

**MINUTES  
CITY OF TEAGUE  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2018 10:00 A.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE QUORUM IS PRESENT:** *The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Mayor James Monks and Quorum was announced with all present Aldermen seated at their respective places.*
2. **INVOCATION:** *Alderman Ballew*
3. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** *Alderman Rasbeary*
4. **ROLL CALL:** *Present: Jerry Ballew, Alderman Place 1, Ron Rasbeary, Alderman Place 2, Marie Hertenberger, Alderman Place 3, Marilyn Michaud, Alderman Place 5 and James Monks, Mayor Absent: Chris Nickleberry, Alderman Place 4*
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. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - a. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AMENDING THE COLLECTION CENTER'S POLICY AND PROCEDURES BY ALLOWING, NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, A DETERMINED NUMBER OF FREE PASSES:**

*City Administrator Prasil reminded the Board of Aldermen the item being discussed is for all not-for-profit organizations and this is the third month this item has been presented and discussed.*

*Motion to approve Item 6 a with a designated 1 free pass per billing cycle for not-for-profit organizations. Motion died due to lack of second.*

*Alderman Ballew expressed his concern of an organization, such as a church, that has a large item, such as a couch, will do one of two things to dispose of the item; one of their members will bring it to the Collection Center or they will take it to the Thrift Store for them to worry about it. He explained that First Baptist takes their left-over garage sale items to the Thrift Store. He also stated that he feels that passing this policy change would affect the Collection Center.*

*Alderman Rasbeary stated he feels this will open a can of worms, if we do it for one not-for-profit we must do it for all.*

*Alderman Ballew replied, we are not doing it for one, we are doing it for all.*

*Alderman Rasbeary stated this was setup for residential only and if we allow for others this will create a can of worms.*

*Alderman Hertenberger stated, there is no way to monitor who will put trash in front of businesses or the dump and that she has spoken to people who have dumpsters and many people who do not own it, uses them. She also stated she believes we have had this issue at the City Park.*

*City Administrator Prasil replied, yes, but the Police Department addressed the issue.*

*Alderman Hertenberger states, see, it happens all over town, they don't just pick the Thrift Store because things get left at the dump gate and Housing Authority's dumpsters. She also stated that she believes people bring things to the Thrift Store to be sold. She also explained, there is no way to stop the fact that people will leave things at the front door. She stated, I will have to vote for what is best for the citizens of Teague and their money and that she agrees in a way with Alderman Rasbeary and that it will be opening a can of worms.*

*Alderman Michaud stated, she has not changed her opinion from the last time and disagrees with giving the privilege to not-for-profit or commercial business for use of the Collection Center.*

*Motion to not allow any free passes for not-for-profit organizations was made by Alderman Rasbeary, seconded by Alderman Michaud. Motion carried 3-1 (Alderman Ballew voting no)*

*Alderman Ballew stated, that is already the policy.*

*Mayor Monks replied correct*

*Alderman Ballew stated, that is a redundant motion.*

*Alderman Rasbeary stated, it keeps showing up on the Agenda and we must get it off the Agenda.*

## 7. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING RESOLUTION NO: 2018-09-14 WHICH AUTHORIZES THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT FOR ROUTINE AIRPORT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM (RAMP GRANT) AT THE TEAGUE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00; AND AUTHORIZING COMPLIANCE WITH THE GRANT TERMS; 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 TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT FOR ROUTINE AIRPORT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM:

*City Administrator Prasil stated, this will be the third year we are applying for the RAMP Grant. She explained, this is a 50/50 grant which helps pay for the routine maintenance at the airport. She stated, this reimburses the City for 50% of the expenditures for repairs and maintenance and this year we were able to replace several lights, the air conditioner in the lounge and repaint part of the airport.*

*Alderman Rasbeary asked, this covers the lights and runway?*

*City Administrator Prasil replied, yes.*

*Alderman Ballew stated, there is \$11,554 budgeted and if we spent more we would need to make an adjustment to that line item.*

*City Administrator Prasil replied, yes and under the General Fund Revenues there is a revenue line item for the funds received from the grant that offsets the expenditure line item.*

*Motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-09-14 which authorizes the submission of a grant for Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP Grant) at the Teague Municipal Airport for Fiscal Year 2019, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00; and authorizing compliance with the grant terms; 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 Texas Department of Transportation Grant for Routine Airport Maintenance Program was made by Alderman Hertenberger, seconded by Alderman Rasbeary. Motion carried 4-0.*

- b. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING RESOLUTION NO. 2018-09-14 (2); A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF TEAGUE, TEXAS, CASTING VOTES FOR THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RISK POOL (WORKERS' COMPENSATION, PROPERTY AND LIABILITY) BOARD OF TRUSTEES, PLACES 11 THROUGH 14, TO SERVE A SIX-YEAR TERM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

*Alderman Ballew stated, he reviewed the candidates and based his decisions on their educations, present job positions and experience and votes; Randy Criswell for Place 11, Kimberly Meismer for Place 12, Mike Jones for Place 13 and David Rutledge for Place 14.*

*Alderman Rasbeary stated, I vote; Rick A. Schroder for Place 11, Robert D. Wilson, Jr. for Place 12, Mike Jones for Place 13 and Bert Echterling for Place 14.*

*Alderman Hertenberger stated, she does not know these people and since Alderman Ballew researched them she will go with what he says.*

*Alderman Michaud stated, she would go with Alderman Ballew's selection as he was part of their selection and knows more than she does.*

*City Administrator tallied the Board of Aldermen's votes and the majority are as following; Randy Criswell for Place 11, Kimberly Meisner for Place 12, Mike Jones for Place 13 and David Rutledge for Place 14.*

*Motion to approve the votes of Randy Criswell for Place 11, Kimberly Meisner for Place 12, Mike Jones for Place 13 and David Rutledge for Place 14 and Resolution 2018-09-14 (2) was made by Alderman Rasbeary, seconded by Alderman Ballew. Motion carried 4-0.*

- c. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF AWARDED BY RESOLUTION 2018-09-14 (3) THE ENGINEERING PROCUREMENT FOR APPLICATION PREPARATION AND PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH A 2019-2020 TXCDBG APPLICATION:

*City Administrator Prasil explained, this is the big grant that we are in the processing of applying for to assist with wastewater infrastructure improvements. She also explained, this part of the procurement process for engineers and out of the 5 proposal request only 2 replied, TRC Engineers, Inc. and Bleyl Engineering. She stated, Mayor Monks, Public Works Director Cowling and herself are on the board that scored the proposals; TRC Engineers, Inc. scored 92 and Bleyl Engineering scored 71. She stated, TRC Engineers, Inc scored the highest and is being recommended for this project.*

*Motion to approve awarding TRC Engineers, Inc by Resolution 2018-09-14 (3) the engineering procurement for application preparation and project implementation in conjunction with a 2019-2020 TXCDBG Application was made by Alderman Rasbeary, seconded by Alderman Hertenberger. Motion carried 4-0.*

- d. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING MAYOR JAMES MONKS' NOMINATION OF SHIRLEY MAYS AS THE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR THE CITY OF TEAGUE FOR THE 2018-2020 TERM:

*Alderman Michaud asked if the Judge would continue to only be in the office on Thursdays.*

*City Administrator Prasil replies, yes.*

*Motion to approve Mayor James Monks' nomination of Shirley Mays as the Municipal Court Judge for the City of Teague for the 2018-2020 Term was made by Alderman Rasbeary, seconded by Alderman Ballew. Motion carried 4-0.*

- e. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL INDEPENDENT AUDITING SERVICE PROPOSAL TO CONDUCT THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT FOR THE FISCAL YEARS OF 2018, 2019 AND 2020:

*City Administrator Prasil stated, there were 3 independent auditing service proposals received for the years of 2018, 2019 and 2020. She informed the Board of Aldermen that the proposals were as followed: Donald L Allman, CPA, annual fees \$12,000-\$14,000, Current Customers- City of Hearne, City of Groesbeck, City of Valley Mills and City of Lott*

*Frank Campos & Associates, PLLC, annual fees \$16,800, Current Customer- Fairfield EDC*

*Alton D. Thiele P.C., CPA annual fee \$16,000 for 2018 and 5% increase each year after, Current Customer- City of Wortham*

*Alderman Ballew stated he reviewed the proposals and felt that Donald Allman was the best choice.*

*Motion to employ Donald L. Allman, CPA to conduct the 2018-2020 annual financial audits was made by Alderman Hertenberger, seconded by Alderman Ballew. Motion carried 4-0.*

- f. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING ORDINANCE 2018-09-14 AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; INCREASING THE WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS; AND ESTABLISHING WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR COMMERCIAL CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS:

*City Administrator Prasil explained that the presented Ordinance reflects the discussed base rate increases and establishes commercial rates for water and sewer fees. She also reminded the Board of Aldermen that they heard the public concerns on August 20, 2018 during the Public Hearing.*

*Motion to approve Ordinance 2018-09-14 Amending Chapter 13 of the Code of Ordinances, increasing the water and sewer rates for residential customer accounts; and establishing water and sewer rates for commercial accounts was made by Alderman Rasbeary, seconded by Alderman Hertenberger. Motion carried 4-0.*

- g. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT ORDINANCE NO. 2018-09-14 (2) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2017-2018:

*City Administrator Prasil stated that the presented Budget Amendment Ordinance contains \$593,108 of approved and appropriated amendments made during the fiscal year. She also commented the City Staff for controlling expenditures and making wise decisions, has resulted in the amendments listed in Section 2 and 3, not requiring any additional allocated funds.*

*Alderman Rasbeary asked if the \$593,108 needs funds allocated.*

*City Administrator Prasil responded, no, the \$593,108 were amended and allocated funds were made during the fiscal year.*

*Alderman Ballew thanked the City Administrator and the City Staff.*

*Motion to approve Budget Amendment Ordinance No. 2018-09-14 (2) for the Fiscal Year of 2017-2018 was made by Alderman Ballew, seconded by Alderman Rasbeary. Motion carried 4-0.*

- h. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON GUIDELINES AND REQUEST FOR THE TEAGUE CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK COMMUNITY COMMITTEE FOR THE 2018 PARK DECORATIONS AND EVENTS:

*City Administrator Prasil expressed the positive feedback and joy the community gets from the Community Sponsored Christmas in the Park at the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue City Park during the holiday season. She explained, this is a joint effort from the Community Christmas in the Park Committee, the City, business owners and community members that make this event happen each year. She introduced Mike Gregory, Community Christmas in the Park Committee President, and explained that their rules were provided in the meeting packet. She also stated, this is a time for questions, concerns and requests to be discussed to help ensure everyone is on the same page.*

*Alderman Rasbeary referenced number 11 on the rules (Displays representing a religious theme are welcome. Please use good taste and avoid subject matter that would be outside the norm for most residents of Teague) and asked, you're not discouraging if someone of a different religion, such as an atheist, want to decorate something out there.*

*Mr. Gregory replied, no we are not discouraging that.*

*Alderman Rasbeary stated, I just want to make sure that clears as it may come up.*

*Alderman Ballew stated, can we just eliminate, "Displays representing a religious theme are welcome."*

*Mr. Gregory replied, we have to put that in there and it is in other communities' rules and regulations. He also stated, it can be deleted if the Board would like it to be, but church's may not know they can decorate.*

*Alderman Hertenberger asked, does the City have a tree?*

*City Administrator Prasil responded, yes, number 34.*

*Alderman Rasbeary stated, he feels there must be some way to reword number 11.*

*Mr. Gregory responded, you come up with the wording and we will stick it in there.*

*City Administrator recommended deleting the first sentence "Displays representing a religious theme are welcome."*

*Alderman Rasbeary agreed with City Administrator Prasil.*

*City Administrator Prasil referenced the most recent edition of the Texas Town and Cities Magazine article on religious displays on city property.*

*Mr. Gregory informed the Board of Aldermen of this years plans that included, use of the old pool area, all trees within the park will be decorated, a 60' light tunnel down the middle of the park, replacement of some of the lights on the decorations he donated to the City.*

*Alderman Rasbeary asked Mr. Gregory for clarification of what he means by the lights on the City's stuff.*

*Mr. Gregory replied, my system, I donated to the City.*

*Alderman Rasbeary asked, like what?*

*Mr. Gregory replied the lights on the Christmas Tree, and all that he is asking for his help putting up and taking down the system. He also stated he met with City Administrator Prasil about a few other changes (staking down cords and use of only outside grade electrical devices) and assured they would be compliant. He also presented the upcoming events to include; November 1<sup>st</sup> beginning of setup, November 30<sup>th</sup> dry run, December 1<sup>st</sup> opening night to include a ribbon cutting at 5 P.M., December 8<sup>th</sup> Fun Run 5K Fundraiser, December 15<sup>th</sup> last event night, December 31<sup>st</sup> last night of the park and January 7<sup>th</sup> all decorations must be taken down and put away. He requested a key to the City's old pool house due to the fact this is were 95% of their decorations are stored and the City does not have many items stored there.*

*City Administrator Prasil asked Public Works Director Cowling to verify if there is any City property located in the buildings.*

*Public Works Director Cowling replied, not really, just the old life guard stands.*

*City Administrator Prasil explained, she does not see a problem with it as their items are really the only thing located in the building at this time.*

*Alderman Michaud asked Mr. Gregory to confirm his previous statement, the repairs to the City owned decorations are being taken care of by the committee?*

*Mr. Gregory confirmed and stated its about \$400 worth of lights being replaced.*

*Alderman Ballew referenced number 14, "If the trees are not dismantled by the 7<sup>th</sup>, the committee has the right to dismantle and charge the company/organization/person a minimum charge of \$50.00 to \$200.00, depending on the time needed to do this. Also, the decorator will NOT BE ALLOWED TO HAVE A TREE FOR A PERIOD OF 5 YEARS." and asked if they have ever had to charge someone?*

*Mr. Gregory replied, no, but came close last year, it took them till nearly March to get one tree taken down and he put this in there to get their attention this year.*

*Alderman Ballew asked, so this was not in there last year?*

*Mr. Gregory replied, no.*

*Alderman Rasbeary stated, he is against that, (charging someone for not taking down decorations) because this is supposed to be a benefit for the city, but he does agree with not allowing them to decorate a tree again.*

*Mr. Gregory asked, if we cannot fine them for not taking it down, who is going to take it down, because it is my time too?*

*Alderman Rasbeary stated, I understand, but it is also everyone else's time who comes down when they get off work to put the stuff up.*

*Mr. Gregory stated, I agree but it only takes an hour to take down your tree and all we are asking is for them to take it down within a timely manner. He also stated the money would go toward the Christmas Committee.*

*Alderman Rasbeary stated, I understand, but I am against that part and I would like to see that taken out.*

*Mr. Gregory asked, if they don't take it down, we just don't allow them to have a tree anymore?*

*Alderman Rasbeary replied, that's right.*

*Mr. Gregory asked, who can I call to come take it down?*

*Alderman Rasbeary replied, call me if it is that big of a deal.*

*Mr. Gregory stated, I don't think you understand the several hours they put into the park.*

*Alderman Rasbeary replied, I understand.*

*Mayor Monks struck the gavel and stated if it becomes an issue please call City Hall and we will have the tree and decorations removed.*

*Alderman Ballew agreed with Alderman Rasbeary stating, I believe not allowing them to have a tree for 5 years is a good idea.*

*Motion to approve the guideline with the amendments to include the removal of the first sentence in Number 11 and the removal of the fees to be charged in Number 14 was made by Alderman Rasbeary, seconded by Alderman Ballew. Motion carried 4-0.*

*At 10:46 A.M. Open Session convened into Executive Session*

8. **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 Personnel Matter: Conduct an interview and deliberate the employment of Robert Mike Morrow for the position of Public Works Technician.
  - b. § 551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property: Deliberation regarding the Rodeo Arena lease.

*At 11:21 A.M. Executive Session convened into Open Session*

9. **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.

*Motion to remove Item 8 a. from the Agenda was made by Alderman Ballew, seconded by Alderman Rasbeary. Motion carried 4-0.*

*Motion to take no action on Item 8 b. was made by Alderman Rasbeary, seconded by Alderman Hertenberger. Motion carried 4-0.*

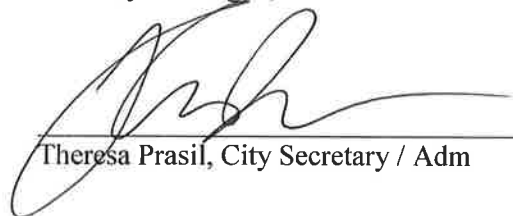
10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

*City Administrator Prasil reminded everyone that National Night Out is October 2, 2018 and the next TML Region 9 Meeting is September 27, 2018 in Groesbeck.*

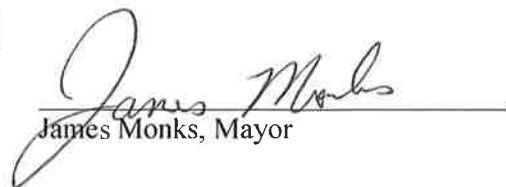
11. **ADJOURNMENT:** *At 11:23 A.M. motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Michaud, seconded by Alderman Ballew. Motion Carried 4-0.*

*The meeting adjourned.*

The City of Teague,

  
Theresa Prasil, City Secretary / Adm



  
James Monks, Mayor