

## CITY OF DORCHESTER

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### AGENDA AND NOTICE OF MEETING REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
6:30 pm

*Members of the public may appear before the City Council to address items listed on this meeting agenda and topics not already scheduled for public hearing or on the agenda in accordance with procedural rules as determined by the meeting Chair and by submitting a "Public Comment Form" to the City Secretary no later than the conclusion of Agenda Item I (Call Meeting to Order)*

#### I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

#### II. INVOCATION

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** *The City Council invites members of the public to speak to the Council on items listed on this meeting agenda and topics not already scheduled for public hearing or on the agenda. Citizens may address the Council for a maximum of two minutes, unless the member of the public is a non-English speaker and must address the Council through a translator, in which case the person may address the Council for a maximum of four minutes. The Council is unable to respond to or discuss any issues that are brought up during this item that are not on the agenda, other than to make statements of specific factual information in response to a citizen's inquiry or to recite existing policy in response to the inquiry.*

**IV. CONSENT ITEMS:** These items consist of non-controversial items that are considered routine in nature. The Consent Agenda can be acted upon in one motion. A majority of the Council is required to remove any item for discussion and separate action.

1. Approve Minutes of **Regular City Council July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**
2. Approve the bills being paid for the month

#### A. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider/Discuss/Action on a letter to all customers that live within City Limits, making them aware that the City requires permits now on all building projects, roofs, fences, re-models, etc..
2. Consider/Discuss/Action on possibility of reducing the price of new water meter to non-profit- Geary Foster Foundation (Third house being built? and future homes) When they built the first house meters cost \$3500, 2<sup>nd</sup> house \$5000. They have to raise all the money before starting the house through donations, fund raisers, etc.
3. Consider/Discuss/Action on City of Dorchester approving a code enforcement officer to enforce city codes and ordinances.
4. Consider/Discuss/Action on completion of house inspection of 385 Main St., Engineering letter or certification from foundation company of work completed and structural soundness needed before city approval and certificate of occupancy granted. Applicant stated that only a few spots were leveled and did not disclose that a large amount of foundation structure was removed/replaced.
5. Consider and Discuss 2023-2024 Budget

6. Consider/Discuss/Action on accepting bid from Hankins Eastup Deaton Tony Seay & Scarborough, LLC for preparing City of Dorchester 2022-2023 Audit. See bid attached. (cost will not exceed \$15,000)

## **B. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Discuss leak detection/water loss
2. Update and discuss proposed BM Dorchester (Kiln & Concrete plant) and letter to state officials outlining serious concerns and infractions
3. Update on 289 Well Electrical issues
4. Consider/Discuss/Action on doing business with BVRT Utility (Sewer)
5. Consider/Discuss/Action on BNSF project and resolve other matters in connection therewith
6. Discuss moving/investments funds into other Financial Institutions
7. Update on Sewer CCN
8. Discuss Jack Norman wanting to upgrade water lines for meters on John Fields Lane

## **V. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

1. *In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council will hold an Executive Session on the items identified below*

Tex. Gov't Code 551.072     Deliberating the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if deliberation in an Open Meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person.

- A. Consider/Discuss matters in connection to Centurion/Cottonwood Suttons Fields developments
- B. Consider/Discuss/Action on setting up meeting with City of Sherman to review Contract, not providing water last 6 months, and what the future plans are with City of Sherman.

Tex Gov't Code 551.074     A. Consider/Discuss/Action on City of Dorchester hiring a part-time code Enforcement officer

2. Reconvene into Regular Session and take any action necessary as a result of the Executive Session.

## **VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Mayor Comments
2. Discuss any problems with the water utility or city
3. Applications for new meter request

## **VII. REPORTS:**

1. Water loss report & leak report
2. Delinquent water bill report

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**David Smith, Mayor  
City of Dorchester**

If, during the course of the meeting covered by this notice, the City Council should determine that a closed or executive session of the City Council should be held or is required, then such closed or executive session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, will be held by the City Council at the date, hour and place given in this notice as the City Council may conveniently meet in such closed or executive session concerning any and all subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by the Act, including, but not limited to, the following sanctions and purposes:

Texas Government Code Section:

- 551.071 - Private consultation with the attorney for the City.
- 551.072 – Deliberating the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.
- 551.073 – Deliberating a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation to the City.
- 551.074 – Deliberating personnel or to hear complaints against personnel.
- 551.076 – Deliberating deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devises or security audit
- 551.087 – Deliberating commercial or financial information that the City has received from a business prospect or deliberating the offer of financial or other incentives to a business prospect.
- 551.089 – Deliberating security assessments or deployments relating to security or critical infrastructure.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Agenda and Notice of Meeting of the City Council of the City of Dorchester, is a true and correct copy of said Notice. I posted a true and correct copy of said notice at Dorchester City Hall located at 373 Main Street Dorchester, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the public at all times, and on the City website; - and said Notice was posted on 11th day of August, 2023 at 4:00 P.M. and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time and said meeting.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023

City Secretary Becky Vincent \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE OF ASSISTANCE AT PUBLIC MEETINGS**

The location of this meeting is wheelchair accessible. Access to the building and special parking are available at the primary entrance of the meeting location. Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers or large print, are requested to contact the City Secretary's Office at least 48-hours prior to the meeting. Braille is not available.