

**MINUTES  
CITY OF AMES, TEXAS  
304 MARTIN DR.  
EMERGENCY CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
July 25, 2022  
6:00 p.m.  
**AMENDED****

The City Council for the City of Ames, Texas met in a regular meeting in council chambers at the Ames City Hall at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Cornelius Gilmore call 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 are: Mayor Cornelius Gilmore, Michael Trahan, Audrey Harrison, Alfred Freeman, Jr., Liz Hardy, and Eddie White.

**CITIZEN APPREARANCE**

Mayor Gilmore thanked the citizens for being here and to please silence your phones. A list of attending citizens is attached.

**MINUTES**

None at this time.

**2022-01 – DISCUSS AND APPROVE MUTUAL WORK PLAN INVOLVING 6” SEWER TAP INSTALLED AT 635 NORTH MLK IN THE CITY LIMITS OF AMES.**

Councilman Trahan stated that he went to look at the property and noted there is a difference in grade elevation of the pipes to the City’s manhole. He wanted to know how the City should move forward from this point and that Joey Keel with Keel Enterprises said he could fix this problem for \$1,320.00 and suggested that the deeper the tap the better for the grading. Mayor Gilmore stated that Joey went to look at the property and talked with Mike Trahan and John Stewart; overall he said that Mr. Stewart should have run his line to meet the City’s tap and is expecting the City to run 6” line. It would be a good idea to get a good description of what needs to be done and have people sign off on the work that needs to be done on their property going forward. He also mentioned that Joey Keel has a good remedy to fix the problem, to go down two (2) more feet. Mayor Gilmore suggested splitting the cost between Mr. Stewart and the City since both parties did not communicate well with each other. Motion was made to pay Joey Keel to re-work this problem located at 635 North MLK in the amount of \$1,320.00, all were in favor and passed unanimously.

**Motioned was made by: Councilman Michael Trahan**

**Seconded by: Councilman Eddie White**

**All in favor: 5 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0**

**2022-02 – DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION SELECTING THE HIRING OF A BOOKKEEPER FOR THE CITY.**

Discussion was made to hire either Mr. Walker with or Ms. Davis with Totally Enhanced Bookkeeping; after reviewing the contracts, the decision was made to hire Ms. Davis. Motion was made to hire Ms. Brandi Davis with Totally Enhanced Bookkeeping as the bookkeeper for the City of Ames; all were in favor and passed unanimously.

**Motioned was made by: Councilwoman Audrey Harrison**

**Seconded by: Councilwoman Liz Hardy**

**All in favor: 5 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0**

**2022-03 – COUNCILMAN TRAHAN – SHARE PROGRESS UPDATE WITH CITY REGARDING THE ARP FUNDS AND CIVIL ENGINEERING SELECTION PROCESS.**

Councilman Trahan stated that they have selected a contractor and it has been submitted to Stephanie Kennan with Liberty County. The contractor's selection has to go before Liberty County Judge Jay Knight for approval. He also suggested that before the next rain, a smoke test needs to be done. He also expects that the contractor that was selected should be approved. No further discussion on this item. Motion was then made to go into Executive Session, all were in favor and passed unanimously.

**Motioned was made by: Councilman Michael Trahan**

**Seconded by: Councilman Eddie White**

**All in favor: 5 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:**

The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and 551.087 (Economic Development).


**2022-01 –DISCUSS CITY VACATION AND DISABILITY BENEFITS POLICY.**

**2022-02 – DISCUSS EMAIL NOTIFICATION AND INFORMATION REQUEST FROM LLOYD GOSSELINK INVOLVING THE CITY'S ONGOING LITIGATION.**

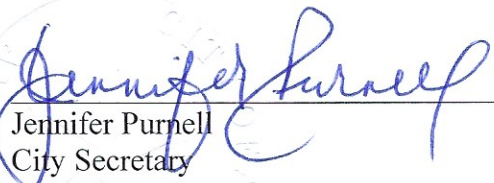
**MAYOR'S REPORT**

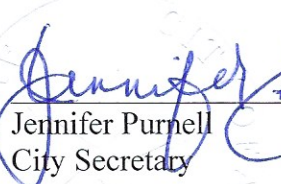
**ADJOURNMENT**

All Council Members were in favor of adjourning the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

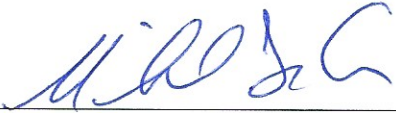
  
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Cornelius Gilmore  
Mayor

Attested:

  
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Jennifer Purnell  
City Secretary



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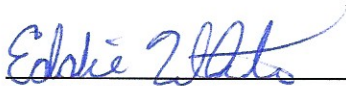


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**Michael Trahan, Councilman, Position 1**

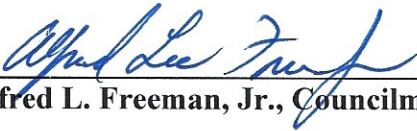
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**Liz Hardy, Councilwoman, Position 2**



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**Eddie White, Councilman, Position 3**



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**Alfred L. Freeman, Jr., Councilman, Position 4**

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**Audrey Harrison, Councilwoman, Position 5**