

TOWN OF OHATCHEE

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AGENDA

OHATCHEE TOWN COUNCIL

September 12, 2023

Mayor Baswell will ask the Council to approve the Work Session and Minutes of the August 8, 2023 Council Meeting;

Mayor Baswell will ask the Council to approve Special Called Meeting Minutes held on August 16, 2023;

Mayor Baswell will ask the Council to discuss and approve/disapprove the issuance of a permit for new tower with PowerSouth;

Mayor Baswell will ask the Council to approve a 3 inch Water Meter Line to be installed for Anglar Recycling;

Mayor Baswell will ask the Council to approve the installation of a new Compressor for the Ohatchee Hardware not to exceed \$5000.00;

Mayor Baswell will ask the Council to discuss working on Police Department Pay Raise and Pay Scale;

Mayor Baswell will ask the Council to discuss and approve the FY2024 Budget;

OTHER BUSINESS:

Discuss improvements for the Grocery Store;

Discuss Notice of garbage fee increase beginning March 1, 2024 with Arrow Disposal Services

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OHATCHEE TOWN COUNCIL

WORK SESSION

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

Ohatchee Town Council met on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 5:30 PM at the Municipal Complex for a Pre-Council Work Session. Members present were Mayor Baswell, Council Members Celesia Jennings, Teresa Lott, Anthony Crosson, Butch Mitchell, and Perry Howard. Others present were Chief Kelly, Principal Gail Frey, Raymone Underwood, Representative of Watson & Eager- Jamie Harris III, Representatives of PowerSouth- Chad Jenkins, and Susan Faber.

Mayor Baswell declared a Quorum present and called the Work Session to order at 5:30 PM.

Mayor Baswell asked the Council to approve the Work Session and Minutes of the August 8, 2023 Council Meeting;

Mayor Baswell asked the Council to approve the Special Called Meeting Minutes held on August 16, 2023;

Mayor Baswell asked the Council to discuss and approve/disapprove the issuance of a permit for a new upgrade on a Private Telecommunications Tower with PowerSouth;

Mayor Baswell asked the Council to approve a 3 inch Water Meter Line to be installed for Anglar Recycling at the estimated cost of \$21,000.00, to include cutoff valve on Anglar Recycling side of the meter;

Mayor Baswell asked the Council to approve installation of a new Compressor for the Ohatchee Hardware not to exceed \$5000.00;

Mayor Baswell asked the Council to discuss moving forward with a sixty-cent (\$.60) pay raise for Police Officers, effective next payroll, which will also include Take Home Car under guidelines and proposal of Chief Kelly; and begin working on Police Department Pay Scale to be put into place for future raises,

Mayor Baswell asked the Council to discuss and approve the FY2024 Budget;

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Baswell asks the Council to approve improvements needed at Grocery Store- Circle W Market Place, with new flooring at the estimated cost of \$37,000.00, new signage, replace lighting on outside of store front, and painting the façade;

Mayor Baswell gave notice to the Council beginning March 1, 2024 Arrow Disposal Services will have an increase in garbage fees. After speaking with an Arrow Disposal Services representative about this increase, the representative stated they would get back to Mayor Baswell with further information on this increase.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Baswell adjourned the Work Session at 5:48.

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OHATCHEE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

Ohatchee Town Council met on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 5:48 PM at the Municipal Complex for a Council Meeting. Members present were Mayor Baswell, Council Members Celesia Jennings, Teresa Lott, Anthony Crosson, Butch Mitchell, and Perry Howard. Others present were Chief Kelly, Principal Gail Frey, Raymone Underwood, Representative of Watson & Eager- Jamie Harris III, Representatives of PowerSouth- Chad Jenkins, and Susan Faber.

Mayor Baswell led in the Pledge of Allegiance;

Mayor Baswell declared a Quorum present and called the Work Session to order at 5:48PM.

Mayor Baswell called for a motion to approve the Work Session and Minutes of the August 8, 2023 Council Meeting. Council Member Butch Mitchell made a motion to approve as written. Council Member Teresa Lott seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Baswell called for a motion to approve the Special Called Meeting Minutes held on August 16, 2023. Council Member Teresa Lott made a motion to approve as written. Council Member Celesia Jennings seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Baswell called for a motion to issue a permit for a new upgrade on a Private Telecommunications Tower with PowerSouth, and permit should state, the PowerSouth tower is to be used only as a private tower between PowerSouth and their Cooperative members at present time and in the future. Council Member Butch Mitchell made a motion to approve. Council Member Celesia Jennings seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Baswell called for a motion to approve a 3 inch Water Meter Line to be installed for Anglar Recycling at the estimated cost of \$21,000.00, to include cutoff valve on Anglar Recycling side of the meter. Council Member Teresa Lott made a motion to approve. Council Member Perry Howard seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Baswell called for a motion to approve installation of a new Compressor for the Ohatchee Hardware not to exceed \$5000.00. Council Member Celesia Jennings made a motion to approve. Council Member Butch Mitchell seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Baswell called for a motion to approve moving forward with a sixty-cent (\$.60) per hour pay raise for Police Officers, effective next payroll, which will also include Take Home Car under guidelines and

proposal of Chief Kelly; and begin working on Police Department Pay Scale to be put into place for future raises. Council Member Teresa Lott made a motion to approve. Council Member Celesia Jennings seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Baswell called for a motion to approve the FY2024 Budget. Council Member Celesia Jennings made a motion to approve. Council Member Teresa Lott seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Baswell called for a motion to approve improvements needed at Grocery Store- Circle W Market Place, with new flooring at the estimated cost of \$37,000.00, new signage, replace lighting on outside of store front, and painting the façade. Council Member Teresa Lott made a motion to approve. Council Member Celesia Jennings seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

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Chief Kelly made mention of the condition of the cross-tie steps between Mapco and Grocery Store. Mayor Baswell stated those could be replaced as well.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Baswell called for a motion to adjourn. Council Member Butch Mitchell made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Celesia Jennings seconded the motion.

Council Meeting Adjourned at 5:58 PM.

ATTEST:

Kevin Cooper
Town Clerk

Mayor
Paul R. Hawant
Council Member
Butch Mitchell
Council Member
Teresa Lott
Council Member
Jim Mitchell
Council Member

Council Member