

MINUTES
CITY OF AMES, TEXAS
AMES CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 12, 2021
6:00PM

The City Council of the City of Ames, Texas met in a regular Meeting in council chambers of the Ames City Hall at 6p.m. on July 12, 2021. Mayor Cornelius Gilmore called the meeting to order at 6p.m. Mayor Cornelius Gilmore led the prayer. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present were Audrey Harrison, Eddie White, Barbara Domain and Carlton Rollins.
Not in attendance: Michael Trahan

CITIZEN APPEARANCE: Matthew Gott and Frederick Stiner

MINUTES: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

REGULAR SESSION

2021-01: VOTE TO ADD ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT TO ADD COUNTY CLUB INTO AMES POPULATION.

The council were all in favor of adding to the November ballot to have the Country Club added into Ames' population. Ames attorney, Matthew Gott explained that each year Ames is granted the ability to push their boundary by 1% based of the square mileage. T

2021-02: DISCUSS REIMBURSEMENTS FOR THE UPCOMING TML CONFERENCE

Councilwoman Audrey Harrison reminded the board to retain their gas and food receipts while attending the upcoming TML Newly Elected Officials Orientation. The city is responsible for reimbursing the council board for their trip.

2021-03: DISCUSSION OF ASSIGNING A MAYOR PRO TEMP

Mayor Gilmore asked that the Council table this Agenda topic for the following public meeting (held in August) so that in can be discussed with all council members present.

2021-04: DESCRIPTION OF JOB TITLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR EACH EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF AMES

Councilwoman Barbara Domain opened the discussion wanting to clarify the job titles and responsibilities for the 3 employees for the City of Ames. Councilwoman Audrey Harrison asked that the board go into executive session, all members were in favor of this motion and discussed private matters of staffing in executive session.

Upon reentering the regular public session, the council took a vote on which employees will be titled City Secretary and Clerk. Deja Papillion will remain the City Secretary with a 3-1 vote. The board then decided to further define roles of employees in the next executive meeting.

2021-05: DISCUSSION TO HAVE SECURITY CAMERAS ON THE PREMISES OF THE CITY HALL

Councilwoman Barbara Domain opened the discussion and explained that for the safety of the employees it is vital that security cameras be purchased for the City Hall premises. The board discussed the costs, and it was explained that a good price would be approximately \$100. The council voted in favor of getting security cameras. Motioned seconded: Audrey Harrison

2021-06: DISCUSSION TO ORDER BUSINESS CARDS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilwoman Barbara Domain opened the discussion and explained that having personal business cards would be beneficial for networking, such as at the upcoming orientation. She further explained that it would also benefit for residents who would be interested in contacting the board with ideas and concerns. The council voted in favor of getting security cameras. Motioned second by: Carlton Rollins

2021-07: DISCUSSION TO PURCHASE PROPERTY AND AN EXCAVATOR FOR THE CITY OF AMES

Mayor Gilmore opened the discussion expressing that the City of Ames “survives off sewer” therefore, should attempt to save money where possible in areas such as sewer tap installations. The council decided to table the conversation for the executive meeting where Mayor Gilmore can provide the three quotes for the excavator to the board.

2021-08: DISCUSS THE BUDGET

The board decided to table the budget for when councilman Michael Trahan was present. Mr. Trahan had started working on the spreadsheet specifically for the budget, so the council wanted him to be present during the process.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

The mayor opened the floor for Mr. Fred Stiner to speak. Mr. Stiner expressed his concerns and conflicts with the County due to the easement they have regarding coverts on his land. He explained that the chain on his property was cut and how his lawyer said that the easement was being fixed. He further explained that he pays taxes to pull water for the City of Ames and that the Drainage district will not give him the paperwork he has requested. The mayor suggested that Mr. Stiner attends one of the Drainage Board meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

All city council members were in favor of adjourning the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Mayor, Cornelius Gilmore

City Secretary, Deja Papillion