

**MINUTES
CITY OF TEAGUE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 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 Mathison*
3. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** *Mayor Monks*
4. **ROLL CALL:** *Present: James Monks, Mayor, Jerry Ballew, Mayor Pro Tempore / Alderman Place I, Rhonda Jones, Alderman Place II, and Ryan Mathison, Alderman Place V Absent: Chris Nickleberry, Alderman Place IV Vacant: Alderman Place III*
5. **VISITORS/CITIZENS COMMENTS:** *None*
6. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - a. Approve Minutes from the August 6, 2020 and August 17, 2020 Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
 - b. Approve the Accounts Payable and Payroll Check Registers for the month of August 2020
 - c. Accept the Financial Statement for August 2020
Alderman Ballew moved to approve Agenda Item 6 A and 6 B and accept Agenda Item 6 C, seconded by Alderman Jones. Motion carried 3-0.
7. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. None
8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Agenda Item 8 K was moved to be discussed before Item A.

 - a. Discussion and possible action on approving the Teague Economic Development Corporation's 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget.
Alderman Jones moved to approve Item 8 A as written, seconded by Alderman Ballew. Motion carried 3-0.
 - b. Receive presentation and information from Teague Economic Development Corporation regarding the status of employing an EDC Director.
EDC President Stephanie Burns explained that they are actively seeking applications and have completed a couple of interviews with applicants and will hopefully hire someone within the next few months.

Alderman Ballew moved to take not action but acknowledge the presentation, seconded by Alderman Mathison. Motion carried 3-0.
 - c. Discussion and possible action on approving Resolution 2020-09-21 approving a Chapter 380 Program Guidelines and Policy Statement.
Alderman Mathison made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-09-21 approving a Chapter 380 Program Guidelines and Policy Statement, seconded by Alderman Jones. Motion carried 3-0.
 - d. Discussion and possible action on voting for candidate for TML Health Benefits Pool Board of Trustees - TML Region 9.
Alderman Ballew moved to cast the vote for Connie Standridge, seconded by Alderman Jones. Motion carried 3-0.

- e. Discussion and possible action on approving the changes made the proposed City of Teague logo.
*Alderman Jones moved to approve Agenda Item 8 E, seconded by Alderman Ballew.
Motion Carried 3-0.*
- f. Discussion and possible action on approving an employee recognition program and policy.
*Alderman Ballew moved to approve 8 F as presented, seconded by Alderman Mathison.
Motion carried 3-0.*
- g. Discussion and possible action on approving write off request for uncollectable utility bills for deceased customers.
Alderman Ballew moved to approve 8 G, approving write off request for uncollectable utility bills for deceased customers as presented, seconded by Alderman Mathison. Motion carried 3-0.
- h. Discussion and possible action on approving write off request for uncollectable utility bills for customers that are beyond the statute of limitations on debt in the State of Texas.
Alderman Ballew moved to approve 8 H, approving write off request for uncollectable utility bills for customers that are beyond the statute of limitations on debt in the State of Texas, seconded by Alderman Mathison. Motion carried 3-0.
- i. Discussion and possible action on approving Resolution 2020-09-21-A extending the Local Disaster Declaration.
Alderman Jones moved to approve 8 I, extending the Local Disaster Declaration until October 19, 2020 at 12:00 A.M., seconded by Alderman Ballew. Motion carried 3-0.
- j. Discussion and possible action on approving temporary changes to permit fees.
Alderman Mathison made a motion to waive the Burning Permit Fee until December 31, 2020, seconded by Alderman Ballew. Motion carried 3-0.
- k. Discussion and possible action on approving the purchase of nonbudgeted personal protective equipment, 28 sets of Tecgen-51 Multipurpose Gear, 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 \$18,468.00; and to be expended from the City's Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF).
Fire Chief Jody Bodine presented information and explained that the requested purchase of the Tecgen-51 Multipurpose Gear is the gear that the members of the Teague Volunteer Fire Department (TVFD) wear when responding to calls that have high patient contact such as, medical assistant calls, automobile accidents and all other non-fire calls. He explained that with the current COVID-19 State of Emergency it is very important that their gear be disinfected between responding to calls to help prevent the spread of the Coronavirus. He continued by explaining that currently their regular bunker gear that is worn when responding to fire calls, does not allow them to feasibly disinfect them in between calls due to the amount of time it takes for them to dry before they are allowed to be worn again. He stated that this purchase is not budgeted and would help prevent the spread of the Coronavirus. He read an electronic mail conversation between Justin Romine, Teague Volunteer Fireman and Daniella Scott, Unit Chief with Texas Department of Emergency Management where Ms. Scott confirmed that as long as the City opted to purchase the gear to prevent the spread of COVID it would be eligible to be expended from the funds the City of Teague received from the Coronavirus Relief Fund. He presented two quotes and explained that the third company that carries the item, Casco, as not responded to his request for a quote. City Administrator Bell confirmed that the request is not budgeted.

Alderman Ballew move to approve the purchase of nonbudgeted personal protective equipment, 28 sets of Tecgen-51 Multipurpose Gear, 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 \$18,468.00; and to be expended from the City's Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF), seconded by Alderman Mathison. Motion carried 3-0.

9. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

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

Reports were presented.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS: *None*

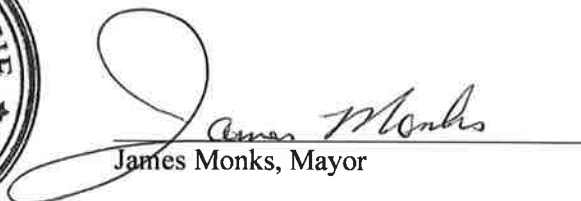
ADJOURN: *Mayor Monks adjourned the meeting at 6:56 P.M.*

The meeting adjourned.

The City of Teague,


Theresa Bell, City Secretary / Administrator




James Monks, Mayor