



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 Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at: Arcola City Hall, Room 124; 13222 Highway 6, Arcola, Texas 77583 for the purpose of considering the following numbered 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 7:02 p.m.
- II. INVOCATION.** Council Member Evelyn Jones gave the Invocation.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.** Council Member Ebony Sanco 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 Greg Abarr, Council Member Ebony Sanco, and Council Member Rosie Rojas were present. Also present were City Secretary Sally Cantu, Finance Director Ruthie Cable, 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 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.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE FOR CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA ITEM. Citizens who desire to address the City Council, regarding 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 HEARING: NONE

VII. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action—Ordinance No. 2022-05-17; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARCOLA, TEXAS ADOPTING THE CODE NUMBERING SYSTEM, THAT THE OLD CODE WAS RENUMBERED AND RESTRUCTURED AND CODIFIED INTO A NEW NUMBERING SYSTEM, FORMATTED UNIFORMLY FOR EASIER MAINTENANCE MOVING FORWARD AND ALL NEW ORDINANCES CREATED SHOULD BE CREATED FROM THE NEW CODE NUMBERING VERSUS THE OLD and related matters.**

After discussion, **Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson so moved to approve** Ordinance No. 2022-05-17; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARCOLA, TEXAS ADOPTING THE CODE NUMBERING SYSTEM, THAT THE OLD CODE WAS RENUMBERED AND RESTRUCTURED AND CODIFIED INTO A NEW NUMBERING SYSTEM, FORMATTED UNIFORMLY FOR EASIER MAINTENANCE MOVING FORWARD AND ALL NEW ORDINANCES CREATED SHOULD BE CREATED FROM THE NEW CODE NUMBERING VERSUS THE OLD. **seconded by Council Member Evelyn Jones.** All were in favor.

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

Motion carried. 5-0

VIII. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action—Presentation by Nunn Construction regarding the Water Plant and related matters.**

Representatives from Nunn Construction gave a brief presentation regarding the Water Plant. The process for CenterPoint is to start with the easement documents sent to City Hall for signature; and then send to CenterPoint with the

fees to do the easement study, which takes about eight weeks. After easement study, CenterPoint will contact the pole placement department to set the pole and their equipment. The control panel will be ready in August. When that becomes available, they will come out to do the service rack, and install their underground and equipment inside the building. The switchboard is the major concern because that is the main breaker to the building for all the power and that will not be available until December or so. CenterPoint may be ready to go; but until Nunn Construction is finished, CenterPoint will not give them power.

B. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action—Ordinance No. 2022-05-17A, AN ORDINANCE CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION; AND CONTAINING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT and including;

(1) Certificates of Election; (2) Written Statements of Elected Officers; (3) Oaths and Installation of Officers

City Council formally canvassed the returns of the City of Arcola May 7, 2022 General Election submitted by Fort Bend County Administrator. It is hereby adjudged, determined and declared that Fred A. Burton, with a total of 60 votes cast for him, has been elected MAYOR of the City; Florence A. Jackson, with a total of 51 votes cast for her, has been elected COUNCIL MEMBER of the City; and Rosemary Bigby, with 39 votes cast for her, has been elected COUNCIL MEMBER of the City.

After review, **Council Member Greg Abarr so moved** to approve Ordinance No. 2022-05-17A; An Ordinance Canvassing the Returns and Declaring the Results of The General Election; And Containing Findings and Provisions Related to The Subject; **seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson.** All were in favor.

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

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

Mayor Fred A. Burton presented a Certificate of Appreciation to former Council Member Rosie Rojas in recognition for her support and dedication to the City of Arcola for the past two years.

Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson issued Certificate of Election to Fred A. Burton.

Mayor Fred A. Burton presented Certificates of Election to Florence A. Jackson and Rosemary Bigby.

Fred A. Burton, Florence Jackson and Rosemary Bigby signed their Statement of Elected Officer.

City Secretary Sally Cantu administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Fred A. Burton as the newly elected Mayor of the City of Arcola.

Mayor Fred A. Burton administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Council Member Florence Jackson and Council Member Rosemary Bigby.

C. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action—Mayor Pro-Tem, including election and related matters.

Council Member Greg Abarr so moved to nominate Florence A. Jackson as Mayor Pro-Tem for the City of Arcola; **seconded by Council Member Ebony Sanco.** All were in favor.

Aye: Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jacksons, Council Members Evelyn Jones, Greg Abarr, Ebony Sanco, Rosemary Bigby

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

D. ADJOURNMENT.

Council Member Evelyn Jones so moved to adjourn at 7:41 p.m.; **seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson.** All were in favor.

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

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0