

**MINUTES
CITY OF AMES, TEXAS
304 MARTIN DR.
A SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 2022
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 Cornelius Gilmore call 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 are: Mayor Cornelius Gilmore, Michael Trahan, Liz Hardy, Eddie White and Audrey Harrison. Absent: Alfred Freeman, Jr.,

CITIZEN APPREARANCE

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

Agenda Items

1. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION RATIFYING A NO NEW REVENUE TAX RATE.

Ms. Carrier, legal counsel for the City of Ames stated that this ratification is adopting the 2022 no new property taxes for the 2023 tax year.

Motioned was made by: Councilman Michael Trahan

Seconded by: Councilman Eddie White

All in favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

2. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE A NEW FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH ENTERGY.

Ms. Carrier, legal counsel for the City, stated that this is the same agreement the City had before and that she did not see a problem with it, the only thing was missing was the tax rates. Mayor Gilmore highlighted that this is the same agreement that has been in place for the last 25 years, but that it expired and needs to be updated and the only addition was new lights are being replaced. Motion was made to approve the new franchise agreement with Entergy. All were in favor and passed unanimously.

Motioned was made by: Councilwoman Audrey Harrison
Seconded by: Councilwoman Liz Hardy
All in favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

3. THOMAS PAYNE, WITH PAYNE AIR CONDITION, WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL REGARDING RATE INCREASES FOR NEW AIR CONDITION UNITS. (3 MINUTES)

Mr. Payne addressed the Council to let them know that both of the City's air condition units have major leaks and that he keeps putting four pounds of freon in them every few months. He suggested that the City buy two new units as soon as possible because they are going up next year. A question as asked about how old are the units now? He said they are about 20 years old. Mr. Payne left the City Secretary a copy of his quote for two new units. No further discussions was made.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION: CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.074 CONCERNING PERSONNEL MATTERSS.

Motion was made at 6:10 to adjourn into executive session. All were in favor and passed unanimously.

Motioned was made by: Councilman Michael Trahan
Seconded by: Councilman Eddie White
All in favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

Motion was then made at 6:35 pm to end execution session. All were in favor and passed unanimously.

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

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

None at this time.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

All Council members were in favor of adjourning at 6:35 pm.

Cornelius Gilmore

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Mayor

Jennifer Purnell

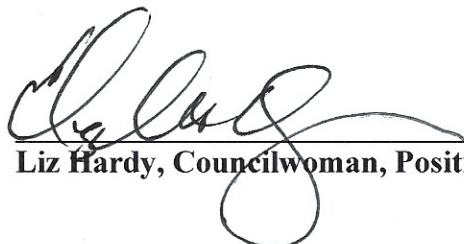
Jennifer Purnell
City Secretary



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Michael Trahan, Councilman, Position 1



Liz Hardy, Councilwoman, Position 2



Eddie White, Councilman, Position 3

ABSENT

Alfred L. Freeman, Jr., Councilman, Position 4

ABSENT

Audrey Harrison, Councilwoman, Position 5