



City of Arcola

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Minutes of a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Arcola, County of Fort Bend, State of Texas, held on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at: Arcola City Hall, Room 124; 13222 Highway 6; Arcola, Texas 77583 for the purpose of considering the following items. The City Council of the City of Arcola, Texas, reserves the right to meet in closed session on any of the below items should the need arise and if applicable pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

- I. CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Fred A. Burton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. INVOCATION:** Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson gave the Invocation.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Council Member Rosie Rojas led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- IV. ROLL CALL:** Mayor Fred A. Burton, Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson, Council Member Evelyn Jones, Council Member Ebony Sanco, Council Member Greg Abarr, Council Member Rosie Rojas were present. Also present were City Bookkeeper Jeff Garcia, City Secretary Sally Cantu, City Attorney Ford Hamilton, and City Administrator Dr. Annette Guajardo.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

GENERAL COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE. Citizens who desire to address the City Council with comments of a general nature will be received at this time. The total amount of time that a member of the public may address the City Council is limited to three (3) minutes, provided that any member of the public who addresses the City Council through a translator is limited to six (6) minutes. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council is restricted from discussing or taking any action on items not listed on the agenda. It is our policy to have all speakers identify themselves by providing their name and residential address when making comments. City Council heard comments from Lisa Stepney.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE FOR CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA ITEM Citizens who desire to address the City Council, with regard to matters on the Consent Agenda or Regular Agenda will be received either at this time or, if they state at this time that they elect to do so, during the City Council's consideration of the item. The total amount of time that a member of the public may address the City Council on a given item is limited to three (3) minutes, provided that any member of the public who addresses the City Council on a given item through a translator is limited to six (6) minutes. Comments or discussion by the City Council Members will only be made at the time the agenda item is scheduled for consideration. It is our policy to have all speakers identify themselves by providing their name and residential address when making comments.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

VII. CONSENT AGENDA: None

VIII. REGULAR AGENDA:

A. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action—Approval of previous meeting minutes.

After review of previous meeting minutes; **Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson** so moved to approve previous meeting minutes of November 2, 2021 and November 9, 2021; **seconded by Council Member Ebony Sanco**. All were in favor.

Aye: Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson and Council Members Evelyn Jones, Greg Abarr, Ebony Sanco, Rosie Rojas

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

B. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action—Month of October 2021 Financial Report by Ham, Langston & Brezina, L.L.P.; and related matters.

Ms. Ruthie Cable was not available. Dr. Annette Guajardo reviewed the Bookkeeper's Report and Financial Report for the month of October 2021. Mr. Jeff Garcia also reviewed the financial report.

After review, **Council Member Greg Abarr so moved** to accept the report; with the asterisks by it, that there is a number of things to be corrected; and request a new October report when all the corrections are made; **seconded by Council Member Evelyn Jones**. All were in favor.

Aye: Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson and Council Members Evelyn Jones, Greg Abarr, Ebony Sanco, Rosie

Rojas **Nay:** 0

Motion carried. 5-0

C. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action—Fuel Interlocal Agreement Between Fort Bend County and the City of Arcola, including; termination, notices, and related matters.

City Administrator Dr. Annette Guajardo discussed the fuel interlocal agreement between Fort Bend County and City of Arcola. She would like commission to look at the contract to see if the City can use another local gas station to purchase gasoline and see which would be cheaper. There is due process that must happen. City Council also heard from Sgt. Carr regarding the issues with the current fuel interlocal agreement.

After discussion, **Council Member Greg Abarr so moved** to allow the City Administrators to look into alternatives to the current City fuel issue; **seconded by Council Member Ebony Sanco**. All were in favor.

Aye: Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson and Council Members Evelyn Jones, Greg Abarr, Ebony Sanco, Rosie Rojas

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

D. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action—City Administrator’s report by Dr. Annette Guajardo, including;
a. Update on 4.140 Acres Track of Land, 434 McKeever Road, Arcola, Fort Bend County, Texas 77583, and related matters.

Dr. Annette Guajardo requested to allow to discuss the detail of the property into executive session as authorized by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

City Council adjourned into Executive Session at 7:44 p.m.

City Council returned from Executive Session at 8:42 p.m.

Council Member Greg Abarr so moved to allow the City Administrator to identify all the costs, identify with 1-6 and then generate an offer letter not to exceed \$715,000.00 for both pieces of property; **seconded by Council Member Evelyn Jones**.

Aye: Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson and Council Members Evelyn Jones, Greg Abarr, Ebony Sanco, Rosie Rojas

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

E. EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE.

Matters relating to Chief of Police for the City of Arcola, including; employment, duties, recommendation,

hiring, salary, contract, and related matters

-Closed or executive session as authorized by Section 551.074, Texas Government Code

No Executive Session on this item.

F. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action—Chief of Police position; including, employment, duties, recommendation, hiring, salary, contract, and related matters.

Council Member Greg Abarr so moved to start the process of identifying a Police Chief for the City of Arcola; **seconded by Council Member Evelyn Jones**. All were in favor.

Aye: Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson and Council Members Evelyn Jones, Greg Abarr, Ebony Sanco, Rosie Rojas

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

IX. ADJOURNMENT.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jackson so moved to adjourn at 8:46 p.m.; **seconded by Council Member Evelyn Jones**. All were in favor.

Aye: Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson and Council Members Evelyn Jones, Greg Abarr, Ebony Sanco, Rosie Rojas

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0