

**CITY OF NORTHWEST  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024  
6:30 PM**

**ASSEMBLY**

The Northwest City Council held a special council meeting on Monday, May 20, 2024, at 6:30 PM, at Northwest City Hall, 4889 Vernon Road.

Present: Sheila Grady, Mayor; Councilmen: Michael Troy, Sylvester Ballard,  
Councilwomen Alexis Clemmons and LaKrystal Bowen

Absent: Councilman Charles Carroll

Also present: Donna Strickland, City Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER & INVOCATION**

Mayor Sheila Grady called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Councilman Sylvester Ballard gave the invocation.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

• **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GRANT APPLICATION TO SUPPORT  
COMMUNITY FARMERS – NORTHWEST LAND AND CATTLE**

Mayor Sheila Grady stated that Council has been asked to provide a resolution in support of a grant that will assist AJ Stanaland, owner of Northwest Land and Cattle, to create a community farmers market that will support local merchants. She also stated that there is no request from Mrs. Stanaland for funding.

After discussion and reading the resolution,

Councilman Sylvester Ballard **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Michael Troy to approve the resolution as presented. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

• **PARK PROJECT**

Councilman Sylvester Ballard stated that he would like to provide Council with a proposal for Mr. Gardner Kealon to do additional work on the park. The proposal presented is for the ditch located at the back of the baseball field. The request is to backfill the existing ditch at 285 ft and dig new ditch 435 ft at a 3 to 1 slope and install 245 ft of rip on existing swell. Councilman Ballard stated that it will also backfill the ditch behind the annex building and dig a new one at a 3 to 1 slope for 260 feet.

After discussion,

Councilman Sylvester Ballard **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Michael Troy to approve the proposed change order as presented. The **VOTE IS AS FOLLOWS:**

Councilman Sylvester Ballard – **YEA**            Councilman Michael Troy - **YEA**  
Councilwoman Alexis Clemmons – **NAY**      Councilwoman LaKrystal Bowen - **NAY**  
Councilwoman LaKrystal Bowen – **NAY**  
Mayor Sheila Grady - **NAY**  
The **MOTION FAILED.**

- **BUDGET FY 24-25**

City Clerk, Donna Strickland, stated that there are two remaining items that need addressing so we can start wrapping up the budget. The first is Council needs to set their pay and secondly if Council wants to be budgeted for cellphones.

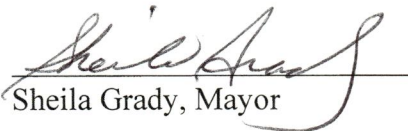
After discussion,

Councilman Sylvester Ballard **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Charles Carroll to get cell phones for Council. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councilman Sylvester Ballard **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Charles Carroll to pay Council as follows or to pay for elected insurance in an amount not to exceed the amount allocated for that position. Mayor - \$400. Mayor Pro-Tem - \$300. Council - \$250. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Sylvester Ballard **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Michael Troy to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

  
Sheila Grady, Mayor

  
Donna Strickland, City Clerk/Finance Officer