

TULIA CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY JANUARY 14, 2025
AT 6:00 P.M.
TULIA CITY HALL, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. Call to Order and Quorum Call

_____ Dusty George, Mayor	_____ City Manager
_____ Israel ‘Bibo’ Ramirez	_____ City Secretary
_____ Jay Smith	_____ City Attorney
_____ Jed Owens	_____ Electric Director
_____ Greg Needham	_____ Public Works Director
	_____ Chief of Police

2. Presentations and Public Comment (Public Comments is limited to 3 minutes per speaker.)

3. Consider action on the Consent Agenda (usually approval of council meeting minutes will be placed under consent agenda along with non-controversial items that may have already been discussed or routinely handled in the past. This may include resolutions but not ordinances. A council member may remove an item from the consent agenda and place it on the Discussion and Action agenda before a vote on the Consent Agenda items.)

- CONSIDER AND APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 17, 2024 MEETING

4. Items for Discussion and Action

- a. PRESENTATION TULIA ANIMAL CONTROL ADVOCATES
- b. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION TO ADD ADDENDUM TO CHAPTER 2, ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE, ARTICLE 2.03 TO INCLUDE “ADDITIONAL 10 DAYS AT THE DISCRETION OF POLICE CHIEF AND OR ANIMAL CONTROL BEFORE DOG OR CAT IS DESTROYED”
- c. PRESENTATION BY SWISHER COUNTY SHERIFF, KYLE SCHMALZRIED REGARDING POTENTIAL PLANNING FOR NEW LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITY.

5. Announcements

- TULIA POWER & LIGHT
- PUBLIC WORKS
- POLICE DEPT
- CITY HALL

6. Adjournment

The City Council of the City of Tulia reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberation about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberation about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and 551.087 (Economic Development)

This agenda was posted on or before January 10, 2025 by 5:00 p.m.

STATE OF TEXAS X

COUNTY OF SWISHER X

CITY OF TULIA X

ON the 17th day of December, 2024, the City Council of the City of Tulia met in the City Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m.

Present were:	Dusty George	Mayor
	Israel 'Bibo' Ramirez	Mayor ProTem
	Gregory Needham	Council Member
	Jed Owens	Council Member

Also present were:	BJ Potts	City Manager
	Kristina Solomon	City Secretary
	Paul Brown	Chief of Police
	Russell Proctor	Public Works Director
	Brian West	Electric Director
	Courtney White	City Attorney

Absent was:	Jay Smith	Council Member
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1. Call to Order and Quorum Call Work Session

Dusty George called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Dusty George requested council go into executive session at 6:01 p.m. per section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney. Council reconvened at 6:22 p.m. No action was taken at this time.

2. Presentations and Public Comment (Public Comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker.)

No comments at this time

3. Consider action on the Consent Agenda (usually approval of council meeting minutes will be placed under consent agenda along with non-controversial items that may have already been discussed or routinely handled in the past. This may include resolutions but not ordinances. A council member may remove an item from the consent agenda and place it on the Discussion and Action agenda before a vote on the Consent Agenda items.)

- CONSIDER AND APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 12 AND NOVEMBER 25, 2024 MEETINGS

Bibo Ramirez made a motion to approve the minutes with a correction on #3 on November 25th minutes. A second was made by Jed Owens and passed with a 4-0 vote.

4. Items for Discussion and Action

a. ATMOS RATE SETTLEMENT DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

- SUSPENDING THE DECEMBER 19, 2024 EFFECTIVE DATE OF ATMOS ENERGY CORP., WEST TEXAS DIVISION'S REQUESTED RATE CHANGE TO PERMIT THE CITY TIME TO STUDY THE REQUEST AND TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE RATES; APPROVING COOPERATION WITH THE CITIES SERVED BY ATMOS WEST TEXAS AND AUTHORIZING INTERVENTION IN ATMOS WEST TEXAS' REQUESTED RATE CHANGE PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE COMMISSION; HIRING LLOYD GOSSELINK ATTORNEYS AND CONSULTING SERVICES TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE COMPANY AND DIRECT ANY NECESSARY LITIGATION AND APPEALS; REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT OF CITIES' RATE CASE EXPENSES; 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

Greg Needham made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-05 suspending the December 19, 2024 effective date of Atmos Energy Corp. rate change. A second was made by Jed Owens and passed with a 4-0 vote.

b. DISCUSS PURCHASE OF TULIA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TRUCK

Fire Chief Jeremy Earl discussed the interest in purchasing a 2008 International with 17,000 miles for \$160,000.

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6. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Mayor, Dusty George

ATTEST:

City Secretary, Kristina Solomon