

**MINUTES
CITY OF AMES, TEXAS
304 MARTIN DR.
A SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 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, and Alfred Freeman, Jr. was late getting to the meeting.

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. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES FOR THE 2021 TEXAS CDBG PROGRAM, GRANT AGREEMENT NUMBER CDV21-0476.

Mayor Gilmore read the Resolution Authorization for Signatories for the 2022 Texas CDBG Program for grant number CDV21-0476. Motion was made to accept this Resolutions. 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

2. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION ADOPTING REQUIRED CDBG CIVIL RIGHTS POLICIES.

Mayor Gilmore mentioned that this item goes along with Item number 1. Motion was made to accept this item; all were in favor and passed unanimously.

Motioned was made by: Councilman Michael Trahan

Seconded by: Councilwoman Audrey Harrison

All in favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

3. PROCLAIM APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH: THIS PROCLAMATION WILL HELP TO FULFILL FAIR HOUSING ACTIVITY OBLIGATIONS AS REQUIRED BY THE GRANT.

This item is also associated with Items 1 and 2. Motion was made to accept this Item with Items 1 and 2; all were in favor and passed unanimously.

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

4. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND APPROVE IN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE AMES-MINGLEWOOD WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION.

Ms. Melody Carrier, legal counsel for the City with Carrier and Allison Law Group, P.C., discuss several points about this Interlocal Agreement with the City and the Ames Minglewood Water department; she discuss the attorney fees, the set up fees, the one dollar per meter for each customer and the City will need to change the billing cycle; she also mentioned that the \$40.00 fee was the fee to disconnect and to reconnect sewer services, actually \$20.00 for each service. There were no questions. Motion was made to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Water Department; 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

5. APPROVE TO PAY INVOICE FROM CARRIER & ALLISON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,040.00 FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED TO THE CITY OF AMES (TO BE PAID OUT OF GOVERNMENT FUND)

There was no discussion to pay this invoice. Motion was made to pay this invoice in the amount of \$2,040.00 to Carrier & Allison Law Group; all were in favor and passed unanimously.

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

6. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND APPROVE ISSUING PERMITS FOR THE CITY OF AMES (PERMITS INCLUDE: MOBILE HOME, FIREWORKS, CULVERTS, DRIVEWAY, LIGHTS, CELL TOWER, BUILDING, AND STORAGE BUILDING.

Motion was made to postpone this item and go into Executive Session at 6:25 pm.

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

7. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND APPROVE AMENDMENT TO AMES CITY ORDINANCE 2021-01.

Motion was made to postpone this item; all in favor and passed unanimously.

Motioned was made by: Councilman Michael Trahan

Seconded by: Councilwoman Liz Hardy

All in favor: 5 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

8. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO PURCHASE AIR CONDITIONING UNITS FOR THE CITY OF AMES ADMINISTRATION BUILDING. (TO BE PAID OUT OF GOVERNMENT FUND).

Discussion was made about the air condition units, the price of the units, and do both units need to be replaced. Mayor Gilmore stated that he has worked with two of the companies who put in their bids and they have done a great job in the past; Council wants to review the bids before a decision is made on the units. Motion was made to postpone this item; all were in favor and passed unanimously.

Motioned was made by: Councilman Al Freeman, Jr.

Seconded by: Councilman Eddie White

All in favor: 5 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

9. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND APPROVE PAYMENT OF INVOICE PRESENTED BY AMES WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION.

Mayor Gilmore asked for a motion to pay this invoice in the amount of \$3,086.79, to be paid out of government account. Motion was made to pay this invoice; all were in favor and passed unanimously.

Motioned was made by: Councilwoman Audrey Harrison

Seconded by: Councilman Al Freeman, Jr.

All in favor: 5 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

10. MAYOR'S REPORT.

Mayor Gilmore made it know that Erwin Semien was back to work and had been cleared by doctors. He mentioned that he was a walking miracle. He also mentioned that it would be great to get the rest of the road in the City paved.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

All Council members were in favor of adjourning at 7:05 pm.

Cornelius Gilmore

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Mayor

Jennifer Purnell

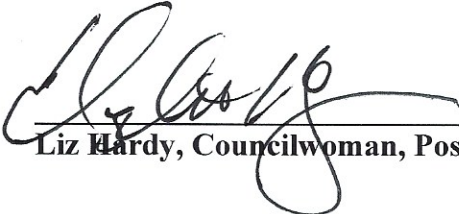
Jennifer Purnell
City Secretary



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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