



CITY OF ARCOLA

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MINUTES

Arcola City Hall
13222 Highway 6
Arcola, Texas 77583

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

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6:00 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Veeda Williams

Mayor Veeda Williams called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m

INVOCATION

Council Member Greg Abarr

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG

Mayor Pro-Tem Ebony Sanco

ROLL CALL

Mayor, Council Members and Administration

QUORUM PRESENT

City Council Members that were Present.

Council Member E. Jones; Council Member R. Bigby;

Council Member G. Abarr; Mayor Pro-Tem E. Sanco; Mayor Veeda Williams

Absent: Council Member F. Jackson

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) Mike Saenz, 13301 Highway 6
- 2) Fred Burton, 204 Texas Ave.
- 3) Brent Lopez, 4619 Kansas St.
- 4) Sherry Horton, 126 McKeever Rd.
- 5) J.R. Hernandez, 211 Rice Ave.

II. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

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 Ebony Sanco, and Council Member Rosemary Bigby.

Council Member Sanco addressed members of the public speaking at public session regarding Quality Wrecker Service, stating that she is not showing any favoritism towards any of the wrecker companies, nor is she receiving any money in exchange for changing companies. She stated also that this is not personal and wished everyone God's blessing and to have a good night.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Public Hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget.

No members of the public spoke at public hearing.

- B. Public Hearing on the proposed tax rate for Fiscal Year 2024.

No members of the public spoke at public hearing

IV. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action to provide notice to Quality Wrecker Service, INC. of non-renewal of the Non-Consent Towing Service Contract. ***Justin Pruitt, City Attorney***

Agenda item was motioned to be **Moved** after closed executive session. The motion was made by Council Member E. Jones and seconded by Council Member G. Abarr, the motion **Passed**.

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

Absent: F. Jackson
Nay: 0
Motion Carried 4-0

V. PLANS, PLATS AND PERMITS

- A. Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action to approve a Resolution regarding a FINAL PLAT SUBMITTED BY TODD ELSTON OF R.G. MILLER ENGINEERS FOR APPROXIMATELY 30.085 ACRES OF LAND TO BE COMMONLY IDENTIFIED AS GLENDALE LAKES SECTION 14 LOCATED IN THE I. & G.N. RAILROAD CO. SURVEY, A-352 AND THE A.B. LANGERMAN SURVEY, A-456 FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS 101 LOTS, 3 BLOCKS AND 4 RESERVES. *Llarance Turner, Kaluza, Inc.*

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

A motion to **Approve**, Item V-A: a Resolution regarding a FINAL PLAT SUBMITTED BY TODD ELSTON OF R.G. MILLER ENGINEERS FOR APPROXIMATELY 30.085 ACRES OF LAND TO BE COMMONLY IDENTIFIED AS GLENDALE LAKES SECTION 14 LOCATED IN THE I. & G.N. RAILROAD CO. SURVEY, A-352 AND THE A.B. LANGERMAN SURVEY, A-456 FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS 101 LOTS, 3 BLOCKS AND 4 RESERVES 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, and Mayor Pro-Tem E. Sanco.

Absent: F. Jackson
Nay: 0
Motion carried. 4-0

VI. BUDGET ITEMS

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF ARCOLA, TEXAS, GENERAL BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2024-2025; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY FOR SUCH YEAR AS REFLECTED IN SAID BUDGET; ESTABLISHING THE PROCEDURE FOR INTRA BUDGET TRANSFERS; AND, CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT. *Dr. Annette Goldberg, City Administrator* [Record Vote]

A motion to **Approve**, ITEM VI-A: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF ARCOLA, TEXAS, GENERAL BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2024-2025; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY FOR SUCH YEAR AS REFLECTED IN SAID BUDGET; ESTABLISHING THE PROCEDURE FOR INTRA BUDGET TRANSFERS; AND, CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT was made by Council Member G. Abarr and seconded by Council Member E. Jones. Mayor called for a roll call vote; the ordinance **Passed**.

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

Absent: F. Jackson
Nay: 0
Motion carried. 4-0

- B.** Discussion and possible action regarding a vote to ratify the City of Arcola, Texas General Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to find that the Budget's Proposed Tax Rate will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget. ***Dr. Annette Goldberg, City Administrator*** [Record Vote]

A motion to **Approve**, ITEM VI-B: to ratify the City of Arcola, Texas General Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to find that the Budget's Proposed Tax Rate will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget was made by Council Member G. Abarr and seconded by Council Member E. Jones. Mayor called for a roll call vote, the General Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025- **Passed**.

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

Absent: F. Jackson
Nay: 0
Motion carried. 4-0

VII. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council will convene into Closed Executive Session as authorized under Sections 551.071 and 551.074 of the Texas Government Code for:

- A. Consultation with Attorney.** The city council will seek the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, or a settlement offer (section 551.071).
- B. Personnel Matters.** The City Council will deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the Finance Director (Section 551.074)

RECESS: The mayor recessed the meeting into Closed Executive Session at 6:31 p.m. under Texas Local Government Code, Section 551.087, for the purpose of deliberation regarding Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney and Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.

PRESENT

All Members of the following City Council were Present.
Council Member E. Jones; Council Member G. Abarr; Council Member R. Bigby;
Mayor Pro-Tem E. Sanco; Mayor Veeda Williams; Justin Pruitt, City Attorney; Ingrid Flornoy, City Secretary; and Dr. Annette Goldberg, City Administrator

VIII. COUNCIL ADJOURNS CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENES INTO REGULAR SESSION

RECONVENE: The mayor reconvened into the regular meeting at 7:12p.m with action to be taken on items VII-B: **Personnel Matters**. The City Council will deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal the Finance Director (Section 551.074).

- A. Discussion, Consideration of, and Possible Action to authorize the Mayor or designee to execute a Separation Agreement with the Financial Director. ***Dr. Annette Goldberg, City Administrator***

A motion to **Approve**, Item VIII-A: to authorize the Mayor or designee to execute a Separation Agreement with the Financial Director was made by Council Member G. Abarr, and seconded by Council Member E. Jones. Mayor called for a roll call vote the motion **Passed**.

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

Absent: F. Jackson
Nay: 0
Motion carried. 4-0

IV. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action to provide notice to Quality Wrecker Service, INC. of non-renewal of the Non-Consent Towing Service Contract. ***Justin Pruitt, City Attorney***

A motion to **Approve**, Item IV-A to provide notice to Quality Wrecker Service, INC. of non-renewal of the Non-Consent Towing Service Contract 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, and Mayor Pro-Tem E. Sanco.

Absent: F. Jackson
Nay: 0
Motion carried. 4-0

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:28p.m.

A motion to **Approve** the closing of the meeting was made by Council Member E. Jones and seconded by Council Member G. Abarr, the motion was **Passed**.

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

Ingrid Flornoy, City Secretary

