

**MINUTES
CITY OF AMES, TEXAS
304 MARTIN DR. – AMES, TEXAS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 15, 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. Councilman (Mayor Pro-Tem) Michael Trahan called the meeting to order at that time. Councilman (Mayor Pro-Tem) Michael Trahan led the prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Acting City Secretary Kaylan Morris 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 Alfred Freeman. Absent: Former-Mayor Cornelius Gilmore and Audrey Harrison.

CITIZEN APPEARANCE

Councilman Michael Trahan thanked the citizens for being here and to please silence their phones. A list of attending citizens is attached.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR APRIL 10, 2023, REGULAR MEETING.

The minutes for the April 10, 2023, regular meeting was approved with revisions.

Motioned was made by: Councilwoman Liz Hardy

Seconded by: Councilman Eddie White

All in favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

Agenda Items

1. CANVANASS ELECTION RESULTS FOR MAY 6, 2023, AND SWEAR IN BARBARA DOMAIN AS THE NEW MAYOR.

Motion was made to accept the May 6, 2023, election results. Passed unanimously. After the election results were accepted, Barbara Domain was sworn in as the Mayor of City of Ames and Eddie White was sworn in as Council Position #3.

Motioned was made by: Councilwoman Liz Hardy

Seconded by: Councilman Eddie White

All in favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

2. CITY OF AMES BOOKKEEPER, BRANDI DAVIS, TO DISCUSS BOOKKEEPING PROGRESS.

Brandi Davis let the council know that the City Secretary, Kaylan Morris, included the January 2020 reconciliation summary and statement of activity in their council binders. Ms. Davis asked if the council had any questions and Councilwoman Liz Hardy wanted to know if Ms. Davis had any reports that were current for 2023. Ms. Davis let the council know that previous Mayor Cornelius Gilmore reached out to her about needing her to clean up the year 2020 because 2020 has not been audited yet. She also mentioned that she had just been made aware of the General Fund account on QuickBooks and that the previous secretary had only given her access to the Utility Fund on QuickBooks and that she sent an email to the council members informing them of this. Councilwoman Liz Hardy asked Ms. Davis if she could provide current reports every month for the council and Ms. Davis agreed that she would be able to provide current reports to the council every month. Mayor Barbara Domain asked when she will have the previous years cleaned up and Ms. Davis let her know that she did not have a specific date because she had to undo all her work for the years 2021 and 2022 and start at the year 2020 and also the City hired her to do multiple duties. Mayor Domain said she will arrange a meeting with Ms. Davis to discuss her progress. No motion was made.

Motioned was made by: No motion was made.

Seconded by: No motion was made.

All in favor: 0 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

3. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO PAVE THE FOLLOWING STREETS: FRIEND ST. AND ORGAN RD. (TO BE PAID OUT OF GENERAL FUND) (QUOTES ATTACHED).

Councilwoman Liz Hardy suggested doing a temporary fix on Friend St. and Organ Rd. because of their conditions. Councilman Michael Trahan informed the council that with the current budget and the cost of items on the agenda it would be best to do a temporary fix because the streets have very low traffic. He also let the council know that it will just be a temporary fix until the audit is complete. Councilwoman Liz Hardy also suggested finding a grant that can fix the two roads. Mayor Barbara Domain let the council know that she will call Bruce Karbowski and get a new bid for limestone on Friend St. and Organ Rd. Council agreed to postpone this line item.

Motioned was made by: No motion was made.

Seconded by: No motion was made.

All in favor: 0 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

4. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO REPAIR SYLPHEME RD. (TO BE PAID OUT OF GENERAL FUND) (QUOTES ATTACHED).

Councilman Michael Trahan let everyone know about the condition of Sylpheme Rd. where it needs repairing and fixing the manhole. A motion was made to use H.E.V. Asphalt LLC. to repair Sylpheme Rd. Passed unanimously.

Motioned was made by: Councilwoman Liz Hardy
Seconded by: Councilman Eddie White
All in favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

5. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO HAVE THE CITY HALL A/C REPLACED. (TO BE PAID OUT OF GENERAL FUND) (QUOTES ATTACHED).

Mayor Barbara Domain suggested buying a window unit to put in the window of the maintenance department's side of the building temporarily until the a/c's are replaced because of how hot it is. Councilwoman Liz Hardy let the council know that Ames Water Supply Corporation used Ethan Lockett and Mayor Barbara Domain noticed that Mr. Lockett has a ten (10) year warranty on the compressor and did not see any warranty information with Faith A/C. Motion was made to use Ethan A/C & Electric to replace the City's A/C units. Passed unanimously.

Motioned was made by: Councilwoman Liz Hardy
Seconded by: Councilman Alfred Freeman
All in favor: 4 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 6:31 p.m.



Barbara Domain
Mayor



Kaylan Morris
Acting City Secretary