

MINUTES
CITY OF TEAGUE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 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 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: James Monks, Mayor, Jerry Ballew Alderman, Place I, Marie Hertenberger, Alderman Place III, Chris Nickleberry, Alderman Place IV and Marilyn Michaud, Alderman Place V*
Absent: Ron Rasbeary, Alderman Place II, Ron Rasbeary
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. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. Discussion and possible action on approving Ordinance 2019-02-06, Amending an Ordinance of the City of Teague, Texas Chapter 7. Municipal Court, Article 7.100. Municipal Court Judge of the Code of Ordinances of the City by amending the provisions regarding the Municipal Court Judge to include procedures for removal of said judge as an appointed municipal officer; providing a savings clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.
City Administrator Prasil explained that during the process of reviewing the Code of Ordinances it was identified that Chapter 7 needed to be amended to include the description of the Municipal Judge as an official Officer of the City and set standards of what procedures would be required if it ever became necessary for the removal of the Judge.
Alderman Ballew stated, he understands from reading the current Ordinance that the Judge serves in office for a term of two years without any recourse to remove.
Mayor Monks replied, I believe that is correct.
Alderman Ballew stated, this Ordinance will add a section to the current one to include a method of removal of that individual.
Mayor Monks replied, that is correct.
Alderman Hertenberger asked, does this mean that only the Mayor can dismiss her or can the Council?
City Administrator Prasil referenced the proposed Ordinance and read aloud Section (f) Removal. As an appointed municipal officer, the municipal judge may be removed:
 - (1) *for incompetency, corruption, misconduct or malfeasance in office by affirmative vote of the majority of the council after providing the judge due notice and opportunity to be heard; or*
 - (2) *at any time by a two-thirds vote of the elected city council in favor of a resolution declaring the lack of confidence in the judge.**Alderman Hertenberger stated, our judge is here for two years and asked, what hours does she come?*

City Administrator Prasil explained, the judge is appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Board of Aldermen and that the judge serves the same term as the Mayor, which is appointed on even years.

Alderman Hertenberger asked, how long is she here in her office?

City Administrator Prasil replied, she is scheduled to be in her office Thursdays from 8 am-5 pm but her schedule does vary sometimes with little to no notice.

Alderman Hertenberger stated, so she is supposed to be here on Thursdays.

City Administrator Prasil commented, yes, and she explained that when prior Court Clerk Ms. Henderson left the City the Council authorized the Judge to come every Thursdays 8 am- 5 pm with an hour lunch instead of every other Thursdays as she was one doing. She continued by stating this was to allow for those who need to come before the Judge the opportunity to do so. She also stated that the Judge does come on different days sometimes and comes when she can.

Alderman Hertenberger asked, when she can?

City Administrator Prasil explained that Judge Mays serves as a Municipal Judge in another city and she is also a Justice of the Peace so there are times that things come before her that may keep her from coming and also illness and other type of absences.

Alderman Hertenberger asked, is she paid by the City?

City Administrator Prasil replied, yes, she is paid an hourly wage.

Alderman Hertenberger asked, do we furnish her insurance?

City Administrator Prasil replied, no.

Alderman Ballew moved to approve Ordinance 2019-02-06 as written with an effective date of February 7, 2019, seconded by Alderman Hertenberger. Motion carried 4-0.

At 6:10 P.M. Open Session convened into Executive Session

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.001, et seq., the City Council will recess into Executive Session (closed meeting) to discuss the following:
- a. § 551.074: Conduct an executive session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.074(a) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee:
 - i. Employment of Hailey Brown for position of Utility Clerk
 - ii. Employment of Eric Sterling for position of Animal Control/Code Enforcement/911 Coordinator
 - iii. Employment of Rogelio Vasquez for the position of Public Works Technician
 - iv. Employment of Christopher Condren for the position of Police Officer
 - v. Employment of Robert Remaley for the position of Police Officer

At 6:41 P.M. Executive Session convened into Open Session

8. **RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION** - In accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, the City Council will reconvene into Regular Session to consider and take any necessary action on matters discussed in Executive Session.

Motion to employ Hailey Brown as the Utility Clerk at \$12 per hour was made by Alderman Nickleberry, seconded by Alderman Ballew. Motion carried 4-0.

Alderman Ballew moved to offer employment to Eric Sterling for position of Animal Control/Code Enforcement/911 Coordinator at \$14 per hour with an additional \$1 per hour with the successful completion of Animal Control Basic Training and an additional \$1 per hour after being certified as a Code Enforcement Officer, seconded by Alderman Hertenberger. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion to hire Rogelio Vasquez for the position of Public Works Technician at the rate of \$13 per hour was made by Alderman Nickleberry, seconded by Alderman Hertenberger. Motion carried 4-0.

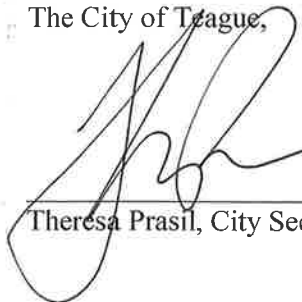
Alderman Ballew moved to offer the position of Police Officer to Christopher Condren at the rate of \$16 per hour and after six months and successful completion of skills training and additional \$.50 per hour, seconded by Alderman Nickleberry. Motion carried 4-0.

Alderman Ballew moved to offer the position of Police Officer to Robert Remaley at the rate of \$16 per hour and after six months and successful completion of skills training and additional \$.50 per hour, seconded by Alderman Michaud. Motion carried 4-0.

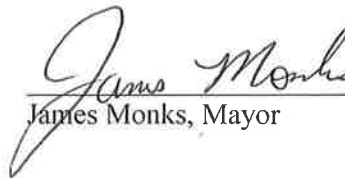
9. ADJOURNMENT: *Mayor Monks adjourned the meeting at 6:44 P.M.*

The meeting adjourned.

The City of Teague,



Theresa Prasil, City Secretary / Adm



James Monks, Mayor

