

**MINUTES
CITY OF AMES, TEXAS
304 MARTIN DR. – AMES, TEXAS
PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 27, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

The City Council for the City of Ames, Texas met in a public budget hearing 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, Audrey Harrison, and Alfred Freeman. 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.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED 2023 BUDGET

The council looked over the proposed 2023 budget packet. Councilman Trahan questioned if the budget would be sustainable and the Mayor let him know that once the city is done with the lawsuit with City of Liberty then the city's numbers will start looking better. City Attorney Melody Carrier let the council know that her and the City's bookkeeper, Brandi Davis, worked on the budget and she also let them know that once the bookkeeper is finished cleaning up 2021 and 2022 financials then everything will start looking better. She let the council know that Ms. Davis has an open contract and because she has been getting pulled in other directions she has not had a lot of time to work on the 2021 and 2022 cleanup. Mayor asked if anyone had any more questions about the budget and everyone was fine with it as it is.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT.

Mayor Gilmore thanked all the citizens for attending the Council Meeting.

10. DISCUSSION/REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

11. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Cornelius Gilmore

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Mayor

Kaylan Morris

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City Clerk