

**MINUTES
CITY OF TEAGUE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2020 6:00 P.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE QUORUM IS PRESENT:** *The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor James Monks and a Quorum was announced.*
2. **INVOCATION:** *Alderman Nickleberry*
3. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** *Mayor Monks*
4. **ROLL CALL:** Present: *Present: James Monks, Mayor, Jerry Ballew, Mayor Pro Tempore / Alderman Place I, Rhonda Jones, Alderman Place II, Chris Nickleberry, Alderman Place IV, and Ryan Mathison, Alderman Place V* Absent: *None* Vacant: *Alderman Place III*
5. **VISITORS/CITIZENS COMMENTS:** *None*

At 6:04 P.M. Open Session convened into Executive Session

6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.001, et seq., the Board of Aldermen will recess into Executive Session (closed meeting) to discuss the following:
 - a. § 551.074: Conduct an executive session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.074(a) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee: Employment: Haden Proulx, Utility Operator
 - b. § 551.087: Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations re: Teague Economic Development Corporation's Project Z.I.P.

At 7:21 P.M. Executive Session convened into Open Session

7. **RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION** - In accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, the City Council will reconvene into Regular Session to consider action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session.

Alderman Ballew moved to offer the employment to Haden Proulx as Utility Operator at \$15 per hour and after successfully completing the 6-month probation may receive a \$0.50 or \$1.00 per hour raise as recommended by the City Administrator and Public Works Director, seconded by Alderman Jones. Motion carried 4-0.

Alderman Ballew moved to authorize the City Secretary to collect additional information as discussed in Executive Session, seconded by Alderman Mathison. Motion carried 4-0.

8. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - a. Approve Minutes from the September 8, 2020 and September 21, 2020 Meetings of the Board of Aldermen
 - b. Approve the Accounts Payable and Payroll Check Registers for the month of September 2020
 - c. Accept the Financial Statement for September 2020
 - d. Accept the Quarterly Investment Report for the 3rd Quarter of 2020*Alderman Nickleberry made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items, A, B, C and D, seconded by Alderman Jones. Motion carried 4-0.*

9. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. None

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion and possible action on the Teague Economic Development Corporations request to update the deed restrictions on Old City Hall.
Alderman Ballew moved to request that the EDC prepare the Amendments to the Deed and present it to the Board of Aldermen at the next meeting, seconded by Alderman Mathison. Motion carried 4-0.
- b. Discussion and possible action on hiring a contractor to modify the public restroom located at the Workforce and Community Center, as requested by the Quality Assurance Coordinator for the Heart of Texas Work Force Solutions.
Alderman Ballew moved to have TRC prepare a remediation plan for the restrooms to be given to a contractor, seconded by Alderman Nickleberry. Motion carried 4-0.
- c. Discussion and possible action on approving the office building lease contract from Heart of Texas Workforce Solutions for the Workforce Center located at 517 Main Street.
Alderman Ballew moved to approve Agenda Item 10 C with the condition that the tenant agreeing to change on Page 7 Number 5 from 30 days to 60 days, seconded by Alderman Nickleberry. Motion carried 4-0.
- d. Discussion and possible action on approving Resolution 2020-10-19 extending the Local Disaster Declaration.
Alderman Ballew moved to extend the Local Disaster Declaration to November 16, 2020 at 11:59 P.M., seconded by Alderman Jones. Motion carried 4-0.
- e. Discussion and possible action on approving the appropriation of \$9,554.54 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund for purchases made in the months of March through September for nonbudgeted personal protective equipment and supplies, payroll expenses, disinfecting supplies and technical equipment and assistance directly related to the City of Teague's efforts to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.
Alderman Nickleberry mad a motion to approve Agenda Item 10 E as written, seconded by Alderman Jones. Motion carried 4-0.
- f. Discussion and possible action on approving Ordinance No. 2020-10-19, an ordinance of the City of Teague, Texas ("City"), amending the City's Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, providing that all other previous budget allocations shall be saved; and providing for severability and declaring an effective date.
Alderman Ballew moved to approve Ordinance 2020-10-19, an ordinance of the City of Teague, Texas, amending the City's Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, seconded by Alderman Jones. Motion carried 4-0.
- g. Discussion and possible action on approving Ordinance No. 2020-10-19-D Budget Amendment to chart of account, 03-39-4260 Emergency Mgmt- COVID-19 Relief Payment in the amount of \$29,913.46; and allocating the funds from the Fund Reserve for expenditures to be expended in accordance with the Coronavirus Relief Fund Requirements.
Alderman Nickleberry mad a motion to approve Agenda Item 10 G, seconded by Alderman Jones. Motion carried 4-0.
- h. Discussion and possible action on approving the funding of \$5,000 from the City of Teague's Coronavirus Relief Fund to Teague ISD to help purchase Chromebooks for Teague ISD to help combat the spread of COVID-19.
Alderman Nickleberry mad a motion to approve Agenda Item 10 H, seconded by Alderman Ballew. Motion carried 4-0.

- i. Discussion and possible action on approving the purchase of nonbudgeted personal protective equipment, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), to be utilized by the Teague Volunteer Fire Department to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, when responding to calls that have high patient contact, in the amount of the approved estimate; and to be expended from the City's Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF).
Alderman Ballew moved to approve Agenda Item 10 I, seconded by Alderman Nickleberry. Motion carried 4-0.
- j. Discussion and possible action on approving Ordinance No. 2020-10-19-A Budget Amendment to chart of account, 05-42-5251 Fees: Penalties / Fines in the amount of \$9,800; and allocating the funds from the Fund Reserve; to be expended for the TCEQ penalties resulting from the Spring 2020 West Waste Water Treatment Plant Internal Audit.
Alderman Jones made a motion to approve Agenda Item 10 J as written, seconded by Alderman Ballew. Motion carried 4-0.
- k. Discussion and possible action on approving Ordinance No. 2020-10-19-B Budget Amendment to chart of account, 05-43-5924, Northline Project Payment in the amount of \$74,286 and allocating the funds from the Fund Reserve, to pay the remaining loan balance of the self-financed Northline Water Project loan.
Alderman Nickleberry mad a motion to approve Agenda Item 10 K, seconded by Alderman Jones. Motion carried 4-0.
- l. Discussion and possible action on approving Ordinance No. 2020-10-19-C Budget Amendment to chart of account, 03-49-5916, Vehicle Loan in the amount of \$49,182 and allocating the funds from the Fund Reserve, to pay off the Police Department's vehicle loan balance.
Alderman Nickleberry mad a motion to approve Agenda Item 10 L, seconded by Alderman Jones. Motion carried 4-0.
- m. Discussion and possible action on approving Ordinance No. 2020-10-19-E Budget Amendment to chart of account 05-43-5722, Materials – Meter/Installation in the amount of \$29,178.96 and allocating the funds from the Fund Reserve, to purchase water meters.
Alderman Nickleberry mad a motion to approve Agenda Item 10 M, seconded by Alderman Jones. Motion carried 4-0.

11. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

- Administration – Theresa Prasil, City Administrator
- Courts – Theresa Prasil, City Administrator
- Public Works – Jacob Cowling, Public Works Director
- Police Department – DeWayne Philpott, Chief of Police
- Library – Diane Willis. Librarian
- EDC

In the absence of Chief Philpott from the meeting, Mayor Monks inquired from City Administrator Bell as to why there were very few Code Violations and Police Patrol reported.

Administrators Bell explained that she and Chief Philpott has discussed the Code Violations in length and as she explained in her Looking Forward Letter at the beginning of the month that Chief Philpott is preparing a code enforcement training class for the department. She then explained that during the month of September, Chief Philpott was notified by the Sheriff Shipley that the jail was not able to accept arrested individuals for a period of time due to COVID-19 matters, which resulted in Chief Philpott enacting other measures related to traffic patrol.

Alderman Nickleberry thanked the Public Works Department for their hard work and commented that they may not be seen working were everyone can see them everyday but the work they have done on the west side of town is noticed and appreciated.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS:


Mayor Monks announced that the Teague Police Department received confirmation today of being awarded a grant for new in car video recording equipment.

13. ADJOURN: *Mayor Monks adjourned the meeting at 8:13 P.M.*


The meeting adjourned.

The City of Teague,





Theresa Bell, City Secretary / Administrator



James Monks, Mayor

