance.

10. Proclamation for National Parent Leadership Month:

Mayor Shaw read the proclamation and presented it to Paula Bibbs Samuels.

11. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Ordinance #833 an Ordinance authorizing the Issuance of the City of Slaton Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificate of Obligation, Series 2025A , in the principal amount of \$3,200,000 to provide funds for Water System Improvement Projects and Awarding the sale of such Certificates of Obligation to the Texas Water Development Board: **2nd Reading**

A motion was made by Commissioner Newton and a second was made by Commissioner Taliaferro to approve Ordinance #833. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Ordinance #834 an ordinance authorizing Restricted Prior Service Credit for employees allowing them to use previous full-time employment at another public employer to satisfy the length of service requirements for the Texas Municipal Retirement System vesting and retirement eligibility: **2nd Reading**

A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez and a second was made by Commissioner Taliaferro to approve Ordinance #834. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Resolution #021025A a resolution of the City of Slaton Texas, finding that the statement of intent of ATMOS Energy Corp; West Texas Division to change rates filing within the City should be denied; finding that the City's reasonable rate change case expenses shall be reimbursed by the company; finding that the meeting at which this Resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this Resolution to the company and legal counsel:

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A motion was made by Commissioner Taliaferro and a second was made by Commissioner Johnson to approve Resolution 021025A. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on a building construction project in the amount of up to \$10,000.00 for Schaefer Studio 9. This was approved by the SEDCO Board on January 16, 2025:

A motion was made by Commissioner Newton and a second was made by Commissioner Johnson to approve the building construction project in the amount of up to \$10,000.00 for Schaefer Studio 9. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Shaw abstained.

15. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on Resolution #021025B a resolution authorizing the Slaton Economic Development Corporation to undertake a project incentive in the amount of \$53,000.00 to 6H Hargrave Holdings LLC dba Hargrave Manufacturing for a project for building construction and improvement at 15314 FM 400, Slaton, Texas. This was approved at the SEDCO Board Meeting on January 16, 2025:

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and a second was made by Commissioner Newton to approve Resolution 021025B. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Shaw abstained.

16. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on City of Slaton Sanitation Contract:

A motion was made by Commissioner Taliaferro and a second was made by Commissioner Johnson to table the City of Slaton sanitation contract for more information. Motion carried unanimously.

17. Discussion on financing Street & Drainage Improvements under the Capital Improvement Plan:

City Manager, Wade Willson went over the intersections that need to be worked on and roads in town that need to be resurfaced. He would like to see improvement on the water drainage around town. He asked City Commissioner's to get a list of any road and intersections that are in need of repairs in their wards and around town. He said most of the improvements will be made in the near future.

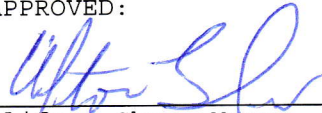
18. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez and a second was made by Commissioner Johnston to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

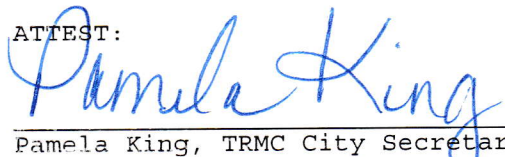
Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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APPROVED:

  
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Clifton Shaw, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Pamela King, TRMC City Secretary



CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING  
CITY HALL COMMISSION ROOM  
FEBRUARY 28, 2025

THOSE PRESENT: Mayor Clifton Shaw  
Commissioner Ward I Tony Newton  
Commissioner Ward II Jim Taliaferro  
Commissioner Ward III Benny Lopez  
Commissioner Ward IV Valarie Johnson

CITY STAFF: Wade Willson, City Manager  
Pamela King, City Secretary (Absent)

OTHERS PRESENT:

1. Call to Order:

With a quorum of the Commission members present the Special Meeting of the City Commission was called to order by Mayor Clifton Shaw, at 2:30 pm, February 28, 2025, in the City Hall Commission Room, 130 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Slaton, Texas.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to U.S. Flag and Texas State Flag

3. Discuss and Take Necessary Action on approving Audit for FYE 2024

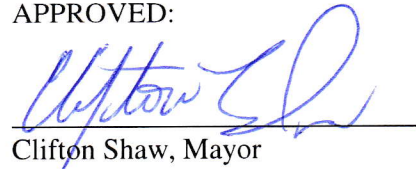
A motion was made by Commissioner Newton and a second by Commissioner Johnson to accept the 2024 Audit as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Adjournment:

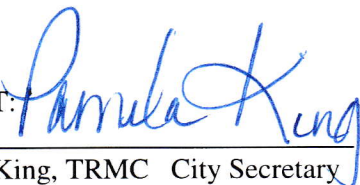
A motion was made by Commissioner Taliaferro and a second by Commissioner Lopez to adjourn the special meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

APPROVED:

  
Clifton Shaw, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Pamela King, TRMC City Secretary

