

**MINUTES
CITY OF AMES, TEXAS
304 MARTIN DR. – AMES, TEXAS
SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 27, 2023
6:15 p.m.**

The City Council for the City of Ames, Texas met in a special called 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 were: Mayor Cornelius Gilmore, Michael Trahan, Liz Hardy, Alfred Freeman, and Audrey Harrison. Absent: Eddie White.

CITIZEN APPREARANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 13, 2023, 2023 REGULAR MEETING.

The council took a few minutes to look over the minutes. Motion was made to approve minutes for February 13, 2023. Passed unanimously.

**Motion made by: Councilwoman Audrey Harrison
Seconded by: Councilman Michael Trahan
All in favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0**

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

1. TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT THE 2023 BUDGET.

The 2023 Budget was discussed in the Budget Hearing. Motion was made to adopt the 2023 budget. Passed unanimously.

**Motion made by: Councilman Michael Trahan
Seconded by: Councilman Alfred Freeman, Jr.
All in favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0**

2. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION-NOTICE OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY'S 2023 GRIP FILING FOR THE BEAUMONT/EAST TEXAS DIVISION.

Mayor Gilmore informed the council that Centerpoint Energy let him know that it will be a 7 cents increase and the company had to notify us. The Mayor also let them know that it increases for all residents and they all residents received a notice in their bills. Attorney Carrier informed the council that Centerpoint Energy had to let the city know when they make changes such as this. No motion was made.

3. TAKE ACTION AND APPROVE TREY NESLONEY (EICHELBAUM WARDELL) FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$416.00 INCURRED WORKING WITH THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAWSUIT REGARDING THE SEWER SYSTEM.

Councilwoman Harrison wanted to know if this would be the last invoice from Mr. Nesloney regarding the City of Liberty lawsuit and Mayor Gilmore informed her that there will be new invoice after mediation. Motion was made to approve Trey Nesloney fees in the amount of \$416.00. Passed unanimously.


Motion made by: Councilwoman Audrey Harrison
Seconded by: Councilman Michael Trahan
All in favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

9. MAYOR'S REPORT.

Mayor Gilmore let everyone know that the "Light It Up" project is still ongoing. There will be more streets added around the city. He also let everyone know that he is still reaching out to Comcast about fiber optic internet extension.

10. DISCUSSION/REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

11. With no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.



Cornelius Gilmore
Mayor



Kaylan Morris
Acting City Secretary