# MINUTES WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL Called Meeting Wednesday, May 25, 2022

The City Council of the City of Westminster met in a called meeting on Wednesday May 25, 2022 at 5:15 pm in the Conference Room at City Hall with Mayor Brian Ramey presiding. Those in attendance were:

Brian Ramey Dale Glymph Adam Dunn Daby Snipes

Jimmy Powell Yousef Mefleh Audrey Reese

City Administrator, Kevin Bronson City Clerk, Rebecca Overton City Attorney, Andrew Holliday Members of the public and press

Notice of the meeting and the agenda was posted on a window at the Depot and at westminstersc.org twenty-four hours prior to the meeting and all persons, organizations and local media requesting notification and the agenda were notified by email.

## **Call to Order**

Mayor Ramey called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

### **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Mrs. Audrey Reese led the Council in the invocation and Mrs. Daby Snipes led the pledge.

### **Certification of Quorum**

Rebecca Overton certified a quorum.

# **New Business**

1. A Resolution Authorizing the City of Westminster to apply to the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development for funding and other matters related thereto.

Mr. Bronson informed Council that the City of Westminster intends to apply for a RDA Grant/Loan and that application would require a Resolution. He informed Council that the grant and loan amounts are decided in the application process and that the documents relating to the application are due by the end of June. Mr. Bronson stated that representatives with the RDA are assisting staff with the application process.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Reese and seconded by Mr. Glymph, the motion to approve A Resolution Authorizing the City of Westminster to apply to the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development for funding and other matters related thereto passed unanimously.

Member	Motion	Vote
Ramey		Yes
Glymph	Second	Yes
Mefleh		Yes
Powell		Yes
Reese	Motion	Yes
Dunn		Yes
Snipes		Yes

At this time, Mr. Bronson informed Council that the Executive Session listed on the agenda was not needed and that the issue to be addressed could be done in open session. Mr. Bronson reminded Council that back in November Council had agreed and contracted additional legal representation to represent the City on matters related the legal issues between the OJRSA and the City of Seneca. He informed Council that Attorney Chad Johnson, who had been handling those legal matters, had recently gone to another law firm. The law firm Mr. Johnson moved to represents the City of Seneca so that presented a conflict of interest. Mr. Bronson suggested Council contract with a new law firm, John B. White.

Upon a motion by Mr. Dunn and seconded by Mrs. Reese, the motion *to retain John B.* White Law Firm for additional legal representation passed unanimously.

Member	Motion	Vote
Ramey		Yes
Glymph		Yes
Mefleh		Yes
Powell		Yes
Reese	Second	Yes
Dunn	Motion	Yes
Snipes		Yes

### Adjourn

Upon a motion by Mayor Ramey and seconded by Mr. Glyn meeting at 5:22 pm passed unanimously.	nph, the motion <i>to adjourn the</i>
(Minutes submitted by Rebecca Overton)	
Mayor Brian Ramey	Date