

MINUTES
CITY OF TEAGUE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2019 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 all Aldermen were present and seated at their respective places*

2. **WORKSHOP AND DISCUSSION :**

- Discussion on the proposed 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget for the City of Teague. *Mayor Monks commented that this was time for all Aldermen to express their concerns and the changes they would like to make in the Budget. City Administrator Prasil presented the following Aldermen concerns and request that she had received prior to the workshop:*
 - i. *Alderman Place 5 Ryan Mathison would like to find a contractor for the Animal Control position.*
 - ii. *Alderman Place 4 Chris Nickleberry would like a full-time position at the Police Department but was unsure as to what the best solution for the Animal Control position.*
 - iii. *Alderman Place 3 Marie Hertenberger was not in favor for the Animal Control to be in the Police Department and is in favor of a full-time position in the office at the Police Department.*
 - iv. *Alderman Place 1 Jerry Ballew was supportive of compensating the Police Officers for the additional responsibilities but if this was not favorable, he would be in favor of hiring a fulltime person for the position of Animal Control and Code Enforcement.*

Alderman Ballew expressed that the Code Enforcement and Animal Control position should be put back into the budget as a single position and reallocate the \$1 per hour increase in the Police Officer's pay to the Code Enforcement / Animal Control position. He also stated he supported a full-time position in the office at the Police Department and at least a part time person at City Hall.

Alderman Jones expressed that she hates to see the \$1 per hour be taken away from the Police Department but understands that we do not have the demand for a fulltime position. She also agreed a full-time person in the office at the Police Department is needed.

Alderman Hertenberger expressed that she does not want the Police to do Animal Control and the police department needs a full-time person in the office. She also stated that if anyone needs a raise it's the Police.

Alderman Nickleberry expressed that he was not sure what the answer to the Animal Control position problem and that we need a full-time person in the office at the police department. He stated he has no problem with any of the raises.

Alderman Mathison expressed the need for a full-time office secretary at the Police Department and that we should contract out the Animal Control position.

Police Chief Philpott committed that he agrees the Police Department needs a person in the office to assist and that he and the officers are okay with not receiving the \$1 per hour increase if they are not going to be assigned with the duties of the Animal Control position permanently.

The workshop continued with discussion regarding the above matters and at the end City Administrator Prasil recapped the discussion and stated the following changes would be made to the proposed budget:




- *Full-time Police Secretary / Deputy Court Clerk to be located at the Police Department.*
- *Full-time Administration Assistant (Clerk) at City Hall.*
- *Animal Control Service line item to be added with the attempt to locate a contractor and if unsuccessful may employ a part time person and will be funded by deducting the \$1 per hour pay raise increase from the Police Officers.*

1. **ADJOURN:** *Mayor Monks adjourned the meeting at 7:53 P.M.*

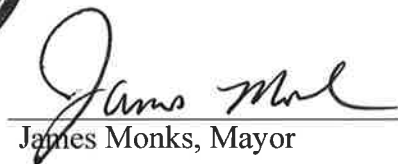
The meeting adjourned.

The City of Teague,





Theresa Prasil, City Secretary / Administrator



James Monks, Mayor