

**MINUTES  
CITY OF AMES, TEXAS  
304 MARTIN DR. – AMES, TEXAS  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 12, 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 6:00 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, and Eddie White. Absent: Alfred Freeman and Audrey Harrison.

**CITIZEN APPEARANCE**

Mayor Domain thanked the citizens for being here, asked them to silence their phones, and if any of the citizens would like to take three (3) minutes to speak to the council. A list of attending citizens is attached.

BRANDI DAVIS, CITY'S BOOKKEEPER – Brandi Davis discussed having her access to QuickBooks, city's bank accounts, and the software to remote into city's computers removed by Mayor Domain. Davis expressed that she felt that she was being bullied out of her position and will seek legal action if she does not hear anything back from the council about her contract being breached. There was no discussion from council and Ms. Davis ended her statement.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MAY 15, 2023, REGULAR MEETING**

Motion was made. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

**Motioned was made by: Councilman Eddie White**

**Seconded by: Councilman Michael Trahan**

**All in favor: 3 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MAY 30, 2023, SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

Motion was made. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

**Motioned was made by: Councilman Eddie White**

**Seconded by: Councilman Michael Trahan**

**All in favor: 3 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0**

**Agenda Items**

**1. RECEIVE PRESENTATION ON WASTEWATER RATES BY ANDY MCCARTNEY WITH NEWGEN STRATEGIES.**

Mr. McCartney discussed and presented the wastewater rate study findings and what the proposed sewer rate should be raised to in the future. No motion was made.

**Motioned was made by:**

**Seconded by:**

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

**2. DISCUSS AND IF APPROPRIATE APPROVE HIRING TEMPORARY INTERN FOR DOCUMENT CONTROL AT \$10.00 AN HOUR FOR AUDIT.**

The council discussed hiring a temporary intern for document control until an intern is approved through Workforce Solutions. Motion was made. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

**Motioned was made by: Councilwoman Liz Hardy**

**Seconded by: Councilman Michael Trahan**

**All in favor: 3 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0**

**3. CONSIDER AND IF APPROPRIATE APPROVE PAYMENT OF \$15,000.00 TO BRUNO & TERVALON FOR AUDIT AND APPROVE TO PAY ALL BRUNO & TERVALON INVOICES UPON RECEIPT.**

The council discussed and approved the payment of \$15,000.00 for Bruno & Tervalon for audit services and the council agreed to pay Bruno & Tervalon's future invoices upon receipt without being put on future agendas. Motion was made. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

**Motioned was made by: Councilwoman Liz Hardy**

**Seconded by: Councilman Eddie White**

**All in favor: 3 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0**

**4. CONSIDER AND IF APPROPRIATE APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF \$3,550.80 FOR MAY ELECTION.**

There was no discussion. Motion was made. All were in favor. Passed Unanimously.

**Motioned was made by: Councilman Michael Trahan**  
**Seconded by: Councilman Eddie White**  
**All in favor: 3 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0**

**5. CONSIDER AND IF APPROPRIATE APPROVE PAYMENT OF \$1,920.00 TO EICHELBAUM WARDELL FOR LAWSUIT WITH CITY OF LIBERTY.**

There was no discussion. Motion was made. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

**Motioned was made by: Councilman Michael Trahan**  
**Seconded by: Councilwoman Liz Hardy**  
**All in favor: 3 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0**

**6. CONSIDER AND IF APPROPRIATE APPROVE PAYMENT OF \$2,005.25 TO LIBERTY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT FOR TAXES.**

There was no discussion. Motion was made. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

**Motioned was made by: Councilman Eddie White**  
**Seconded by: Councilman Michael Trahan**  
**All in favor: 3 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0**

**7. CONSIDER AND IF APPROPRIATE APPROVE PAYMENT OF \$6,765.00 TO CARRIER & ALLISON LAW GROUP, PC FOR LEGAL SERVICES.**

There was no discussion. Motion was made. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

**Motioned was made by: Councilwoman Liz Hardy**  
**Seconded by: Councilman Eddie White**  
**All in favor: 3 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0**

**8. CONSIDER AND IF APPROPRIATE AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR NEW CITY SECRETARY.**

There was no discussion. Motion was made. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

**Motioned was made by: Councilwoman Liz Hardy**  
**Seconded by: Councilman Michael Trahan**  
**All in favor: 3 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0**



**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 6:40 p.m.

After a brief session, a motion was made to end the Executive Session at 6:58 p.m.

**9. CONSIDER AND IF APPROPRIATE TAKE ACTION TO TERMINATE CONTRACT WITH CITY OF AMES BOOKKEEPER.**

Discussion was made in executive session and there was no public discussion made. Motion was made. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

**Motioned was made by: Councilwoman Liz Hardy**

**Seconded by: Councilman Eddie White**

**All in favor: 3 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0**

**9. MAYOR'S REPORT.**

No Mayor Report.

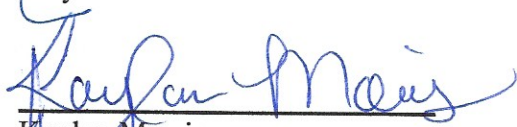
**10. DISCUSSION/REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.**

**11. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.**



Barbara Domain

Mayor



Kaylan Morris

Acting City Secretary