



create complications due to having two courts. He suggested placing this item on a future agenda for further consideration.

7. Continued Public Hearing, consideration and possible action on the adoption of Ordinance O-26-03 approving the proposed Text Amendments to 'Title 9 relating to the listed uses of the Commercial C' 1 Zone(Chapter 9-8); Residential R-4 Zone (Chapter 9-7D-1); Residential RM12 Zone (Chapter 9-7E-1) and revised Definitions (Chapter 9-1-6)

Valerie Claussen presented a summary of the item. Councilmember Munns inquired about landscaping requirements, specifically whether a minimum percentage is required. Valerie confirmed that the ordinance includes a minimum landscaping percentage and allows a mixture of materials rather than exclusively rock or turf.

Councilmember Nelson moved to approve Ordinance O-26-03. Councilmember Hall seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Munns – Yes
Hall – Yes
Atkinson – Yes
Allen – Yes
Nelson – Yes

The motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion regarding Dog Kennel Ordinance

RaeAnn Bott stated that the public hearing will be re-announced at the next council meeting.

9. Discussion regarding changing Board of Adjustment to Administrative Law Judge

Steve Brooks, City Attorney, addressed the council and noted that the city code currently provides for a Board of Adjustment composed of five members. He recommended revising this structure to utilize an Administrative Law Judge, typically an attorney, explaining that a single decision-maker would offer a more streamlined and efficient process than a five-member panel. Councilmember Nelson inquired whether Mr. Brooks could serve in this role; however, he clarified that, due to his position as City Attorney, a separate individual would need to be appointed.

10. Old Business

A- Discussion and Possible Action on Kelly Harris Easement Agreement

Steve Brooks stated the matter is close to resolution and may be addressed at the next meeting.

B- Discussion and Possible Action on Police Contract



Steve Brooks reported ongoing work on the contract. Councilmember Hall asked about liability issues; Mr. Brooks confirmed they are still being addressed.

Councilmember Nelson moved to table Items 9 and 10. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. All voted in favor; the items were tabled.

11. Introduction and Possible Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions a. Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution, R-26-04, Possible Future Utility Rate Increase b. Discussion and Possible Action on Ordinance, O-26-04, Eliminating Free Water Overages

Tiffanie Smith presented the resolution.

Councilmember Allen moved to approve Resolution R-26-04. Councilmember Munns seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Hall – Yes
Munns – Yes
Atkinson – Yes
Allen – Yes
Nelson – Yes

The resolution passed unanimously.

Tiffanie Smith presented the ordinance. Councilmember Atkinson asked about retirement and widow benefits. Tiffanie provided examples and explained when benefits would end, noting the ordinance would simplify administration.

Councilmember Allen asked whether the change could create legal issues. Steve Brooks responded that it would not present a legal issue, but could be considered a political matter.

Councilmember Munns moved to table Ordinance O-26-04 to allow additional review. Councilmember Nelson seconded the motion. All voted in favor; the item was tabled.

Mayor and City Council Reports

a. Mayor Austin - Administration/Fire

Mayor Austin asked the Council to consider electronic meeting packets to reduce paper usage. He reported ongoing interviews for the City Recorder position and invited participation in the Easter egg hunt.

b. Council Member Allen - Emergency Preparedness/Library

Councilmember Allen reminded attendees of the upcoming emergency preparedness meeting.

c. Council Member Atkinson - Youth Council/Beautification/Garland City Days/America250

Councilmember Atkinson reported a successful Youth Council food drive and announced



upcoming Beautification "Dumpster Days." Discussion followed regarding outreach efforts. She also mentioned a new grant opportunity and the need for sponsors.

d. Council Member Hall - Parks & Recreation/Sewer

No Report.

e. Council Member Munns - Facilities/Water/Streets

No Report.

f. Council Member Nelson - Planning & Zoning/Police

Councilmember Nelson invited Lieutenant Gailey to speak about the Citizens Academy. Chris Brasted and Josh Thompson shared their experiences, describing the program as informative and highly recommended.

13. Financial Review - Approval of Coding for Payroll and Accounts Payable and Utility Account Adjustments

Councilmember Nelson moved to approve. Councilmember Munns seconded the motion. All voted in favor; the motion passed.

14. Requests for Future Agenda Items

Mayor Austin invited suggestions for future agenda items. Previously tabled items were requested for inclusion on a future agenda.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilmember Atkinson moved to adjourn. Councilmember Nelson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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