



City of Arcola

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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Arcola, County of Fort Bend, State of Texas, held on Tuesday, June 8, 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 7:17 p.m.
- II. **INVOCATION:** Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson gave the Invocation.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Council Member Evelyn Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 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**
All members of City Council were present. Also present were City Attorney Carl Allred, City Secretary Sally Cantu, City Administrator Annette Goldberg, and Acting Chief of Police R. Stewart.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS.** No 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.
Council Member Rosie Rojas inquired about mosquito spraying.

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. **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson, Council Member Evelyn Jones, Council Member Ebony Sanco, Council Member Greg Abarr, Council Member Rosie Rojas**
Council Member Rosie Rojas inquired about mosquito spraying.
- VIII. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. **Approval of previous meeting minutes.**
Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson so moved to approve previous meeting minutes of March 23, 2021 and May 11, 2021; **seconded by Council Member Rosie Rojas.** All were in favor.
Aye: Council Members Evelyn Jones, Greg Abarr, Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson, Ebony Sanco, Rosie Rojas
Nay: 0
Motion carried. 5-0
 - B. **Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action—April Financial Report by Ham, Langston & Brezina, L.L.P.; and related matters.**
Ruthie Cable of Ham, Langston and Brezina, L.L.P reviewed the April financial report for the month of April 2021.
Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson so moved to accept the financial report for the month of April as presented; **seconded by Council Member Rosie Rojas.** All were in favor.
Aye: Council Members Evelyn Jones, Greg Abarr, Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson, Ebony Sanco, Rosie Rojas
Nay: 0
Motion carried. 5-0

C. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action—Water and Wastewater Systems and including (a) Operator’s Report by John Montgomery, Municipal Operations and Consulting and related matters.

Utility Operator, John Montgomery of Municipal Operators reviewed the operations report for the month of May 2021. After review and discussion, **Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson so moved** to accept the Operator’s Report; seconded by Council Member Evelyn Jones. All were in favor.

Aye: Council Members Evelyn Jones, Greg Abarr, Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson, Ebony Sanco, Rosie Rojas
Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

D. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action—City Engineer Report by Llarance Turner, update and pending projects and related matters, including:

(a) Fort Bend ISD Middle School #16 Preliminary Plat—A subdivision of 30.300 acres located in the Thomas Barnett Survey, Abstract No. 7 Fort Bend County, Texas 0 Lots, 1 Reserve, 1 Block and related matters.

City Engineer Llarance Turner reviewed the Fort Bend ISD Middle School #16 Preliminary Plat. This tract is located off South Post Oak Road. The applicant addressed all comments. This is the future Middle School in Arcola. Staff recommends approving the subdivision plat.

After discussion, **Council Member Evelyn Jones so moved** to approve the Fort Bend ISD Middle School #16 Preliminary Plat—A subdivision of 30.300 acres located in the Thomas Barnett Survey, Abstract No. 7 Fort Bend County, Texas, 0 Lots, 1 Reserve, 1 Block; **seconded by Council Member Greg Abarr**. All were in favor.

Aye: Council Members Evelyn Jones, Greg Abarr, Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson, Ebony Sanco, Rosie Rojas
Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

(b) Midfield West, A subdivision of a 0.7452-acre tract of land being out of Lot 1, New York, and Texas Land Company Subdivision (Vol. 26, PG. 596; F.B.C.D.R.) in the Manuel Escalero Survey, Abstract No. 170, City of Arcola, Fort Bend County, Texas, 1 Reserve, 0 Lots, 1 Block and related matters.

City Engineer Llarance Turner reviewed Midfield West subdivision at great length. This tract is located off McKeever Road and behind City Hall. Comments were issued to the applicant and they have addressed those items. The structure is proposed to be more like warehouses and very little office space. Staff recommends approving the subdivision plat for Midfield West.

After review and discussion, **Council Member Greg Abarr so moved** to disapprove Midfield West, A subdivision of a 0.7452-acre tract of land being out of Lot 1, New York, and Texas Land Company Subdivision (Vol. 26, PG. 596; F.B.C.D.R.) in the Manuel Escalero Survey, Abstract No. 170, City of Arcola, Fort Bend County, Texas, 1 Reserve, 0 Lots, 1 Block and bring it back before Council after the building plans are reviewed and approved by City Staff; **seconded by Council Member Rosie Rojas**. All were in favor.

Aye: Council Members Evelyn Jones, Greg Abarr, Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson, Ebony Sanco, Rosie Rojas
Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

IX. REGULAR AGENDA:

A. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action—Acceptance of the City of Arcola Financial Audit report for F/Y 2020 and related matters.

Christopher Breaux of Whitley Penn LLP reviewed the City of Arcola Financial Audit report for F/Y2020.

After review and discussion, **Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson so moved** to accept the City of Arcola F/Y 2020 Financial Audit as presented; **seconded by Council Member Ebony Sanco**. All were in favor.

Aye: Council Members Evelyn Jones, Greg Abarr, Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson, Ebony Sanco, Rosie Rojas
Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

- B. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action—Update from the Mayor’s Desk, including:**
- (a) Post Oak Pointe and related matters.** Mr. Nino Corbett gave an update on the Post Oak Pointe Pointe development.
 - (b) HGAC Flood Mitigation and related matters.** Mayor Burton reported that the State has sent funds to Fort Bend County for the HGAC Flood Mitigation. The City is going to prepare to submit projects for flood mitigation in the Arcola area.
 - (c) Heavy Trash and related matters.** Mayor Burton announced Heavy Trash day is June 19th from 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon. He plans to have heavy trash pickup every quarter. COVID-19 testing and COVID-19 vaccinations are also scheduled on June 19th.
 - (d) Fourth of July and related matters.** Mayor Burton announced a Fourth of July firework display, only. The fireworks are donated to the City.
- C. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action—City Administrator’s Report by Annette Guajardo-Goldberg; updates and pending projects and related matters, including;**
- (a) FEMA closeout and related matters.** City Administrator Annette Goldberg reported that the City has received FEMA reimbursement in the amount of \$487,720.53.
 - (b) Wi-Fi and related matters.** The Wi-Fi for the City Hall is still in progress.
- D. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action—Acting Police Chief’s Report by R. Stewart and related matters.** Acting Chief R. Stewart reviewed the Arcola Police Department report and traffic stats.
- E. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action— Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action—Approval of City of Arcola Bereavement Leave Policy, amending HR Policies and Procedures, and related matters.** City Council discussed amending the HR Policies and Procedures by adding a Bereavement Leave Policy for City employees. City Administrator Annette Goldberg presented a draft bereavement leave policy to City Council.

After discussion, **Council Member Evelyn Jones so moved** to accept the City of Arcola Bereavement Leave Policy with the Part-Time Employee pro-rata pay part taken out; **seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson.**

Aye: Council Members Evelyn Jones, Greg Abarr, Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson

Nay: Council Members Rosie Rojas and Ebony Sanco

Motion carried. 3 For, 2 Against

- F. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action—K-9 Program and related matters.** After discussion, **Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson so moved** to terminate the Arcola Police Department K-9 Program; **seconded by Council Member Evelyn Jones.** All were in favor.
- Aye: Council Members Evelyn Jones, Greg Abarr, Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson, Ebony Sanco, Rosie Rojas
- Nay: 0
- Motion carried. 5-0
- G. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action—Ordinance No. 2021-06-08; An Ordinance of the City Council City of Arcola, Texas, amending Ordinance No. 2019-06-11; An Ordinance Adopting Fence Regulations; Providing for a Permit Fee; Providing for a Penalty; Providing for Severability; Providing for repeal and Providing for an effective date.**

After discussion, **Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson so moved** to approve Ordinance No. 2021-06-08; An Ordinance of the City Council City of Arcola, Texas, amending Ordinance No. 2019-06-11; An Ordinance Adopting Fence Regulations; Providing for a Permit Fee; Providing for a Penalty; Providing for Severability; Providing for repeal and Providing for an effective date; **seconded by Council Member Greg Abarr.** All were in favor.

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

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

X. ADJOURNMENT.

Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson so moved to adjourn at 9:57 p.m.; **seconded by Council Member Greg Abarr.** All were in favor.

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

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0