

**MINUTES
CITY OF AMES
304 MARTIN DR. – AMES, TEXAS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 10, 2024
6:00 p.m.**

The City Council for the City of Ames, Texas held a meeting at the Ames City Hall at 6:01 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 conducted the roll call, at this time the members of the City Council who were present were: Mayor Barbara Domain, Michael Trahan II, Elizabeth (Liz) Hardy, Eddie White, and Alfred Freeman Jr. Councilwoman Audrey Harrison was absent.

CITIZEN APPEARANCE

Mayor Domain asked if there were any citizens present who would like to speak to the council.

- There were no citizens present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MAY 14, 2024, REGULAR MEETING AND JUNE 05, 2024, WORKSHOP MEETING.

The council took a few minutes to look over the minutes. There was no discussion. Mayor Domain asked if she could have a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

Motion made by: Councilman Michael Trahan

Seconded by: Councilman Eddie White

All in favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

At this time, Mayor Domain stated that Emmett Albro with the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Board was present to provide an update.

Mr. Albro stated that he submitted the state application for the EDC Board. The state sent back correspondence requesting that the number of EDC Board directors be reduced from 8 to 7 individuals. Mr. Albro has removed himself as a Director of the EDC Board to comply with the state's request. He will remain as President and as an officer. The state also requested adding a couple of lines of additional verbiage that has been updated by the city Attorney in the amended documents that were provided to the council for review. Mr. Albro stated that the Directors of the EDC will meet an additional 2 – 3 times a month to begin working on the goals that they have established for the growth of the city. The next EDC Board meeting will be held on June 25, 2024. As of now, the EDC has discussed re-establishing the Fire and Police Departments for the city. They are looking for donations to help build the Fire Department and the Police Department, and the necessary equipment for each department. The EDC is also looking into obtaining funds for a sewer treatment facility for the city. Mr. Albro also provided basic information about the duties of the municipal court Judge and the municipal court. At this time Mr. Albro opened the floor for any questions. Councilman Michael Trahan asked how attainable it would be to get an officer on board and how will it work with only one officer, because they normally work in pairs for safety concerns. Mr. Albro explained that we would start out with a part-time officer. He also stated that Martin Trahan has shown interest in being a part-time officer for the city. Mayor Domain at this point explained that there are still some steps that the city must take to get in order to get the police department up and running before we can move forward.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

1. CONSIDER AND IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE SP2125 PROGRAM.

Mayor Domain explained that this resolution must be approved to apply the SP2125 program for reimbursement of the cost of moving the city sewer systems along highway 90. Councilman Trahan asked if TXDOT reached out to us on this. Mayor Domain stated that per TXDOT we would have to apply for the SP2125 program first and then we could apply for any other programs that are available. At this time Mayor Doman asked for a motion. A motion was made. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

Motion to made by: Councilman Michael Trahan II

Seconded by: Councilman Alfred Freeman Jr.

All in favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

2. CONSIDER AND IF APPROPRIATE TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE REPAIRS TO SYLPHEME ROAD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,800.

Mayor Domain provided the quote from Brooks Concrete for review. Councilwoman Elizabeth "Liz" Hardy asked if we needed to have three (3) quotes. Marivious stated that because the bid is over \$5,000, we needed to reach out to three (3) HUB vendors would need to be contacted and given the opportunity to put in a bid. He stated that since there was no one available from the HUB vendors to do the job, then the Brooks Concrete proposal could be accepted. Councilman Trahan asked if the current culverts were plastic or concrete. Mayor Domain stated that the culverts are concrete and that she believes that from the work completed before the culvert was broken and it is causing the water not to flow properly. She stated we would have to purchase the culvert and Mr. Brooks would install it. Councilman Trahan stated that the issue with SylpHEME road has been ongoing for at least 2 years. He then asked Councilman Freeman if he had any discussion on the matter. Councilman Freeman stated that if Mr. Brooks is going to do the work, he knows it will be done right. He also stated that we will have to make sure that whoever does the work does it correctly because this problem has been ongoing for too long. Mayor Domain asked for a motion. A motion was made. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

Motion made by: Councilwoman Elizabeth "Liz" Hardy

Seconded by: Councilman Alfred Freeman Jr.

All in favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

3. 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.

Marivious asked if he could interject. At this time, he explained that as previously stated by Mr. Albro, the Secretary of State (SOS) informed us that the EDC could only have 7 directors and to include language about compliance with Chapter 505 which is for type B corporation and Chapter 504 is for type A corporations. What is being presented in agenda item number 3 reflects the requested changes from the SOS and the changes are reflected in RESOLUTION NO. 2024-004. The bylaws and articles of incorporation that were approved last month included 8 directors and

has been changed to reflect 7 directors. Also, RESOLUTION NO. 2024-004 reflects the changes to the articles of incorporation and bylaws originally approved by ORDINANCE NO. 2024-008 which would be line-item number 5 on the agenda. Line-item number 4 on the agenda is just formal appointment of the directors as well as the officers. To summarize, Marivious stated that the only changes that were made was to decrease the number of directors, add the necessary language and to change the registered agent from the City of Ames to Wellona Godfrey because the registered agent must be an individual per the directions of the SOS. Mayor Domain for a motion. There was no discussion. A motion was made. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

Motion made by: Councilman Michael Trahan II

Seconded by: Councilman Eddie White

All in favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

4. 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.

Mayor Domain asked if she could have a motion. There was no discussion. A motion was made. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

Motion made by: Councilwoman Elizabeth “Liz” Hardy

Seconded by: Councilman Alfred Freeman Jr.

All in favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

5. 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.

Mayor Domain requested a motion to table this line until further notice. A motion to table was made. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

Motion made by: Councilman Michael Trahan II

Seconded by: Councilman Eddie White

All in favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

6. MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Domain emailed Precinct 1 to ask when the ditches would be cut and when they would come through and spray mosquitos. After the response that she received, she will probably have to reach out to Judge Knight for clarification of the interlocal agreements.

Mayor Domain received an email from SPI and Blacksmith Ventures regarding how much money we owe to Blacksmith Ventures. She stated that she had to investigate the situation because she does not agree with the amount of money that they are saying we owe.

Mayor Domain reached out to Melinda Soliday to find out the status of the money that was allocated from the County to the City of Ames for the sewer improvement and repair. She would like to find out how much money has been allocated to repairs on Highway 90. Due to the city

having to move the sewer system on Highway 90, she would like to know if the allocated funds can be used for other improvements for the city.

We will have a meeting with Stephanie Campbell to see if we are eligible to apply for public assistance from FEMA to address any damages the city may have incurred.

7. ADJOURNMENT.

Mayor Domain asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 PM.

Motion made by: Councilwoman Elizabeth "Liz" Hardy

Seconded by: Councilman Eddie White

All in favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0



Barbara Domain
Mayor



Wellona Godfrey
City Secretary