

**MINUTES
CITY OF AMES, TEXAS
304 MARTIN DR. – AMES, TEXAS
WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 30, 2023
6:00 p.m.**

The City Council for the City of Ames, Texas met in a workshop meeting in council chambers at the Ames City Hall at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Cornelius Gilmore called the meeting to order at that time. Mayor Gilmore led the prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mayor Gilmore did the roll call, at that time the members of the City Council who were present were: Mayor Cornelius Gilmore, Michael Trahan, Liz Hardy, Eddie White, Audrey Harrison. Late: Alfred Freeman.

CITIZEN APPREARANCE

No citizens appeared

Agenda Items

1 – DISCUSS ORDINANCE NO. 2021-01 (MANUFACTURED HOMES, MOBILE HOMES, MANUFACTURED HOME PARKS, RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKS).

City Attorney Melody Carrier informed the council that she did not find any issues with the wording of Ordinance No. 2021-01 and the council had the right to add or remove streets from the restricted streets list on the ordinance. She also let them know that the ordinance cannot be enforced unless the ordinance has been posted in the newspaper (The Vindacator). Office personnel has not been able to locate the proof of newspaper posting but Mrs. Carrier said that she remembers the previous secretary handing a copy of the newspaper posting to the manager of the RV Park located on hwy 90. Once the ordinance is enforced then a notice should be sent to the person in violation and that person should be given time to appeal. Attorney Marevious Allen suggested since the ordinance states something about getting a mobile home permit from the City of Ames that the council can look into creating a Mobile Home Permit. He showed the council the Mobile Home Permit that he is currently working on and will present it when it is fully done. The council has decided not to change anything at the moment but will look into adding more streets to the restricted list.

2 – DISCUSS THE CITY OF AMES 2023 BUDGET.

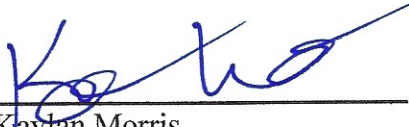
Councilman Michael Trahan stated that he needed data to go off of in order to complete the 2023 Budget. At a glance, the 2022 Budget seemed tight which would indicate that it would be make the budget for 2023 become upside down if a new full-time employee was added. City Attorney Melody Carrier suggested that the City hire a work-study student from Lamar University to work in the office as a clerk so it would fit in the City's budget for 2023. Information was given to acting City Secretary Kaylan Morris. Councilman Trahan agreed to collect data to present to the Council for the next meeting for the 2023 Budget. He also asked the Council what their thoughts were about adding a timekeeping system for the City employees and most of the councilmembers thought it would be great while other members thought it should stay the way it is because of the way the maintenance guys work their hours. Mr. Erwin Semien informed the Council that most times when he gets off of work he has to be called back out to do a City Sewer related job for citizens and that it did not make sense to have to come back to the City Hall to clock his time when it usually a sewer related emergency that need to be handled on the spot. He also suggested that if he as to do a timekeeping system that monitors location then he would rather work for the City as a contractor. No further discussion was had about timekeeping and it was said that it would be added to a future agenda for a vote.

3. MAYOR'S REPORT.

No Mayor Report.

4. With no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Cornelius Gilmore
Mayor



Kaylan Morris
Acting City Secretary