

**MINUTES  
CITY OF TEAGUE  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
MAY 15, 2018 6:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE QUORUM IS PRESENT: *The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M. by Marilyn Michaud, Mayor Pro Tempore and Quorum was announced with all present Aldermen seated at their respective places.*
2. INVOCATION: *Alderman Nickleberry*
3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: *Alderman Hertenberger*
4. ROLL CALL: *Present: Alderman Place 2, Alderman Place 3, Alderman Place 4, Alderman Place 5  
Absent: Alderman Place 1  
Vacancy: Mayor*
5. VISITORS/CITIZENS COMMENTS: *At this time, any person with business before the Council not scheduled on the Agenda may speak to the Council for a maximum of three (3) minutes. No formal action can be taken on these items at this meeting. None*
6. CONSENT AGENDA:
  - a. Approve Minutes from the April 2018 Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
  - b. Approve Minutes from the May 2, 2018 Special Called Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
  - c. Approve the check register for the month of April 2018
  - d. Approve Financial Statement for April 2018*Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Alderman Nickleberry, seconded by Alderman Rasbeary. Motion carried 4-0.*
7. OLD BUSINESS:
  - a. NONE
8. NEW BUSINESS:
  - a. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE WEEK OF MAY 20 THROUGH MAY 26, 2018 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK:  
*Public Works Director Jacob Cowling stated that National Public Works Week started in 1960 and it is a week to recognize the emergency personnel who work in the public works field.*  
  
*Mayor Pro Tempore Michaud presented and the signed proclamation with staff members of the City of Teague's Public Works Department present.*
  - b. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING THE FOLLOWING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD APPROVED PROJECTS:
    - \$10,000 to Prosperity Bank for façade  
*Bill Elliot, Economic Development Corporation Director, informed the Board of Aldermen that the request to approve \$10,000 for Prosperity Bank is to assist in fixing-up their two locations, the drive thru and main bank locations. He also stated that the project total cost is over \$20,000 and that the EDC Board has approved \$10,000.*  
*Alderman Rasbeary asked Mr. Elliot if the project is part of the 50/50 Façade Agreement?*  
*Mr. Elliot responded with yes, it is.*  
*Alderman Rasbeary asked Mr. Elliot if he had the paperwork showing the project was costing \$20,000.*  
*Mr. Elliot responded with I do.*

*Alderman Hertenberger stated she was not really for this because she knows the bankers control the world and she knows that Prosperity has a full list of banks. She also stated she feels that Prosperity would have enough money appropriated to fix their banks.*

*Mr. Elliot stated that he is sure they (Prosperity) do, but in the 20 or more years of him working with Economic Development Corporations and programs he has never heard where the net worth of a business has affected their eligibility for funds. He also stated that the local Prosperity Bank employees 9 local residents and many community members have loans through the bank.*

*Motion to approve the \$10,000 upon the presentation of the bills showing they spent over \$20,000 was made by Alderman Rasbeary, seconded by Alderman Hertenberger. Motion carried 4-0.*

- c. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING ORDINANCE NO. 2018-05-15, AMENDING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 13 - UTILITIES BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 13.5001 TO PROVIDE FOR A BACKFLOW PREVENTION AND CUSTOMER SERVICE INSPECTIONS PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR A COMPLIANCE PERIOD; PROVIDING A PENALTY OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500 FOR EACH DAY OF VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION HEREOF; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY:

*Public Works Director Cowling stated that the state requires the City of Teague to enforce certain rules to insure the quality and safety of our public water system to include requiring utility connections that are considered a health hazard, to install a backflow preventer.*

*He also stated that the City currently does not have an ordinance that allows for enforcing the installation of backflow preventers when required, at the customers expense. He also informed the Board of Aldermen that TCEQ noted this violation during their annual inspections over the last three years.*

*Alderman Rasbeary asked how much will this cost the business owners.*

*Public Works Director Cowling stated depending on the size of the line, but the cost range can be between \$300-\$8,000.*

*City Administrator Prasil stated that this ordinance would also allow for the City to enforce the required annual inspections to be completed at the customers expense. She informed the Board of Aldermen that currently some customers with backflow preventers are not having their required annual test performed and the City over the years have covered the expenses to avoid fines from TCEQ.*

*Alderman Rasbeary asked if car washes would be required?*

*Public Works Director Cowling replied yes.*

*Alderman Hertenberger asked if homes would be required?*

*Public Works Director Cowling responded not unless they were considered a health hazard, for example if they have a sprinkler system a backflow preventer would be required.*

*Alderman Nickleberry asked if businesses would be informed of the requirement?*

*Public Works Director Cowling replied yes, all businesses will be given to the end of June to comply.*

*Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2018-05-15, amending Ordinance Chapter 13 - Utilities by adding a new section 13.5001 to provide for a backflow prevention and customer service inspections program; providing for a compliance period; providing a penalty of an amount not to exceed \$500 for each day of violation of any provision hereof; and providing for severability was made by Alderman Hertenberger, seconded by Alderman Rasbeary. Motion carried 4-0.*

*Alderman Hertenberger asked Public Works Director Cowling, if a homeowner has sewer water overflow at their home are they required to remove the soil?*

*Public Works Director Cowling replied it would need to be disinfected and sometimes the soil would need to be removed. He also commented that overflows are at times reportable to TCEQ.*

*Alderman Hertenberger asked how does a homeowner know what to do?*

*City Administrator Prasil stated that Bill Madding, Freestone County Environmental Officer, is very helpful in assisting with proper and legal removal of hazardous waste and that if anyone needs assistance he is just a phone call away to help.*

*Alderman Hertenberger stated so if someone needs help they can call City Hall.*

*City Administrator Prasil replied yes, we will help them get in contact with Mr. Madding.*

- d. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING RESOLUTION 2018-05-15-2 REPEALING THE CITY OF TEAGUE PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL ADOPTED JANUARY 14, 2008 AND ADOPTING AN UPDATED CITY OF TEAGUE PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL:

*Motion to approve Resolution 2018-05-15-2 repealing the City of Teague Personnel Policy Manual adopted January 14, 2008 and adopting an Updated City of Teague Personnel Policy Manual was made by Alderman Rasbeary, seconded by Alderman Hertenberger. Motion carried 4-0.*

- e. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING RESOLUTION 2018-05-15 CANVASSING RETURNS AND DECLARING RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN, PLACE 1 AND PLACE 3; AND NOTING THE TIME OF THE COMPLETION OF CANVASSING:

*Mayor Pro Tempore Michaud opened and read aloud Resolution 2018-05-15 Canvassing returns and declaring results of the General Election for the purpose of Mayor and Board of Aldermen Place 1 and Place 3.*

*Motion to approve Resolution 2018-05-15 Canvassing returns and declaring results of the General Election for the purpose of Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Place 1 and Place 3 was made by Alderman Nickleberry, seconded by Alderman Rasbeary. Motion carried 4-0.*

*At 6:23 P.M. Mayor Pro Tempore Michaud announced the Canvassing of the General Election was completed.*

- f. ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION TO ELECTED MAYOR, ALDERMEN PLACES 1 AND 3; AND ADMINISTER OATHS OF OFFICE:

*Theresa Prasil, City Secretary, issued the certificates of election and administered the Oath of Office to the newly, May 5, 2018, elected officials, James Monks Mayor, Jerry Ballew Alderman Place 1 and Marie Hertenberger Alderman Place 3.*

*Newly elected officials, Mayor Monks and Alderman Ballew took their seats with the Board of Aldermen.*

- g. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REORGANIZING THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN AND APPOINTING A MAYOR PRO TEMPORE:

*Motion to appoint Alderman Rasbeary as the new Mayor Pro Tempore was made by Alderman Nickleberry, seconded by Alderman Hertenberger. Motion carried 5-0.*

9. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

*City Administrator Prasil presented the Administrator's report followed by department reports presented by Public Works Director Cowling, Police Chief Philpott and Librarian Willis.*

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

*City Administrator Prasil reminded the Board of Aldermen of the upcoming June 9, 2018 picnic.*

11. ADJOURNMENT: *At 6:38 P.M. motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Rasbeary, seconded by Alderman Nickleberry. Motion carried 5-0.*

*The meeting adjourned.*

The City of Teague,



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Theresa Prasil, City Secretary / Adm

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Marilyn Michaud, Mayor Pro Tempore

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Monks", is written over a horizontal line.

James Monks, Mayor

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