1. Mayor Calhoun called the Council meeting to order at: 7:00 PM
2. **ROLL CALL** [x] Rose [x] Garner [x]  Dandridge [x]  Ruffino [x]  Robert Thompson Quorum: [x]  Yes [ ]  No

Staff: [x] McClaskey  [x] South [x]  Dudley [x] Swaggerty [x] Hall

Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Visitors: #21

3. PLEDGES LED BY Mayor Calhoun

4. INVOCATION GIVEN BY Robert Tompson

5 The Consent items are considered to be self-explanatory and will be enacted with one motion:

Approve minutes of Regular city council meeting of December 27, 2023

Approve bills for December 2023

Motion: Need to fix mistakes on minutes then approved

made by: [x] Rose [ ] Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

Second by: [ ] Rose [x]  Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

In favor: [x]  All [ ] Rose [ ]  Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

Opposed: [ ]  All [ ] Rose [ ]  Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

Motion: [x]  Carries [ ]  Fails

Motion: Approve December 2023 Bills

made by: [ ] Rose [ ] Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [x]  Robert Thompson

Second by: [x] Rose [ ]  Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

In favor: [x]  All [ ] Rose [ ]  Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

Opposed: [ ]  All [ ] Rose [ ]  Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

Motion: [x]  Carries [ ]  Fails

6 Citizens Comments

Citizens, who wish to address the Council, may discuss matters not on the agenda and who have not previously expressed to the Council or City Hall a desire to discuss such matters. Anyone wishing to speak should sign-up on the provided sheet, prior to the start of the meeting. Presentation shall be limited to three (3) minutes each. The only response from the Council can be a to request these items to be placed on a future agenda for discussion or action

Betty Whipker – Need accountability in City Government. Pattern of if the mayor’s friend says something on Facebook it is on the agent the next month. They have asked questions about the mayors conduct and have yet to get any answers.

7.Discuss and Approve if Necessary:

1. Water Dept: went through the report for November and December 2023
2. Permits/License and Court - None
3. Code Enforcement - None
4. Fire Department -None
5. Economic Development Corp- Changed all the accounts to Money Markets to capitalize on the interest. Total of all accounts is $55,816.07. Will be having a Solar Eclipse event April 7th 2pm – 8pm and April 8th 10 am to 2pm
6. Planning & Zoning - None
7. Spirit of East Tawakoni- Elected new officers – Carla Edwards President/Linda Philips Vice President/Sheila Thompson Secretary/Cyndi Jennings Treasurer
8. Library - None
9. Police Department – went through the December 2023 report of calls and arrests

8. Mike Ward to go over the Audit for the year 2022

9. Discuss and take action to approve or deny 2024 EDC Budget

Motion: to approve the 2024 EDC Budget

made by: [ ] Rose [ ] Garner [x] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

Second by: [ ] Rose [ ]  Garner [ ] Dandridge [x]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

In favor: [ ]  All [ ] Rose [x]  Garner [x] Dandridge [x]  Ruffino [x]  Robert Thompson

Opposed: [ ]  All [ ] Rose [ ]  Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

Motion: [x]  Carries [ ]  Fails

10. Discuss and take action to approve or deny purchases of equipment for the water department “list in packet”

Motion: to approve using funds $20,000-$24,000

made by: [x] Rose [ ] Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

Second by: [ ] Rose [ ]  Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [x]  Robert Thompson

In favor: [x]  All [ ] Rose [ ]  Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

Opposed: [ ]  All [ ] Rose [ ]  Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

Motion: [x]  Carries [ ]  Fails

11. Discuss and Take action to approve or deny adopting Little Oak Circle back to the city

Motion: to approve adopting Little Oaks back to the City

made by: [x] Rose [ ] Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

Second by: [ ] Rose [x]  Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

In favor: [x]  All [ ] Rose [ ]  Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

Opposed: [ ]  All [ ] Rose [ ]  Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

Motion: [x]  Carries [ ]  Fails

12. Review and Take action to approve or deny Ratifying Chief South

Motion: to approve ratifying Chief South

made by: [ ] Rose [ ] Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [x]  Robert Thompson

Second by: [x] Rose [ ]  Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

In favor: [x]  All [ ] Rose [ ]  Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

Opposed: [ ]  All [ ] Rose [ ]  Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

Motion: [x]  Carries [ ]  Fails

13. Review and Take action to approve or deny Ratifying Judge Joe Craig

Motion: to approve Ratifying Judge Joe Craig

made by: [x] Rose [ ] Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

Second by: [ ] Rose [x]  Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

In favor: [x]  All [ ] Rose [ ]  Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

Opposed: [ ]  All [ ] Rose [ ]  Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

Motion: [x]  Carries [ ]  Fails

14. Discuss and Take action, if necessary, on Payroll Issue that Chief South brought up in the Nov. meeting

Motion: table this issue to see about rewriting the employee handbook regarding the overtime hours and vacation hours for the PD

made by: [x] Rose [ ] Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

Second by: [ ] Rose [ ]  Garner [x] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

In favor: [x]  All [ ] Rose [ ]  Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

Opposed: [ ]  All [ ] Rose [ ]  Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

Motion: [x]  Carries [ ]  Fails

15. Discuss and Take action to hire City Secretary

Motion: accept Heather McClaskey as the new City Secretary and add her onto all bank accounts

made by: [x] Rose [ ] Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

Second by: [ ] Rose [x]  Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

In favor: [x]  All [ ] Rose [ ]  Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

Opposed: [ ]  All [ ] Rose [ ]  Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

Motion: [x]  Carries [ ]  Fails

16. Discuss and Take action on Adding Hotel, SRT and VRBO for Commercial area.

Motion: table this issue and set up a workshop with the EDC, Planning/.Development, and City Council on how to set this up properly

made by: [ ] Rose [ ] Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [x]  Robert Thompson

Second by: [x] Rose [ ]  Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

In favor: [x]  All [ ] Rose [ ]  Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

Opposed: [ ]  All [ ] Rose [ ]  Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

Motion: [x]  Carries [ ]  Fails

17. Discuss and Take action to approve or deny ordinance of attendance of the City Council

Motion: deny making a city ordinance

made by: [ ] Rose [x] Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

Second by: [ ] Rose [ ]  Garner [ ] Dandridge [x]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

In favor: [x]  All [ ] Rose [ ]  Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

Opposed: [ ]  All [ ] Rose [ ]  Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

Motion: [x]  Carries [ ]  Fails

18.Council Comments

Terri: With the Solar Eclipse, be aware of possible shortage of gas due to the amount of people that will be coming through. Be prepared for shortages, traffic delays and crowding.

Robert: Went through all the City Council meeting minutes from January 2018-June 202, found no mention in the minutes of inducting the current police officers accept the chief. Not saying it wasn’t done in the meeting just wasn’t written down in the minutes.

19.Mayor Comments

Workshop at the end of the month for EDC 1/30 & 1/31 6pm at City Hall

Grant for Lift station is approved/FEMA RFP grant started and approved/ Will get the approved trash grant after the race in May.

20. Executive Session (if needed)

None

21. Re-Convene from executive session (if needed)

None

22. Motion to Adjourn: at 8:56 PM

made by: [ ] Rose [ ] Garner [x] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

Second by: [x] Rose [ ]  Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

In favor: [x]  All [ ] Rose [ ]  Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

Opposed: [ ]  All [ ] Rose [ ]  Garner [ ] Dandridge [ ]  Ruffino [ ]  Robert Thompson

Motion: [x]  Carries [ ]  Fails

**Approve Attest**

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**Holly Calhoun, Mayor Heather McClaskey, City Secretary**