



**CITY OF EL LAGO**  
MINUTES OF THE MARCH 1, 2023  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
411 TALLOWOOD DRIVE, EL LAGO,  
TEXAS 77586

1. **Call to Order** Mayor Findley called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.
2. **Invocation and/or Pledge of Allegiance** – Pledges were conducted.

3. **Declaration of a Quorum**

Present: Mayor Shawn Findley  
Mayor Pro Tem Ann Vernon  
Councilperson Darin Clark  
Councilperson Charles Parette

Absent: Councilperson Jeff Michalak  
Councilperson John Skelton

4. **Citizen Comments**

**Jeff Tave of 302 Pineview Circle** commented about the pickleball initiative, as he is an existing tennis player. Suggested an enclosed single court. Mr. Tave requested that tennis membership fees not be raised as the existing members should not be burdened with more costs, and most communities have free tennis courts. He hopes the city will look at cost numbers to be sure it is worth the investment and that there is a sustained interest to make pickleball permanent.

**Ken Paschall of 534 Whitecap** said he walked early in the mornings and wanted to know what time the facilities should be open for use of the restrooms at the parks. He questioned whether there was a policy on opening. Per Mayor Findley, the police department closes them late at night and city staff opens them early in the morning at around 7:30am -8:00am. The Mayor will have a conversation to make sure that is a top priority with City Maintenance staff to open restrooms.

5. **City Official, Board, Commission, Committee, & City Service Report**

- 5.1. *Report on SVFD activity in the City with Call for Service reports for February 2023.* Chief Andy Gutacker reported 3 calls from 2/01/23-2/28/23 (2 medical, 1 accident) with an average response time of 3 minutes 8 seconds. A structure fire occurred in Seabrook at a large apartment home facing Repsdorff Rd used for dog breeding services on Sunday, 2/26/23. This caused the entire road to shut down for about an hour causing some traffic congestion.

6. **Consent Agenda**

- 6.1. *Check Detail for checks printed from February 16, 2023 through March 1, 2023.*
  - 6.2. *Minutes from the Council Meeting of February 15, 2023.*
- Hearing no objections, Mayor Findley declared the consent agenda approved.

7. **Mayor's Report**

- 7.1. *Mayor Findley to report on the 2023 City Celebration to be held on April 15, 2023.* Mayor Findley reported the band "A Sure Thing" who played Top 40 Variety music would play at the event. There would be inflatables, but no food trucks as they were too expensive. The Mason's will cook Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, Bomb Pops. and water. City Celebration will take place from 1:00pm to 5:00pm since Ed White had a carnival scheduled at 11am. A ribbon cutting at the new park playground would be held prior to City Celebration. Councilman Clark suggested a Poker Run with teams using golf carts and classic cars. The Mayor asked Councilman Clark to research quickly and find how many participants would be interested by the March 15, 2023 meeting.

**8. Old Business**

8.1. Consider/Approve a proposal by Rob O'Donel to create two pickleball courts at the City tennis courts. Councilperson Clark researched pickleball nets and found them on Amazon for \$185.00 each, with free delivery. The city would require two nets. Nets are portable and could be checked out by staff and easily moved. Striping would cost \$200.00 for paint expense and the city had volunteers to paint. He stated he would research a storage room if needed for pickleball storage. Councilperson Clark indicated that wear and tear maintenance would be low in cost. An annual membership fee of \$40 would help to cover expenses if 15 additional people joined. Mayor Pro Tem Vernon motioned to approve two pickleball courts at cost of \$600.00 with the intention of charging a \$40 pickleball annual membership fee to cover expenses. Councilperson Parette seconded the motion. The Mayor said he would like to make sure stripes are painted tastefully. The motion passed unanimously.

**9. New Business**

9.1. Consider/ Approve Resolution 2023-03 an amendment to the interlocal agreement with the Lakeview Police Department. The Mayor requested the item be postponed as he would like to give time for everyone to review. Mayor Findley said he could invite Stephanie Harris with the auditor's office to discuss it more thoroughly. Their office requested the amendment state no specific timeframe for the lease of the city facility. The Mayor would also like the police services provided by LPD to be defined in detail, and to include code enforcement. Councilperson Parette moved to postpone the item to the next meeting. The Mayor Pro Tem Vernon seconded. The vote to postpone was unanimous.

9.2. Consider/Approve Ordinance 496 canceling the May 6, 2023 election and declaring unopposed candidates elected. Mayor Pro Tem Vernon moved to approve, and Councilperson Clark provided a second. Approval was unanimous.

**10. Move meeting into a Workshop Session to discuss the following: (no motions to be made during the workshop period)** Mayor Findley adjourned into a Workshop Session at 7:47 pm.

10.1. Discuss issues related to animal control in the City and current increase in calls for loose dogs. The Mayor stated he wanted to leave the responsibility of animal control to the professionals. He said he reached out to the City of Nassau Bay and City of Seabrook, and is waiting for a response. It was determined that once new information was obtained another workshop would be scheduled.

**11. Adjourn Workshop Session and move meeting back into Regular Session**

Mayor Findley adjourned the workshop and returned to Regular Session at 7:55pm.

**12. Future Agenda Item Requests**


Scheduled

Ordinance HOT Tax – Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>  
Pool Furniture Quote – Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>

Unscheduled

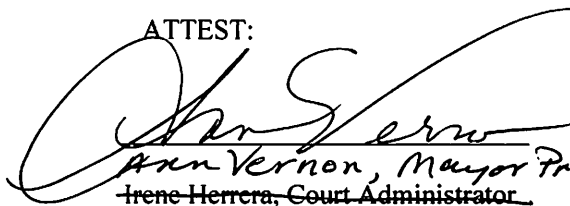
Resolution from A&T for support of broadband  
Status of Pools/Splashpad

**13. Adjournment** There being no further business, Mayor Findley adjourned the meeting at 7:57PM



Shawn Findley  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Ann Vernon, Mayor Pro Tem  
~~Irene Herrera, Court Administrator~~