



CITY OF ARCOLA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Arcola City Hall
13222 Highway 6
Arcola, Texas 77583

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MINUTES

6:00 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Veeda Williams

INVOCATION

Council Member Rosemary Bigby

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG

Council Member Evelyn Jones

ROLL CALL

Mayor, Council Members and Administration

QUORUM PRESENT

All Members of City Council were Present.

Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, Council Member R. Bigby,
Council Member F. Jackson, Mayor Pro Tem E. Sanco, Mayor Veeda Williams

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

GENERAL 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.

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.

The following members of the public addressed the Council.

1. Rev. Dr. Jobi Chundattu, 13325 Hwy 6
2. Pat Gross, 3611 Pin Oak Circle
3. Ana Rivera, 202 Pinedde Ave.
4. Rodrigo Carreoa, 1122 Avenue C Fresno
5. Fred Burton, 204 Texas Ave.
6. Javier Deleon, 231 Rice Ave.

II. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 551.0415 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council of the City of Arcola may receive reports about items of community interest from City staff and/or a member of the City Council, but no action or possible action shall be taken or discussed concerning the subject of such report, except as provided by Section 551.042 of the Texas Government Code.

Mayor Veeda Williams, Council Member Evelyn Jones Council Member Greg Abarr, Council Member Florence Jackson, Mayor Pro-Tem Council Member Ebony Sanco, and Council Member Rosemary Bigby

Mayor Veeda Williams and Council Members gave comments and reported on events and activities attended.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

All Consent Agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

- A. Consideration of and action on the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of January 9, 2024, Special Meeting January 30, 2024, Regular Meeting February 13, 2024, Special Meeting February 20, 2024, Regular Meeting March 12, 2024, Special Meeting March 26, 2024, Regular Meeting April 9, 2024 and Regular Meeting May 14, 2024. ***Coretta Edwards, Assistant City Secretary***

A motion to **Approve**, Item III-A: The minutes of the regular meeting of January 9, 2024, Special Meeting January 30, 2024, Regular Meeting February 13, 2024, Special Meeting February 20, 2024, Regular Meeting March 12, 2024, Special Meeting March 26, 2024 and Regular Meeting April 9, 2024 and Regular Meeting May 14, 2024 was made by Council Member E. Jones and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem E. Sanco, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, Council Member R. Bigby, Council Member F. Jackson, Mayor Pro Tem E. Sanco

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

IV. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Discussion, consideration of and possible action on an update from Mayor Veeda Williams for the following items below:

1. Land sold to TxDOT - \$1,004,426.00
2. Meetings with:
 - a. County and State Officials
 - b. TxDot Project Leader
 - c. City Engineer
 - d. City Utility Operator
 - e. Judge Mo Ghuneim
 - f. All Staff Members
 - g. Pending Meeting with Fort Bend County Judge K.P. George
 - h. Pending Meeting with Road & Bridge Commissioner Scott Wieghart
3. Fort Bend County
 - a. Section 108 Loan - \$2.7 million
 - b. Community Center Status
 - c. Streets & Drainage Inventory/Assessment
 - d. School Bus Stops
4. Development Agreements Process/Review

Dr. Annette Goldberg, City Administrator gave a report on Land sold to TxDOT, made comments and answered questions from the City Council.

Mayor Veeda Williams gave a report on City Officials and Businesses, Fort Bend County, Development Agreements Process/Review, made comments to the audience and answered questions from the City Council.

- B. Discussion, consideration of and possible action on engaging Olson & Olson, LLP for general legal services for the City of Arcola. ***Veeda Williams, Mayor***

Mayor Veeda Williams gave a presentation, made comments and answered questions from the City Council.

A motion to **Approve**, Item IV-B: The approval to engaging Olson & Olson, LLP for general legal services for the City of Arcola was made by Mayor Pro Tem E. Sanco and seconded by Council Member E. Jones, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, Council Member R. Bigby, Council Member F. Jackson, Mayor Pro Tem E. Sanco

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

- C. Discussion, consideration of and possible action of the Fiscal Year 2023 Audit by BrooksWaston & Co., PLLC. **Mike Brooks, Audit Partner**

Mike Brooks, Audit Partner gave a presentation, made comments and answered questions from the City Council.

A motion to **Approve**, Item IV-C: The approval of the Fiscal Year 2023 Audit by BrooksWaston & Co., PLLC was made by Mayor Pro Tem E. Sanco and seconded by Council Member E. Jones, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, Council Member R. Bigby, Council Member F. Jackson, Mayor Pro Tem E. Sanco

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

- D. Discussion, consideration of and possible action of the April 2024 Financials and other related matters. **Ruthie Cable, Finance Director**

Ruthie Cable, Finance Director gave a presentation, made comments and answered questions from the City Council.

A motion to **Approve**, Item IV-D: The approval of the April 2024 Financials was made by Council Member R. Bigby and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem E. Sanco, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, Council Member R. Bigby, Council Member F. Jackson, Mayor Pro Tem E. Sanco

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

- E. Discussion, consideration of and possible action on the 2024 Summer Program with Community Express, Inc., utilizing General Funds, but not to exceed the amount of \$47,500.00. **Priscilla T. Graham, President of Community Express, Inc.**

Priscilla T. Graham, President of Community Express, Inc. gave a presentation and informed the residents and Council that the 2024 Summer Program with Community Express, Inc. has four (4) programs in one (1). The breakdown of the youth is ages 5-7; ages 8-10; ages 11-13; ages 14-18. Ms. Graham also answered questions from the City Council.

Council Member G. Abarr asked for a copy of the breakdown of the youth's progress of all that is being done for the 2024 Summer Program.

A motion to **Approve**, Item IV-E: The approval to the 2024 Summer Program with Community Express, Inc., utilizing General Funds, but not to exceed the amount of \$47,500.00 was made by Council Member E. Jones and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem E. Sanco, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, Council Member R. Bigby, Council Member F. Jackson, Mayor Pro Tem E. Sanco

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

- F. Discussion, consideration of and possible action to enter into a contract with Enterprise Commercial Paving from General Fund to replace existing failed speed bumps and replace with speed humps, not to exceed the amount of \$19,850.00. (Pinedale Manor Neighborhood) ***Kolby Brown, Estimator with Enterprise Commercial Paving***

Kolby Brown, Estimator with Enterprise Commercial Paving gave a presentation and informed the residents and Council that the will be removed completely from the pavement and replaced with speed humps.

A motion to **Approve**, Item IV-F: The approval to enter into a contract with Enterprise Commercial Paving from General Fund to replace existing failed speed bumps and replace with speed humps, not to exceed the amount of \$19,850.00. (Pinedale Manor Neighborhood) was made by Council Member R. Bigby and seconded by Council Member E. Jones, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, Council Member R. Bigby, Council Member F. Jackson, Mayor Pro Tem E. Sanco

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

- G. Discussion, consideration of and possible action on the update of the months of February, March, April and May 2024 Permit Reports; including new software and other related matters. ***Lyneshia Garrette, Permit Administrator***

Lyneshia Garrette, Permit Administrator gave a presentation, made comments and answered questions from the City Council.

A motion to **Approve**, Item IV-G: The approval to on the update of the months of February, March, April and May 2024 Permit Reports; including new software and other related matters was made by Mayor Pro Tem E. Sanco and seconded by Council Member E. Jones, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, Council Member R. Bigby, Council Member F. Jackson, Mayor Pro Tem E. Sanco

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

- H. Discussion, consideration of and possible action on the cost related to the event on Fourth of July, but not to exceed \$7,960.84 from HOT Tax Fund. ***Police Chief Carr-Bryant***

Police Chief Carr-Bryant gave a presentation, made comments and answered questions from the City Council.

A motion to **Approve**, Item IV-H: The approval on the cost related to the event on Fourth of July, but not to exceed \$7,960.84 from HOT Tax Fund was made by Mayor Pro Tem E. Sanco and seconded by Council Member R. Bigby, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, Council Member R. Bigby, Mayor Pro Tem E. Sanco

Nay: Council Member F. Jackson (Opposed)

Motion carried. 4-1

- I. Discussion, consideration of and possible action for the Engineer to submit construction plans and associated correspondence related to adding polyphosphate for the water treatment of the City of Arcola Water Plant #1, in the amount of \$25,000.00 from the Enterprise Fund to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). **Llarance Turner, Kaluza, Inc.**

Carl McConnell, Kaluza, Inc. gave a presentation, made comments and answered questions from the City Council.

A motion to **Approve**, Item IV-I: The approval to for the Engineer to submit construction plans and associated correspondence related to adding polyphosphate for the water treatment of the City of Arcola Water Plant #1, in the amount of \$25,000.00 from the Enterprise Fund to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) was made by Council Member E. Jones and seconded by Council Member G. Abarr, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, Council Member R. Bigby, Council Member F. Jackson, Mayor Pro Tem E. Sanco

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

- J. Discussion, consideration of and possible action to accept \$750.00 donation for the Back-to-School Backpack Program with Wisco Moran Drilling Company. **Police Chief Carr-Bryant**

Police Chief Carr-Bryant gave a presentation, made comments and answered questions from the City Council.

A motion to **Approve**, Item IV-J: The approval to accept \$750.00 donation for the Back-to-School Backpack Program with Wisco Moran Drilling Company was made by Mayor Pro Tem E. Sanco and seconded by Council Member R. Bigby, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, Council Member R. Bigby, Council Member F. Jackson, Mayor Pro Tem E. Sanco

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

- K. Discussion, consideration of and possible action on the update of the month of May 2024 Operator's Report and other related matters. **John Montgomery, Municipal Operators and Consulting, Inc.**

John Montgomery, Municipal Operators and Consulting, Inc. gave a presentation, made comments and answered questions from the City Council.

A motion to **Approve**, Item IV-K: The approval on the update of the month of May 2024 Operator's Report and other related matters was made by Council Member E. Jones and seconded by Council Member G. Abarr, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, Council Member R. Bigby, Council Member F. Jackson, Mayor Pro Tem E. Sanco

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

V. **REQUESTED REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Discussion, consideration of and possible action; “Payment of legal fees for Attorney Stephen Dockery for representing Councilmembers Sanco, Bigby and Jones.”

Mayor Pro Tem Sanco and Council Member Jones

A motion to **Table**, Item V-A: The table of and possible action; “Payment of legal fees for Attorney Stephen Dockery for representing Councilmembers Sanco, Bigby and Jones.” was made by Mayor Pro Tem E. Sanco and seconded by Council Member E. Jones, the motion **Tabled**.

- B. Discussion, consideration of and possible action; “A Financial Audit covering the last year”
Mayor Pro Tem Sanco and Council Member Jones

A motion to **Table**, Item V-B: The table of “A Financial Audit covering the last year” was made by Council Member E. Jones and seconded by Council Member G. Abarr, the motion **Tabled**.

VI. **CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS**

- A. Discussion, consideration of and possible action on the annual cost for installation of polyphosphate to the City of Arcola Water Plant #1, in the amount of \$6,000.00 annually from the Enterprise Fund. *John Montgomery, Municipal Operations and Consulting, Inc.*

John Montgomery, Municipal Operations and Consulting, Inc. gave a presentation, made comments and answered questions from the City Council.

A motion to **Approve**, Item VI-A: The approval to annual cost for installation of polyphosphate to the City of Arcola Water Plant #1, in the amount of \$6,000.00 annually from the Enterprise Fund was made by Council Member G. Abarr and seconded by Council Member E. Jones, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, Council Member R. Bigby, Council Member F. Jackson, Mayor Pro Tem E. Sanco

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

- B. Discussion, consideration of and possible action on the approval of a contract in the amount of \$1,500.00 a month with JMass Elite Services from General Funds for cleaning services at the Arcola City Hall building. *Dr. Annette Goldberg, City Administrator*

Dr. Annette Goldberg, City Administrator gave a presentation, made comments and answered questions from the City Council.

A motion to **Approve**, Item VI -B: The approval of a contract in the amount of \$1,500.00 a month with JMass Elite Services from General Funds for cleaning services at the Arcola City Hall building was made by Mayor Pro Tem E. Sanco and seconded by Council Member E. Jones, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, Council Member R. Bigby, Council Member F. Jackson, Mayor Pro Tem E. Sanco

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

- C. Discussion, consideration of and possible action to open a TexPool account in the amount of \$13,662.00 for the Police Department's seize money related to criminal acts.
Police Chief Carr-Bryant

Police Chief Carr-Bryant gave a presentation, made comments and answered questions from the City Council.

A motion to **Table**, Item VI-C: The table to open a TexPool account in the amount of \$13,662.00 for the Police Department's seize money related to criminal acts was made by Mayor Pro Tem E. Sanco and seconded by Council Member E. Jones, the motion **Tabled**.

VII. **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

- A. Discussion, consideration of and possible action on the **CITY OF ARCOLA ORDINANCE NO. 2024-06-11** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCOLA, TEXAS, AND, UNDER SECTION 2.004(B) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ARCOLA, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AND ALLOWING THE MAYOR TO ENROLL IN THE HEALTH AND ACCIDENT PLAN FOR THE CITY AS PROVIDED BY TX HEALTH AND BENEFITS POOL; CONTAINING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. ***Dr. Annette Goldberg, City Administrator***

Dr. Annette Goldberg, City Administrator gave a presentation, made comments and answered questions from the City Council.

A motion to **Approve**, Item VI I-A: The approval to the **CITY OF ARCOLA ORDINANCE NO. 2024-06-11** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCOLA, TEXAS, AND, UNDER SECTION 2.004(B) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ARCOLA, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AND ALLOWING THE MAYOR TO ENROLL IN THE HEALTH AND ACCIDENT PLAN FOR THE CITY AS PROVIDED BY TX HEALTH AND BENEFITS POOL; CONTAINING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE was made by Mayor Pro Tem E. Sanco and seconded by Council Member E. Jones, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, Council Member R. Bigby, Council Member F. Jackson, Mayor Pro Tem E. Sanco

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

- B. Discussion, consideration of and possible action on the **CITY OF ARCOLA RESOLUTION NO. 06-11-2024**, A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ARCOLA MITIGATION ACTION PLAN UPDATE. *Police Chief Carr-Bryant*

Police Chief Carr-Bryant gave a presentation, made comments and answered questions from the City Council.

A motion to **Approve**, Item VII-B: The approval to the **CITY OF ARCOLA RESOLUTION NO. 06-11-2024**, A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ARCOLA MITIGATION ACTION PLAN UPDATE was made by Council Member R. Bigby and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem E. Sanco, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, Council Member R. Bigby, Council Member F. Jackson, Mayor Pro Tem E. Sanco

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Williams **adjourned** the meeting at **7:34 p.m.**

A motion to **Approve**, Motion was made Council Member E. Jones and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem E. Sanco, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, Council Member R. Bigby, Council Member F. Jackson, Mayor Pro Tem E. Sanco, Mayor Williams

Coretta Edwards, Assistant City Secretary

