



**EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF PAYNE SPRINGS  
MINUTES  
1:00 P.M. Saturday, March 11, 2023**

**Agenda**

1. Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.
2. Roll Call; Mayor Miller, Mayor Pro-tem Spahlinger (via Zoom/Phone), Councilman Haag, Councilman Barnett, Councilwoman Hanson, Councilman Rottino.
3. Citizen comments, none at this time.
4. Convene into Executive Session to discuss all ramifications regarding the current state of the Police Chief, Police Officer, and Reserve Officers under Sec. 551.071 Consultation with an attorney and Sec. 551.074 Personnel Matters.
5. Back from Executive Session at 1:34 pm from discussing, considering and taking actions regarding items discussed in Executive Session regarding the appointment, employment, discipline and/or termination of Chief of Police Position.
  - a. Haag made a motion to place Chief April Meadows on unpaid administrative leave, seconded by Hanson. Motion carried 5/0
  - b. Barnett made a motion to give authority to City Attorney Blake Armstrong, Mayor Andrea Miller, and City Manager Tawnya Austin to move forward with a formal separation agreement for April Meadows, seconded by Haag. Motion carried 5/0.
  - c. Hanson made a motion to terminate Jonathan Hutchison as a Reserve Peace Officer, seconded by Rottino. Motion carried 5/0.
  - d. Barnett made a motion to appoint Officer Rickye Harmon as Interim Chief of Police, seconded by Haag. Motion carried 5/0.
6. Hanson made a motion to remove April Meadows from Simmons bank signature cards, seconded by Barnett. Motion carried 5/0.
7. Barnett made motion to approve the expedition contract for new PD software and equipment, to include 2 additional desktop computers for and additional \$70 per unit, seconded by Hanson. Motion carried 5/0.

**Closing**

1. Next Regular Meeting March 21, 2023 @ 6:30pm
2. Adjourned @ 1:40 pm

**A COMPLETE AND DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE MEETING IS ON TAPE.**

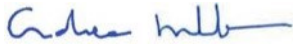
A meeting that is "open to the public," pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, is one that the public is permitted to attend. The act does not entitle the public to choose the items to be discussed or to speak about items on the agenda. If the City Council, during the course of the meeting covered by this notice, should determine that an executive session is required, then such executive session, as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Section 551.001 et seq., will be held by the Council at the date, hour and place given in this notice, concerning but not limited to the following sections

and purposes of the Act: 551.071 Private consultation with the city's attorney; 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property; or, 551.074 Discussing personnel or to hear complaints against personnel. Should any final action, final decision or final vote be required in the opinion of the City Council with regard to any matter considered in such executive session, then the final action, final decision or final vote shall be in the open meeting covered by this Notice upon the reconvening of the public meeting.

"Pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.007, members of the public may speak on an agenda item during the citizens comment section of the meeting or at the time the agenda item is called for discussion by the mayor. Speakers must sign up with the City Secretary to speak and shall be given three (3) minutes to speak. A speaker needing a translator and/or interpreter may be given six (6) minutes to speak. Criticism of city employees or staff is prohibited. Those wishing to address the Council regarding an item not on the agenda must be a citizen, property owner or business owner of Payne Springs. Comments on such non-agenda items shall be limited to three minutes. The Council will not comment on items not on the agenda; however, the Council may refer the item to city staff for research, resolution, or referral of the matter to the Council as a future agenda item."

I certify that the above notice of the meeting, a true and correct copy was posted in the screening box in front of the City Hall of Payne Springs prior to the required 72 hours and that the city's official newspaper was notified.

**Attest/S:**



**Andrea Colizzi Miller –Mayor**



**Beth Billings - City Secretary.**