

Duncanville Special Called Meetings Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 23, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Duncanville City Council was called to order on Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Briefing Room at City Hall with a quorum to wit:

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Greg Contreras
Councilmember At-Large DeMonica Gooden
Councilmember Joe Veracruz
Councilmember Don McBurnett
Mayor Pro Tem Jeremy Koontz
Councilmember Karen Cherry-Brown
Councilmember Kyle Pennebaker

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS

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- Submit a comment by 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 23, 2025
- Email city.secretary@duncanvilletx.gov
- Email title: Public Comment – January 23rd – Workshop
- First and Last Name; and address.
- *City Secretary Executive Assistant, Ke'Ryne Smith, will still set a two-minute time limit on the comments as they were read.*

No comments received.

3. DISCUSSION

- A. Receive a presentation from the Duncanville Police Department on revising Chapter Four—Animals and Fowl City Ordinance to comply with state legislation changes and best practices, Council discussion on the proposed changes, and direction if needed.

The City of Duncanville Animal Control Officer, Chad Chamberlain, presented the item and Assistant Police Chief, Ron Wilcots, facilitated the presentation.

Mayor Contreras confirmed stated he would like the ordinance to reflect “vicious” instead of the word “dangerous.”

Councilmember At-Large Gooden emphasized the importance of maintaining a consistent format structure for the entire animal ordinance.

Councilmember Pennebaker recommended staff change the definition of “exercise yard” to “chicken run.”

The City Council recommended the following changes:

- Change “local health authority” to “local animal authority”
- Update *Sec. 4-17. Animal Nuisance* to mention notices to the homeowner and processes for appeals.
- Add additional sections to address vital necessities pertinent to the animal ordinance.
- Change the number of fowl allowed to be owned in the City of Duncanville.
- Address the necessity for wild animal permitting and requirements to obtain the permit.

(Councilmember Cherry-Brown departed the meeting at 5:01 p.m.)

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Mayor Contreras questioned the City Council; if they would accept the receipt of an in-person public comment.

The City Council agreed.

Citizen Comments - 5:06 p.m.

Jeremy Davis, 119 Forest Ct. – spoke on small laying flock and provided City Council with a document from Texas A&M University by Fred D. Thornberry.

The City Council requested staff bring back the recommended changes before the item goes for a vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Ke'Ryne Smith, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE
CITY SECRETARY – for CITY SECRETARY