Decided by the First Council of Yoahtl, 11 May 2016. Councilors FroogOfCarthage, Mejesta, Quauhtli_Mia (standing in for LT), Jesse, and Zachtack in attendance, Alcuahtl St_Leibowitz presiding.

The following proposals were voted on:

On Judicial

Individual judges order their courts how they see fit, within reason; a player can appeal the decision to the alcuahtl if they believe a mistrial has taken place; criminal trials have to go to court but civil trials can be decided via trial by carrot or by arbitration of a judge willing to hear the case

Alcuahtl's decision on a court case is final, no more appeals after that [5 Ayes, 0 abstention]

Proposed Inactivity Amendment to the Charter

proposal: If a councilor, senator, or other government official is inactive without warning for 3 weeks, their position will be considered forfeit and a replacement appointed at earliest opportunity, or a special election held if the position is elected. [5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions]

On city joining:

Cities should have documented evidence of their consent to joining Yoahtl, and should undergo a trial period as a protectorate before officially joining the empire to assess their activity level and suitableness for the community; all prospective cities, founded within or outside Yoahtl, must submit a charter outlining their government form, how their senator will be chosen, and why they should be a separate town within Yoahtl. To become a full city, they should also meet the minimum population requirement (5 actives minimum, as determined by the state of reinforcement decay on structures in their town).

A protectorate is a city under the protection of Yoahtl; an attack on it is considered an attack on the Empire of Yoahtl itself. However, the city is not required to submit a charter for council approval, does not have a senator, and citizens of protectorates are ineligible to run for council or vote.

Yoahtlan council is empowered to dispatch an appointed deputy ("meter-reader") to check the state of house reinforcements within the town. If a town fails to meet the minimum activity requirement, they will be put on probation for a month and their senator will not be required to achieve a quorum for senate votes; if after a month they have not achieved minimum activity again, their senate seat will be dissolved. [5 Ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions]

On Council Election:

proposal: in order to run for council, a candidate (freshman or incumbent) must pay 20d to the national treasury to get on the ballot; this will server as a fundraiser for national construction projects and other government programs, and (hopefully) give the candidate a sense of investment in the success of the Empire as a whole. The buy-in may be paid either by the candidate themself or by a donor individual or organization. [3 ayes, 2 nays, 0 abstentions]

On Voting:

A citizen must register at least 1 week ahead of time to vote in council elections, or be eligible to run for council. [5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions]

On diamond gear:

Proposal: The Yoahtlan Council is empowered to grant the position of Master-at-Arms to individuals of high PVP competency. Master-at-Arms players are expected to train other Yoahtlans in pot PVP on practice servers and assess their competency. If a Yoahtlan, in the estimation of a Master, has achieved a minimum level of PVP competency (ie does not quickdrop), they shall be issued a certification in combat and permitted to wear enchanted diamond gear and bear enchanted diamond weapons within Yoahtl. A Yoahtlan not so certified, if found to be wearing enchanted diamond gear or bearing enchanted diamond weapons, will be charged with a minor crime and tried under the criminal code.

This law does not apply to unenchanted diamond gear or unenchanted diamond weapons.

Masters-at-Arms are required to promptly report when a Yoahtlan is granted a certification to a councilor, so their status can be updated in the census. [5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstention]

On Publicity:

.Whether to allow or disallow observation by Yoahtlan discord members will be decided at the beginning of each meeting. [4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention]

On Adjourning:

Council adjourned? [4 ayes, 1 nay, 0 abstentions]