



# CITY OF ARCOLA

## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MINUTES

Arcola City Hall  
13222 Highway 6  
Arcola, Texas 77583

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

**6:00 P.M.**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

*Mayor Veeda V. Williams*

**Mayor Veeda Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**

**II. INVOCATION**

*Council Member Evelyn Jones*

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Mayor Pro-Tem Ebony Sanco*

**IV. 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; Council Member Florence Jackson; Mayor Veeda V. Williams  
Mayor Pro-Tem E. Sanco

**V. 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) Ms. Saenz, address unknown
- 2) Mike Saenz, address unknown
- 3) Nick Patel, 7039 Greatwood Trails Dr.
- 4) Betty Hall, address unknown
- 5) Michael Saenz, address unknown
- 6) Rodrigo Carreon, 1122 Avenue C
- 7) Fred Burton, 204 Texas Ave.
- 8) Geronimo Cortez, unknown

#### **VI. 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 Ebony Sanco, and Council Member Rosemary Bigby.

Council Member Sanco stated that she hoped that the new faces that came to the council meeting come back.

#### **VII. 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 and special meetings of October 8, 2024 and , October 22, 2024. *Ingrid Flornoy, City Secretary*

A motion to **Approve**, Items VII-A is a Consent Agenda item listed is considered to be routine by the City Council and was enacted by one motion 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 and Mayor Pro-Tem E. Sanco

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

**VIII. PRESENTATIONS (INFORMATION ONLY)**

- A. Municipal Courts Week – Proclamation. *Mayor Williams/ Municipal Courts*
- B. October 2024 Permit Monthly Report. *Lyneshia Garrette, Permit Manager*
- C. Laserfiche Update. *Dr. Annette Goldberg, City Administrator*
- D. City Engineer Report. *Llarance Turner, Kaluza, Inc.*
- E. Police Update. *Police Chief Carr- Bryant*
- F. Introduction of New Personnel. *Police Chief Carr- Bryant and Dr. Annette Goldberg, City Administrator*
- G. State of the City. *Mayor Williams*

**IX. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action on the October 2024 Municipal Operations and Consulting (MOC) report. *Roland Leal, MOC Area Manager Operations*

Mr. Roland Leal, Area Manager Operations, gave a presentation, made comments and answered questions from the City Council.

A motion to **Approve**, Item IX-A: The approval of the October 2024 Municipal Operations and Consulting (MOC) report 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 and Mayor Pro-Tem E. Sanco.

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

- B. Discussion, Consideration of, and Possible Action on adopting a Resolution authorizing Municipal Operations and Consulting (MOC) to enter into an agreement with **Purify** to replace a one-thousand-gallon double walled chlorine vertical storage tank for the Wastewater Treatment Plant not to exceed the amount of **\$7,050.00** (Enterprise Fund). *Roland Leal, MOC Area Manager Operations*

Mr. Roland Leal, Area Manager Operations, gave a presentation, made comments and answered questions from the City Council.

A motion to **Approve**, Item IX-B: adopting a Resolution authorizing Municipal Operations and Consulting (MOC) to enter into an agreement with **Purify** to replace a one-thousand-gallon double walled chlorine vertical storage tank for the Wastewater

Treatment Plant not to exceed the amount of **\$7,050.00** (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 and Mayor Pro-Tem E. Sanco.

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

- C. Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action on the approval of on adopting a Resolution designating the Chief of Police as the authorized individual to oversee, manage, and execute any and all documents related to the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Grant Program. ***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 IX-C: The approval on adopting a Resolution designating the Chief of Police as the authorized individual to oversee, manage, and execute any and all documents related to the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Grant Program was made by Council Member G. Abarr, 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 and Mayor Pro-Tem E. Sanco.

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

- D. Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action on adopting a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documents sponsoring the proposed Reverie Ranch Subdivision Street Tie-In to F.M. 521. ***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 IX-D: The approval on adopting a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documents sponsoring the proposed Reverie Ranch Subdivision Street Tie-In to F.M. 521 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 and Mayor Pro-Tem E. Sanco.

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

- E. Discussion, Consideration of, and Possible Action on adopting a Resolution amending the City of Arcola Police Department pay scale. ***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 IX-E: The approval on adopting a Resolution amending the City of Arcola Police Department pay scale was made by Council Member G. Abarr, 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 and Mayor Pro-Tem E. Sanco.

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

- F. Discussion, Consideration of, and Possible Action on adopting a Resolution allowing the City of Arcola to expand the City Hall Maintenance Department. ***Mayor Williams***

Dr. Annette Goldberg spoke on behalf of Mayor Williams, gave a presentation, made comments and answered questions from the City Council.

A motion to **Approve**, Item IX-F: The approval on adopting a Resolution allowing the City of Arcola to expand the City Hall Maintenance Department was made by Council Member G. Abarr, 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 and Mayor Pro-Tem E. Sanco.

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

#### **X. PLANS, PLATS AND PERMITS**

- A. Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action on adopting a Resolution accepting the public infrastructure facilities for Post Oak Pointe Section 3 in the City of Arcola, Texas as recommended by the City Engineer. ***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 IX-D: The approval on adopting a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documents sponsoring the proposed Reverie Ranch Subdivision Street Tie-In to F.M. 521 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 and Mayor Pro-Tem E. Sanco.

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

## **XI. CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS**

- A. Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action on adopting a Resolution authorizing the Mayor or designee to execute any and all documents related to the purchase of ordinance codification services from General Code, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 (General Fund). *Dr. Annette Goldberg, City Administrator*

Mayor asked that the item be tabled.

A motion to **Table**, Item XI-A: The approval to table 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 and Mayor Pro-Tem E. Sanco.

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

## **XII. ORDINANCES**

- A. Discussion, Consideration of, and Possible Action on adopting an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor or designee to enter into a Development Agreement with Post Oak Pointe, Ltd. (et. al.) providing for the terms of annexation and development of approximately 132 acres of primarily undeveloped land located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Fenn Road and F.M. 521 in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Arcola. *Jusin Pruitt, City Attorney*

Justin Pruitt, City Attorney, gave a presentation, made comments and answered questions from the City Council.

A motion to **Approve**, Item XII-A: The approval on adopting an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor or designee to enter into a Development Agreement with Post Oak Pointe, Ltd. (et. al.) providing for the terms of annexation and development of approximately 132 acres of primarily undeveloped land located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Fenn Road and F.M. 521 in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Arcola was made by Council Member E. Jones, and seconded by Council Member R. Bigby, the motion **Passed with conditions**.

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

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

- B. Discussion, Consideration of, and Possible Action on adopting on adopting an Ordinance amending the City of Arcola Fee Schedule for certain residential permit fees. *Mayor Williams and Police Chief Carr-Bryant*

Mayor asked that the item be tabled.

A motion to **Table**, Item XII-B: The approval to table 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 and.

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

### **XIII. 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: Police Chief (Section 551.074).

**RECESS:** The Mayor recessed the meeting into Closed Executive Session at 7:24 p.m. under Texas Local Government Code, Section 551.087, for the purpose of deliberation regarding Section 551.071 Consultations with Attorney and Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.

### **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; Justin Pruitt, City Attorney; Ingrid Flornoy, City Secretary; and Dr. Annette Goldberg, City Administrator

### **XIV. COUNCIL RECONVENES INTO REGULAR SESSION**

**RECONVENE:** The Mayor reconvened into the regular meeting at 7:48 p.m. with action to be taken on items XIII-B: **Personnel Matters**. The City Council will deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal: Police Chief (Section 551.074).

- A.** Consideration of and Possible Action on adopting a Resolution amending the City of Arcola Police Chief Employment Agreement.

A motion to **Approve**, Item XIV-A: The approval on adopting a Resolution amending the City of Arcola Police Chief Employment Agreement was made by Council Member G. Abarr, 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 and Mayor Pro-Tem E. Sanco.

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

A motion to Approve to close out the city council meeting, was made by Council G. Abarr, 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, and Mayor Williams.

Nays: 0

Motion carried: 5-0

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Ingrid Flornoy, City Secretary

