



City of Hawkins  
City Council Minutes  
March 28, 2024



On this day March 28, 2024, at 5:30 pm, Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Richoz called a Special City Council Meeting to order with council members Greg Branson, Eric Maloy, Eleta Taylor, Clara Kay. The department heads were Norma Hallmark, Mike Maberry, Bucky Elkins, Mandy Thomas, and Guy McKee.

Clara Kay gave the invocation.

U.S. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Greg Branson.

Councilmember Clara Kay made a motion to accept the resignation of Municipal Court Judge Kyle Waggoner; seconded by Councilmember Elata Taylor. The motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Richoz called executive session to Discuss Personnel Issues per 551.074; two weeks' notice of Police Chief and other police officers at 5:35pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Richoz called the executive session back to order at 6:19pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Cuck Richoz stated, "Chief of Police gave his notice and is gone from Hawkins and took a patrol sergeant with Chief of Police Guy McKee. At-will employee does not accept resignation."

Councilmember Eleta Taylor made a motion to appoint Eric Tuma as Interim Chief of Police.

Citizen stated, "that making Eric Tuma Interim Chief of Police had to be placed on the agenda."

Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Richoz said, "It does not have to be on the agenda. This is for personnel issues 074, Chief of Police Guy McKee came into executive session and told why he was leaving. Basically, personnel issues that he had was fine and acceptable legally."

Citizen stated, "What I am disputing is not listed on the agenda that the City Council was going to appoint Interim Chief of Police."

Councilmember Eleta Taylor made a motion to accept the resignation of Chief of Police Guy McKee and appoint Interim Chief of Police for City of Hawkins to appoint Eric Tuma. Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Richoz second the motion. Councilmembers Eleta Taylor, Eric Maloy, Clara Kay and Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Richoz was for appointing Eric Tuma for Interim Chief of Police. Councilmember Greg Branson was against appointing Eric Tuma for Interim Chief of Police. The motion passed.

Councilmember Clara Kay made a motion to appoint Debbie Rushing to fill the remaining Mayor term until May 2024 per Texas Local Government Code Section 22.010. Councilmember Eric Maloy seconded the motion. Councilmembers Clara Kay, Eric Maloy, and Greg Branson voted for the motion. Councilmember Eleta Taylor and Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Richoz voted against the motion. The motion carried.



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Councilmember Eleta Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Councilmember Eric Maloy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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Chuck Richo, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:

Mandy Thomas, City Secretary

Mayor Pro Tem  
Chuck Richo, unavailable.

Minutes approved by  
City Council on  
May 20, 2024.

Mandy Thomas

5/21/24

Deb Rusling  
5/21/24