

**MINUTES
CITY OF TEAGUE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 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 with all present Aldermen seated at their respective places.*
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: Marie Hertenberger, Alderman Place III and Chris Nickleberry, Alderman Place IV*
5. **VISITORS/CITIZENS COMMENTS:** *None*
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. § 551.071: Consultation with Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation re: City of Teague v. City of Fairfield.
 - b. § 551.071: Consultation with Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter re: Facilities Agreement between the City of Teague, City of Fairfield, and Texas Department of Criminal Justice; Interlocal Definitive Agreement Between the City of Teague and the City of Fairfield; and Agreement Between the City of Teague and City of Fairfield regarding Record Retention.
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 authorize the Mayor and City Attorney to send a settlement offer to the City of Fairfield's attorney and City Council based on the value of the jointly owned TDCJ assets, seconded by Alderman Mathison. Motion carried 3-0.

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approve Minutes from the January 21, 2020 Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
- b. Approve the Accounts Payable and Payroll Check Registers for the month of January 2020
- c. Accept the Financial Statement for January 2020

Alderman Ballew thanked Bookkeeper Long for including the account details on the check register. Alderman Mathison thanked City Administrator Bell for taking time on Presidents Day to answer his questions about tonight's meeting.

Alderman Ballew moved to accept Agenda Items 8 A., B., and C., seconded by Alderman Jones. Motion carried 3-0.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Accept the Financial Statement for October 2019
Alderman Ballew moved to approve Agenda Item 8 A., seconded by Alderman Jones. Motion carried 3-0.
- b. Accept the Teague Police Department's 2019 Racial Profile Report.
Chief Philpott explained that the software issue was resolved, and the report provided tonight reflects the correct data.

Alderman Ballew moved to accept Agenda Item 9 C. as presented, seconded by Alderman Mathison. Motion carried 3-0.
- c. Discussion and possible action on approving a pay increase for Chief of Police DeWayne Philpott.
Alderman Jones moved to approve a 3.5% pay increase for Chief of Police DeWayne Philpott, seconded by Alderman Ballew. Motion carried 3-0.
- d. Discussion and possible action on approving an estimate for the demolition of the City's Old Municipal Power Plant as requested by the action taken at the November 18, 2019 Board of Aldermen Meeting.
Alderman Ballew expressed his concerns regarding the necessity to not damage the cement slab when the contractor demolishes the building. He continued by explaining that he felt that this needed to be addressed with the contractors.
City Administrator Bell read aloud the four provided bids.
Alderman Mathison expressed that he did not feel it would be fair to require the contractors to accept our requirements without first talking to them about it.

Alderman Ballew moved to reject all bids and rebid the project with the specification to leave the slab in place and undisturbed, seconded by Alderman Mathison. Motion carried 3-0.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion and possible action on approving the 2020 National Small Business Week Proclamation, proclaiming May 3rd through May 9th, 2020 as National Small Business Week in the City of Teague.
Mayor Monks read the proclamation aloud.

Alderman Ballew moved to approve the proclamation as read to Council, second by Alderman Jones. Motion carried 3-0.
- b. Discussion and possible action on approving Ordinance 2020-02-18, an ordinance of the City of Teague, Texas ("City"), amending Ordinance 2009-04-02, 2012-09-25-04, 2013-06-18-2, 2017-05-15 and 2019-08-19 by modifying the City's Fee Schedule for City services and permits; providing for finding of fact enactment; repealer; severability; effective date; proper notice & meeting.
Alderman Mathison made a motion to accept Agenda Item 10 B as written, seconded by Alderman Ballew. Motion carried 3-0.
- c. Discussion and possible action on approving the revised 2020 City of Teague Safety Program.
Public Works Director Cowling presented the revised manual.
Mayor Monks commented that he would like to see the words near-miss exchanged for near-hit.

Alderman Ballew moved to accept Agenda Item 10 C. with the allowance of typographical and grammatical errors that do not change the context of the document, seconded by Alderman Jones. Motion carried 3-0.

- d. Discussion and possible action on approving electrical lighting upgrade project to the Teague Public Library; appropriating the necessary funds from the Fund Reserve; and amending the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget line item 03-45-5715 Repair & Maint: Facility, for the approved project.
Alderman Ballew moved to hire J & H Electric to do the upgrade project to the Teague Public Library; appropriating \$4,000 from the Fund Reserve; and amending the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget line item 03-45-5715 Repair & Maint: Facility, for the approved project, seconded by Alderman Jones. Motion carried 3-0.
- e. Discussion and possible action on approving the revised Interlocal Cooperation Contract Failure to Appear (FTA) Program between the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Teague Municipal Court.
Alderman Ballew moved to approve Agenda Item 8 E as written, seconded by Alderman Mathison. Motion carried 3-0.
- f. Discussion and possible action on approving Resolution No. 2020-02-18 authorizing the submission of a DJ-Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Application; and authorizing the Mayor to act as the City's Executive Officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the grant program.
Chief Philpott presenting the resolution and explained the necessity of needing new in car camera system.
City Administrator Bell noted, this grant has a \$0.00 required match.
- Alderman Mathison made a motion to approve Agenda Item 10 F as written, seconded by Alderman Jones. Motion carried 3-0.*

11. 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

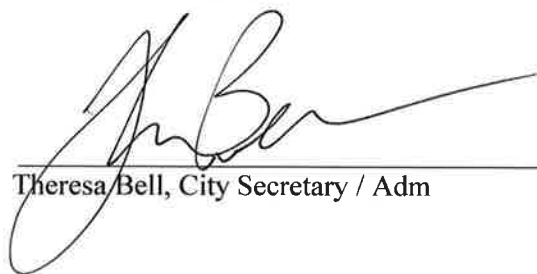
City Administrator Bell presented the Administration and Court reports, followed by the department reports presented by Public Works Director Cowling, Police Chief Philpott and Librarian Willis' reports.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS: *None*

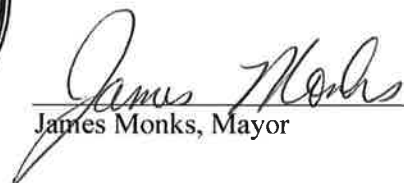
13. ADJOURN: *Mayor Monks adjourned the meeting at 7:09 P.M.*

The meeting adjourned.

The City of Teague,


Theresa Bell, City Secretary / Adm




James Monks, Mayor