

**CITY OF AMES
304 MARTIN DR. – AMES, TEXAS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 08, 2024
6:00 p.m.**

The City Council for the City of Ames, Texas held a meeting at the Ames City Hall at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Temp Michael Trahan II called the meeting to order at that time. Councilman Eddie White led the prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mayor Pro Temp Michael Trahan II conducted the roll call, at this time the members of the City Council who were present were: Michael Trahan II, Elizabeth (Liz) Hardy, Eddie White, and Audrey Harrison. Mayor Barbara Domain and Councilman Alfred Freeman Jr. were absent for this meeting.

CITIZEN APPEARANCE

Mayor Pro Temp Michael Trahan II asked if there were any citizens present who would wish to speak?

- Sonny Hubbard from Pineywoods Sanitation was present. He introduced himself to the council members and provided a brief overview of his role with the company. He provided an explanation as to why the service has been substandard for the last few months. He explained that Pineywoods has hired more employees and bought more equipment to improve the service they provide to their customers. He left his business card for the council to reach out to him if they had any questions or concerns.
- Trey Gaspard was present. He explained that he has been working with Mayor Domain and Erwin regarding the relocation of the sewer pipes on Highway 90. He came to introduce himself and answer any questions that may arise.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 11, 2024 REGULAR MEETING.

The council took a few minutes to look over the minutes. Audrey Harrison asked about the revision to the senior/disabled sewer discount. It was explained by Liz Hardy that the change was to remove using a doctor's note for proof of disability. Audrey Harrison then asked if the veteran disability discount had been added. Wellona explained that veterans would be eligible for the discount and would have to submit their award letter to qualify. There was no further discussion. A motion was made. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

Motion made by: Councilwoman Elizabeth "Liz" Hardy

Seconded by: Councilwoman Audrey Harrison

All in favor: 3 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **CONSIDER AND IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-001 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF AMES, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE CREATION OF THE AMES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF AMES, TEXAS, AND OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

Liz Hardy asked for clarification of the "act on behalf of the City of Ames" part of the resolution. Marivious stated that he hoped that Emmet would be at the meeting to provide additional information. He stated that previously the council members approved the creation of the Economic Development Board, and within that board, they have created the Economic Development

Corporation (EDC). The EDC has to file with both the state and federal government in order to operate. It was explained that for the EDC to move forward with filing, the resolution would have to be passed. Marivious explained that initially the council members decided who would be on the Economic Development Board because it was just being formed. Now the Economic Development Board has met and voted on who the directors and officers would be for the EDC. Marivious explained that the council members still have final say and can have someone removed from the EDC without cause. Michael Trahan stated that the EDC would be advising the council on their activities. Marivious agreed and added that the EDC would still have to come before the council for any action that they wanted to take because they are funded by the general fund. Audrey Harrison asked, what will this give the EDC power for. Marivious explained that according to the bylaws and articles of incorporation, the EDC is in place to promote the general welfare and economic development of the city. At this time Liz Hardy suggested that we table the approval of this item pending additional information. There was no further discussion. A motion was made to table item. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

Motion to Table made by: Councilwoman Elizabeth “Liz” Hardy

Seconded by: Councilwoman Audrey Harrison

All in favor: 3 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

2. **CONSIDER AND IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-002 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF AMES, TEXAS, APPOINTING DIRECTORS, AND OFFICERS, TO THE AMES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

At this time, Marivious advised that since item 1 was tabled, we could ask for a motion to table items 2 – 4 since they concern the EDC. Liz Hardy pointed out a correction to item number 4. There was no further discussion. A motion to table item was made. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

Motion to table made by: Councilwoman Audrey Harrison

Seconded by: Councilwoman Elizabeth “Liz” Hardy

All in favor: 3 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

3. **CONSIDER AND IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO 2024 – 008, AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BYLAWS FOR THE CITY OF AMES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR THE CITY OF AMES, TEXAS.**

This item was tabled.

4. **CONSIDER AND IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF \$600.00 TO APPLY FOR THE 501.C3 AND \$25.00 STATE FILING FEE FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.**

This item was tabled.

5. **CONSIDER AND IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT FOR THE TML CONFERENCE FOR \$235.00 AND HOTEL FEES FOR \$336.74 FOR THE 2024 TML SMALL TOWN CONFERENCE.**

It was explained that Mayor Domain would be attending this conference, in the first week of May. There was no further discussion. A motion was made. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

Motion made by: Councilwoman Audrey Harrison
Seconded by: Councilwoman Elizabeth "Liz" Hardy
All in favor: 3 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

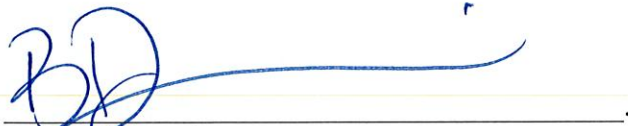
6. MAYOR'S REPORT

We found \$1,662 from the Volunteer Fire Department old bank account. The money has been requested and we are waiting for the check. We spread limestone on Organ Road and the residents are happy with the repair. The ditches on Mac Lane were cleaned out to assist with better drainage. SPI and Blackstreet Venture will be out next week to complete the work on Donatto Street. We met with LJA about the relocation of the sewer lines on HWY 90. Lastly, we spoke with the county attorney office about the agreement with the Fire Marshall for code enforcement.

7. ADJOURNMENT.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:24 PM.

Motion made by: Councilwoman Audrey Harrison
Seconded by: Councilwoman Elizabeth Hardy
All in favor: 3 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0



Barbara Domain
Mayor



Wellona Godfrey
City Secretary

