

**MINUTES
CITY OF TEAGUE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2021 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, Marilyn Michaud, Alderman Place III, Chris Nickleberry, Alderman Place IV and Ryan Mathison, Alderman Place V*
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. § 551.071: 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.
 - c. § 551.071: Consultation with Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation re: Three Drilling and Operating Permit Applications by NSE Lonestar LLC to Mid-East Texas Groundwater Conservation District

At 6:42 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 take no action on Agenda Item 6, seconded by Alderman Mathison. Motion carried 5-0

8. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - a. Approve Minutes from the July 19, 2021 and August 6, 2021 Meetings of the Board of Aldermen
 - b. Approve the Accounts Payable and Payroll Check Registers for the month of July 2021
 - c. Accept the Financial Statement for July 2021

Alderman Jones made a motion to approve Agenda Item 8 A., B., and C. as written, seconded by Alderman Ballew. Motion carried 5-0

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Discussion and possible action on approving the execution of the Audit Engagement Letter with Donald L. Allman, CPA, PC.
Alderman Ballew moved to approve Agenda Item 9 A., approving the execution of the Audit Engagement Letter with Donald L. Allman, CPA, PC., seconded by Alderman Jones.
Motion carried 5-0.

- b. Discussion and possible action on approving the proposal for repairs to the west wall of the Teague Public Library in the amount of \$10,000 and approving the hiring of Colonial Construction to complete the repairs.
City Administrator Bell explained that the southern quarter of the west wall of the library is in need of repair due to the fact that the current stucco has separated from the wall. She continued by explaining that Colonial Construction will have to take down the current plaster in that area and replace it.
Alderman Ballew commented that it is his understanding that water has been getting in between the current stucco and wall.
City Administrator Bell agreed and explained that the proposal being presented includes stuccoing areas at the top of the parapet wall.
Alderman Ballew moved to approve Agenda Item 9 B., seconded by Alderman Mathison.
Motion carried 5-0.

- c. Discussion and possible action on approving the quote for tree trimming services over specified roadways in the city in the amount of \$35,000 and approving the hiring of H5 Services to perform the tree trimming services.
Public Works Director Cowling presented the proposal and explained that this would be a tremendous help for the department, as the two street positions were just recently filled.
Alderman Jones commented that this seems to be a quite of few areas for \$35,000.
Alderman Jones made a motion to approve Agenda Item 9 C. as presented, seconded by Alderman Ballew.
Motion carried 5-0.

- d. Discussion and possible action on ratifying Mayor Monks' execution of Police Canine Interlocal Agreement with the City of Oakwood for returning Canine Zelda back to the City of Teague.
City Administrator Bell explained that due to the terms of the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Oakwood they were required to return Zelda back to the City of Teague. She continued by explaining that the handler, Matt Foree, is no longer employed with the City of Oakwood and as part of the agreement the City of Oakwood returned her and presented Mayor Monks with the Interlocal Agreement which required his signature.
Alderman Ballew moved to approved Agenda Item 9 D., seconded by Alderman Mathison.
Motion carried 5-0.

- e. Discussion and possible action on authorizing the City Administrator and Chief of Police to draft and execute the necessary documents to transfer Canine Zelda to Matt Foree.
Mayor Monks and City Administrator Bell explained that Matt Foree was the handler for the City of Oakwood, and it was Mr. Foree, himself who sought out the training for Zelda.
Alderman Mathison made a motion to approve 9 E. as written, seconded by Alderman Michaud.
Motion carried 5-0.

- f. Discussion and possible action on extended the mowing contract with CRW for one additional year as the current contract allows.
City Administrator Bell informed the Board of Aldermen that CRW has agreed to mow the newly acquired Feed Store property for no additional Cost. She also commented that CRW mows several of the properties more than the contract requires for no additional charge.

When Public Works Director Cowling was asked if he satisfied with CRW and their performance he responded in agreeance and commented that whenever he has a concern or issue, they immediately address and remedy the matter.

Alderman Nickleberry made a motion to approve Agenda Item 9 F., seconded by Alderman Ballew. Motion carried 5-0.

- g. Discussion and possible action on authorizing the City Administrator to sign the petition to abandon the alley between Parcel Numbers 23220 and 23222.

City Administrator Bell explained that this is the alley located in between the recent acquisition of property in July and Bodine's place on South 5th Avenue. She continued by explaining that currently this area is dense with trees and not currently being used as a right of way.

Alderman Jones responded, that's (area dense with trees) what I thought.

Alderman Ballew moved to authorize the Administrator to sign the petition to abandon the alley between Parcel Numbers 23220 and 23222, seconded by Alderman Jones. Motion carried 5-0.

10. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

- Administration & Courts– Theresa Bell, City Administrator
- Public Works – Jacob Cowling, Public Works Director
- Police Department & Code Enforcement – DeWayne Philpott, Chief of Police
- Library – Melissa Satterwhite, Librarian
- EDC

Alderman reviewed the reports.

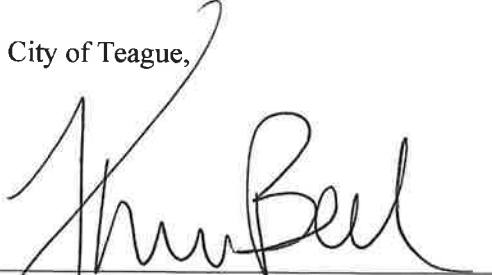
Stephanie Burns, Teague EDC's Board President, explained that they did not have a report because she was going to be present in the meeting. She continued by stating that recently a new restaurant opened, Smoke' D Out, and two other new businesses will be opening, one is a boutique that will be on Main Street in Joy Bowers' building and the other is a business going in to Blevé Bridge's old building. She also informed the Board of Alderman that the EDC hired Kyle Steen as their new Executive Director, and he will be starting on August 30, 2021.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS: *None*

12. ADJOURN: *Mayor Monks adjourned the meeting at 7:10 P.M.*

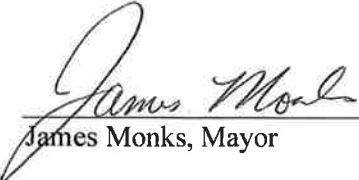
The meeting adjourned.

The City of Teague,



Theresa Bell, CPM, TRMC
City Secretary / Administrator





James Monks, Mayor