



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, March 08, 2022, 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.
- II. INVOCATION:** Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson gave the Invocation.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Council Member Evelyn Jones led the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.
- IV. ROLL CALL:** Mayor Fred A. Burton, Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson, Council Member Evelyn Jones, Council Member Ebony Sanco, and Council Member Rosie Rojas were present. Council Member Greg Abarr was absent. Also present were City Attorney Ford Hamilton, Dr. Annette Guajardo, Chief Rougeau, and City Secretary Sally Cantu.

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. None.

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. None

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

VII. CONSENT AGENDA. None

VIII. REGULAR AGENDA:

A. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action—Previous meeting minutes and related matters.

After review, **Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson so moved** to approve previous meeting minutes of January 11, 2022, and February 8, 2022; **seconded by Council Member Evelyn Jones**. All were in favor.

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

Nay: 0

Absent: Council Member Greg Abarr

Motion carried. 4-0

B. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action—New St. Phillips MBC 1st Annual Shoes & Socks 4 Kids, donations, and related matters. (Charlotte Fielder and Phylisha Pipkins)

Ms. Charlotte Fielder came before City Council to request a donation towards their New St. Phillips 1st Annual Shoes & Socks 4 Kids program.

After discussion, **Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson so moved** to donate \$1,500.00 towards the New St. Phillip's Annual Shoe Drive, and the funds are to come out of the City of Arcola BBQ Cook-Off budget; **seconded by Council Member Evelyn Jones**. All were in favor.

Aye: Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson, Council Members Evelyn Jones, Ebony Sanco, Rosie Rojas
Nay: 0
Absent: Council Member Greg Abarr
Motion carried. 4-0

C. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action—RESOLUTION NO. 03-08-2022; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCOLA, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF CERTAIN EXPENDITURES FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE FROM THE PROCEEDS OF BOND REVENUE FROM FUTURE ISSUED BONDS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Ford Hamilton reviewed Resolution No. 03-08-2022; A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Arcola, Texas authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenditures for the purchase of real estate from the proceeds of bond revenue from future issued bonds.

After discussion, Council Member Ebony Sanco so moved to approve Resolution No. 03-08-2022; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCOLA, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF CERTAIN EXPENDITURES FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE FROM THE PROCEEDS OF BOND REVENUE FROM FUTURE ISSUED BONDS; seconded by Council Member Rosie Rojas. All were in favor.

Aye: Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson, Council Members Evelyn Jones, Ebony Sanco, Rosie Rojas
Nay: 0
Absent: Council Member Greg Abarr
Motion carried. 4-0

D. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action—Install three carports for the police department, proposal, and related matters.

Mayor Fred Burton expressed the need for three carports for the Police Department. It is part of maintaining and protecting the police vehicles from the elements and protecting the vehicle technology from being damaged by extreme heat.

After discussion, **Council Member Rosie Rojas so moved** to install the carport for the Police Department; **seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson**. All were in favor.

Aye: Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson, Council Members Evelyn Jones, Ebony Sanco, Rosie Rojas
Nay: 0
Absent: Council Member Greg Abarr
Motion carried. 4-0

E. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action—Months of November 2021 Booking Report and December 2021 Bookkeeping Report and Financial Reports by Ham, Langston & Brezina, LLP and related matters.

City Administrator Dr. Annette Guajardo reported that Jeff Garcia is no longer with the City of Arcola. Due to time and the inaccuracy that was reported last month, Ruthie Cable was asked to clean up November 2021 and December 2021 financials. In addition to that, she now working on January 2022 and February 2022 financials.

Ms. Ruthie Cable reviewed the Bookkeeping and Financial Reports for the months of November 2021 and December 2021.

After review, **Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson so moved** to accept the Bookkeeper's Report and Financial Report for November 2021 and December 2021; **seconded by Council Member Evelyn Jones**. All were in favor.

Aye: Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson, Council Members Evelyn Jones, Ebony Sanco, Rosie Rojas
Nay: 0
Absent: Council Member Greg Abarr
Motion carried. 4-0

F. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action—Water and Wastewater Systems and including February 2022 Operator's Report by John Montgomery of Municipal Operations and Consulting, and related matters.

Mr. John Montgomery, Utility Operator, for the City of Arcola reviewed the Operations Report for the month of February 2022 via teleconference.

After review, **Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson so moved** to approve the Operations Report for the month of February 2022; **seconded by Council Member Evelyn Jones**. All were in favor.

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

Nay: 0

Absent: Council Member Greg Abarr

Motion carried. 4-0

G. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action—City Engineer Report by Llarance Turner, update on current projects, pending projects, and related matters.

City Engineer Llarance Turner gave an update on the Water Plant. The contractor is having a challenge getting electrical parts for the motor control center. The parts were ordered six months ago. Dr. Annette Goldberg requested a timeline for the project.

After discussion, **Council Member Evelyn Jones so moved** to accept the Engineering Report; **seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson**. All were in favor.

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

Nay: 0

Absent: Council Member Greg Abarr

Motion carried. 4-0

H. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action—Update from the Mayor’s Desk, including:

1) Canine vehicle and related matters.

Mayor Fred Burton reported that that Canine Vehicle was sold for \$12,000.00. The funds will reflect on the February financial report.

Mr. Nino Corbitt reported that he is ready to close on the lots. He plans to brief the Mayor on all the specifics he needs to work with the Engineer.

I. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action—City Administrator’s Report by Dr. Annette Guajardo, updates, pending projects, and related matters, including;

1) CARES ACT closeout and related matters.

City Administrator Dr. Annette Guajardo reported that it was with great pride to announce that the City has exhausted all \$500,000.00 that was provided to the City from the CARES ACT money.

J. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action—Arcola Police Report by Chief Rougeau, updates, and related matters.

Chief Rougeau reviewed the Arcola Police Report from February 8, 2022, through February 28, 2022.

IX. ADJOURNMENT.

Council Member Evelyn Jones so moved to adjourn at 8:14 p.m.; **seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson**. All were in favor.

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

Nay: 0

Absent: Council Member Greg Abarr

Motion carried. 4-0