

**MINUTES
CITY OF AMES, TEXAS
304 MARTIN DR. – AMES, TEXAS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2023
6:00 p.m.**

The City Council for the City of Ames, Texas met in a special meeting in council chambers at the Ames City Hall at 6:07 p.m. Mayor Barbara Domain called the meeting to order at that time. Councilman Eddie White led the prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mayor Domain did the roll call, at that time the members of the City Council who were present were: Mayor Barbara Domain, Michael Trahan, Liz Hardy, Eddie White, and Audrey Harrison. Absent: Alfred Freeman.

CITIZEN APPEARANCE

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

Sandra Gonzales came to speak to the council about allowing her to put a trailer on 160 N. & Slay Rd. After presenting her case to the council, Councilman Michael Trahan told her that they were unable to make a decision at this time. He advised her to get back on the agenda on a later date.

Agenda Items

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION RESULTING FROM ANY ITEMS POSTED AND LEGALLY DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Motion was made to reconvene into Executive Session at 6:14 p.m.

Motioned was made by: Councilwoman Audrey Harrison

Seconded by: Councilman Eddie White

All in favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

After a brief session, a motion was made to end the Executive Session at 7:03 p.m.

1. CONSIDER AND IF APPROPRIATE APPROVE COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR TML CONFERENCE IN DALLAS IN OCTOBER 2023.

Motion was made to approve council members for TML Conference in Dallas in October 2023. All were in favor and passed unanimously.

Motioned was made by: Councilman Michael Trahan

Seconded by: Councilman Eddie White

All in favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

2. CONSIDER AND IF APPROPRIATE APPROVE \$23,732.00 (IN CONJUNCTION WITH APPROVED GRANT FUNDS) TO BE PAID TO BLACKSMITH VENTURES LLC FOR THE TXCDBG PROJECT ON DONATTO STREET.

Motion was made to approve \$23,732.00 (conjunction with approved grand funds) to be paid to Blacksmith Ventures LLC for the TxCDBG Project on Donatto Street. All were in favor and passed unanimously.

Motioned was made by: Councilman Michael Trahan
Seconded by: Councilman Eddie White
All in favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

3. CONSIDER AND IF APPROPRIATE TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE NEW SEWER RATE.

This agenda item was postponed by the Mayor.

Motioned was made by:
Seconded by:
All in favor: 0 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

4. CONSIDER AND IF TAKE ACTION TO HIRE EMMIT ALBRO FOR \$500 MTHLY TO BE THE MUNICIPAL JUDGE, CREATE A PERMIT DEPARTMENT AND ECONOMICAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

This agenda item was postponed by the Mayor.

Motioned was made by:
Seconded by:
All in favor: 0 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

5. CONSIDER AND IF APPROPRIATE TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE TO PURCHASE A LAPTOP AND MONITOR FOR THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT.

Motion was made to postpone until further notice.

Motioned was made by: Councilman Michael Trahan
Seconded by: Councilwoman Audrey Harris
All in favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

6. CONSIDER AND IF APPROPRIATE TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE INVOICE FOR SWAIM & BRENT FOR \$1350.00.

Motion was made to approve invoice for Swaim & Brent for \$1350.00. All were in favor and passed unanimously.

Motioned was made by: Councilman Michael Trahan
Seconded by: Councilwoman Liz Hardy

All in favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

7. CONSIDER AND IF APPROPRIATE APPROVE THE LEASE OF PITNEY BOWES MACHINE FOR MAILING AND STAMPING MAIL.

Motion was made to approve postpone the lease of Pitney Bowes machine until more information could be gathered.

All were in favor and passed unanimously.

Motioned was made by: Councilman Michael Trahan

Seconded by: : Councilwoman Liz Hardy

All in favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

8. CONSIDER AND IF APPROPRIATE TAKE ACTION TO PURCHASE A NEW CITY TRUCK.

Item was amended to say: **CONSIDER AND IF APPROPRIATE TAKE ACTION TO FIND TO BIDS FOR A NEW CITY TRUCK.**

Motion was made to approve to find bids for a new city truck.

All were in favor and passed unanimously.

Motioned was made by: Councilman Michael Trahan

Seconded by: : Councilwoman Liz Hardy

All in favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

9. CONSIDER AND IF APPROPRIATE TAKE ACTION TO HIRE RECLAIM ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES LLC AS SEWER INSPECTOR FOR \$100 PER INSPECTION.

This agenda item was postponed by the Mayor.

Motioned was made by:

Seconded by:

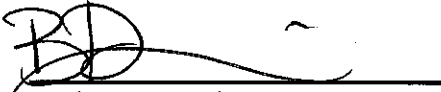
All in favor: 0 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

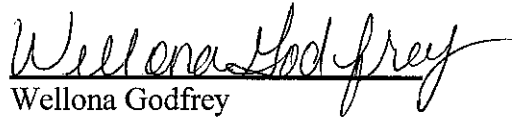
10. MAYOR'S REPORT.

No Mayor Report.

11. DISCUSSION/REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

12. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.


Barbara Domain
Mayor


Wellona Godfrey
Secretary