

**MINUTES  
CITY OF AMES, TEXAS  
304 MARTIN DR. – AMES, TEXAS  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 09, 2023  
6:00 p.m.**

The City Council for the City of Ames, Texas met in a regular meeting 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, Eddie White, Audrey Harrison, and Alfred Freeman.

**CITIZEN APPEARANCE**

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

**LAVIRA GREEN – REGARDING HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE**

Lavira Green discussed the Homeowner Assistance Program and informed everyone that it assists with mortgages, property taxes, utility bills, etc. Ms. Green handed the council and citizens her business card and flyers from the Texas Homeowner Assistance Program that had more information about the program.

**SAUL GUILLEN – REGARDING MOBILE HOME ORDINANCE**

Mr. Guillen let the council know that he recently bought a 2023 mobile home and that he owned one acre of property on Mallet Lane where the City of Ames has an ordinance forbidding mobile homes on that road. He brought up a few new citizens that brought in mobile homes with one bringing a mobile home in a restricted road and that city utility services were provided to that citizen. He also brought to the council's attention that there are already eight (8) mobile homes on Mallet Lane. There was confusion on the wording of the ordinance and the City Attorney informed Mr. Guillen about how the ordinance is supposed to be read. The Council decided to set up a workshop at a future date to discuss the Mobile Home Ordinance.

**SHIVONNE WICKLIFF – ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL ABOUT COMPLAINT**

Mrs. Trahan started off by apologizing to Mayor Gilmore for a misunderstanding. She continued by asking the Council about what steps does she needs to take so she can get utility services on her property located on Wickliff Street. Councilwoman Hardy stated that it is because of Mrs. Trahan's trailer size that is keeping her from getting services according to the City's ordinance. Mrs. Trahan

said she was granted one year by the City Secretary to have the trailers on her property. She continued to let the Council know that she keeps getting put on the agenda to discuss this issue and she is not getting a direct answer. The other trailers located on her property are only for storage and not set up for utility usage. She also stated that none of the items in her complaint has been addressed.

### **APPROVE MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 12, 2022**

The agreed to approve the minutes for December 12, 2022

**Motion made by: Councilman Michael Trahan**

**Seconded by: Councilman Eddie White**

**All in favor: 5 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0**

### **Agenda Items**

#### **1. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON MR. SAUL GUILLEN'S REQUEST THAT MOBILE HOME BE PERMITTED TO MOVE ONTO MALLET LANE.**

The Council agreed to discuss the Mobile Home Ordinance at a workshop at a later date.

**Motioned was made by: Councilwoman Audrey Harrison**

**Seconded by: Councilman Eddie White**

**All in favor: 5 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0**

#### **2. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION REGARDING THE REVISED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE AMES WATER DEPARTMENT.**

City Attorney Melody Carrier informed the Council that it is a revision, and the council will need to approve and sign. All were in favor and passed unanimously.

**Motioned was made by: Councilwoman Audrey Harrison**

**Seconded by: Councilman Michael Trahan**

**All in favor: 5 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0**

**3. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE NEW PROPOSAL FROM HENSCEY ELECTRIC & AIR CONDITIONING ON NEW UNITS & ATTIC STAIRCASE INSTALLATION FOR \$16,050.00. (TO BE PAID OUT OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS).**

The Council agreed to postpone this item until the city does its 2023 Budget. All were in favor of postponing this item and passed unanimously.

**Motioned was made by: Councilwoman Liz Hardy**  
**Seconded by: Councilman Michael Trahan**  
**All in favor: 5 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0**

**4. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE ORDER CALLING FOR MAY 6, 2023, ELECTION.**

City Attorney Melody Carrier informed the Council that she wanted the order approved so the notice can be posted, and applications can start being accepted. She also let the Council know that the cost of the election will be a future line item so the Council will be informed. The Mayor also let citizens know that there will be a voting location in Ames. All were in favor and passed unanimously.

**Motioned was made by: Councilman Michael Trahan**  
**Seconded by: Councilwoman Audrey Harrison**  
**All in favor: 5 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0**

**5. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF INVOICE FROM CARRIER & ALLISON LAW GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,652.50.**

The Council approved paying Carrier & Allison Law Group in the amount of \$5,652.50. All were in favor and passed unanimously.

**Motioned was made by: Councilwoman Audrey Harrison**  
**Seconded by: Councilwoman Liz Hardy**  
**All in favor: 5 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0**

**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 6:38 p.m.

**Motioned was made by: Councilwoman Audrey Harrison**

**Seconded by:**

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

After a brief session, a motion was made to end the Executive Session at 7:33 p.m.

**Motioned was made by: Councilman Michael Trahan**

**Seconded by: Councilman Eddie White**

**All in favor: 5 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0**

**6. TAKE ACTION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF CITY SECRETARY.**

Motion was made to accept the resignation of the City Secretary. All were in favor and passed unanimously.

**Motion made by: Councilman Michael Trahan**

**Seconded by: Councilman Alfred Freeman**

**All in favor: 5 Opposed: Abstained:**

**7. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO APPOINT THE ACTING CITY SECRETARY.**

Motion was made to appoint acting City Secretary. All were in favor and passed unanimously.

**Motion made by: Councilman Alfred Freeman**

**Seconded by: Councilman Michael Trahan**

**All in favor: 5 Opposed: Abstained:**

**8. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE BANK SIGNATORY RESOLUTION.**

Motion was made to approve the bank signatory resolution and to remove Jennifer Purnell. All were in favor and passed unanimously.

**Motion made by: Councilwoman Audrey Harrison**

**Seconded by: Councilwoman Hardy**

**All in favor: 5 Opposed: Abstained:**

**9. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE BOOKKEEPING ADDITIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT.**

Motion was made to approve bookkeeping additional services. All were in favor and passed unanimously.

**Motion made by: Councilman Eddie White**

**Seconded by: Councilwoman Liz Hardy**

**All in favor: 5 Opposed: Abstained:**

**10. DISCUSS AND APPROVE KAYLAN MORRIS OVERTIME FOR 8 HOURS AT ACTING SECRETARY RATE.**

Motion was made to approve Kaylan Morris overtime for 8 hours at acting City Secretary rate. All were in favor and passed unanimously.

**Motion made by: Councilman Michael Trahan**

**Seconded by: Councilman Alfred Freeman**

**All in favor: 5 Opposed: Abstained:**

**9. MAYOR'S REPORT.**

No Mayor Report.

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

**11. With no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.**



Cornelius Gilmore  
Mayor



Kaylan Morris  
Acting City Secretary