



**VILLAGE OF PLEAK
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023
MINUTES**

The Board of Aldermen of the Village of Pleak, Texas met in Regular Session, open to the public, on September 20, 2023, started at 7:00 p.m. in the Pleak Village Hall located at 6621 FM 2218 South, Richmond, Texas. Council members present Mayor Larry Bittner Alderman's Michael John, Wade Goates, Wayne Kelley, Sophia Rico, and Alex Gutierrez. Mayor Pro-Tem Michael John opened the meeting with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Council to discuss and take action on an ordinance adopting a tax rate in the amount of \$0.25 per \$100.00 valuation of property, and levying ad valorem taxes at that rate for use and support of the municipal government of the Village of Pleak.**

Michael John made the motion to approve ordinance 23-104 adopting a tax rate in the amount of \$0.25 per \$100.00 valuation of property, and levying ad valorem taxes at that rate for use and support of the municipal government of the Village of Pleak. Sophia Rico seconded the vote and was unanimously approved.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Mayor Larry Bittner – Approve	Mayor Pro-Tem Michael John – Approve
Wade Goates – Approve	Sophia Rico – Approve
Wayne Kelley – Approve	Alex Gutierrez - Approve

2. **Council to approve or correct the minutes as presented from the August 16, Budget Hearing and City Council meeting and the September 6, 2023, Special Council meeting.**

Wade Goates made the motion to approve the August 16, 2023, Budget Hearing and City Council meeting and the September 6, 2023, Special Council meeting minutes as presented. Sophia Rico seconded the vote and was unanimously approved.

3. **Presentation of the bank account balances, and monthly bills paid for the Village of Pleak and the bills summary for ESD # 6 for August 1 - 31, 2023.**

The City Secretary presented the bank account balances and monthly bills paid for the Village of Pleak and the bills summary for ESD #6 for August 1 – 31, 2023.

4. **Council to discuss and take action on the financial reports for August 1 - 31, 2023.**

Wayne Kelley made the motion to approve the financial reports for August 1 – 31, 2023. Alex Gutierrez seconded the vote and was unanimously approved.

5. **Public comments from Village Citizens - No action can be taken.**

No public comments were made from the Village Citizens.

6. **Monthly report from the Fire Department.**

Fire Chief Jordan Blegen gave the monthly report for August 2023. The Fire Department had 78 calls for the month with Wednesdays being the busiest day and with an average response time of 9min and 2sec.

7. **Mayor Larry Bittner to proclaim October as Czech Heritage Month and World Teachers' Day.**

Mayor Larry Bittner proclaimed October as Czech Heritage Month and World Teachers' Day.

8. **Council to discuss setting up a workshop for October 2023.**

No workshop was set for October 2023.

9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council will adjourn into Executive Session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the employees and volunteers of the Village of Pleak Fire Department.**

The council did not adjourn to the Executive Session.

10. **Return to open session and take any action necessary as discussed in Executive Session.**

No action was taken.

11. **Announcements.**

There were no announcements.


12. **Adjournment.**

Wade Goates made the motion to adjourn at 7:19pm. Sophia Rico seconded the vote and was unanimously approved.

Approved by:


Larry Bittner, Mayor

Submitted by:


Erin Walley, City Secretary

