



CITY OF ARCOLA

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MINUTES

Arcola City Hall
13222 Highway 6
Arcola, Texas 77583

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025
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6:00 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Veeda V. Williams

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

INVOCATION

Council Member Evelyn Jones

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Florence Jackson

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 Pro -Tem E. Sanco; Mayor Veeda V. 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.

No public comments

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 Ebony Sanco, and Council Member Rosemary Bigby.

Council Member R. Bigby addressed council regarding loud music after hours. She's concerned that the sound ordinance is not being enforced when people are playing music after midnight.

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 14, 2025. *Ingrid Flornoy, City Secretary*

A motion to **Approve**, Items III-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

IV. PRESENTATIONS (INFORMATION ONLY)

- A. January 2025 Permit Monthly Report. *Lyneshia Garrette, Permit Manager*
B. City Engineer Report. *Dewayne Davis, Kaluza, Inc.*
C. State of the City- *Mayor Veeda V. Williams, PhD.*

V. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action on the January, 2025 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 V-A: the January, 2025 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 the Financial Report for October, 2024, November, 2024 and December, 2024. ***Dr. Annette Goldberg, City Administrator***

A motion to Table, Item V-B: the Financial Reports for October, 2024, November, 2024 and December, 2024 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

- C. Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action on the final approval of the **Fiscal Year 23 - 24 Budget**. ***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 V-C: the final approval of the **Fiscal Year 23 -24 Budget** 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

- D. Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action on approving **Texas Municipal League Financial Bootcamp** in the amount of \$10,000.00 (General Fund). ***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 V-D: the **Texas Municipal League Financial Bootcamp** in the amount of \$10,000.00 (General Fund) 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

E. Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action on approving the **Employee Handbook.
*Dr. Annette Goldberg, City Administrator***

A motion to **Table**, Item V-E: the **Employee Handbook** 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

F. Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action to approve **Response Letter to Request for Service concerning proposed water plant Northwest of Highway 6 and Savana Parkway. *David Olson, City Attorney***

David Olson, City Attorney, gave a presentation, made comments and answered questions from the City Council.

A motion to **Approve**, Item V-F: the **Response Letter to Request for Service** concerning proposed water plant Northwest of Highway 6 and Savana Parkway 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

VI. PLANS, PLATS AND PERMITS

A. Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action to accept the **Partial Replat of Pinedale Manor, East ½ of Lot 2 and All of Lot 3, Block 12, City of Arcola, Texas, Fort Bend County, Texas. *Llarance Turner, Kaluza, Inc.***

Dewayne Davis, with Kaluza, Inc., spoke on behalf of Llarance Turner. He gave a presentation, made comments and answered questions from the City Council.

A motion to Accept, Item VI-A: the **Partial Replat of Pinedale Manor**, East ½ of Lot 2 and All of Lot 3, Block 12, City of Arcola, Texas, Fort Bend County, Texas 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

VII. CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

- A. Discussion, consideration of and possible action on the **JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES** between Fort Bend County and the City of Arcola for a joint May 3, 2025 election (General Fund). *Ingrid Flornoy, City Secretary*

Ingrid Flornoy, City Secretary asked council to table this item due to not having the contract from Fort Bend County prior to the council meeting.

A motion to Table, Item VII-A: the JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES between Fort Bend County and the City of Arcola for a joint May 3, 2025 election (General Fund) 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 and Mayor Pro-Tem E. Sanco

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

- B. Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action to approve a contract with **Clear Channel Outdoor** to allow the City of Arcola to utilize digital billboards at no cost. *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 VII-B: the contract with **Clear Channel Outdoor** to allow the City of Arcola to utilize digital billboards at no cost 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 and Mayor Pro-Tem E. Sanco.

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

VIII. ORDINANCES

- A. Discussion, consideration of and possible action on **Ordinance No. O-2025-02-0002** AN ORDINANCE CALLING AND ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION TO ELECT COUNCIL MEMBER POSTION 1, COUNCIL MEMBER POSITION 3, AND COUNCIL MEMBER POSITION 5 ON MAY 3, 2025, AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT. *Ingrid Flornoy, City Secretary*

Ingrid Flornoy, City Secretary, gave a presentation, made comments and answered questions from the City Council. Council also approved the correction to the Ordinance Number from O-2024-02-0002.

A motion to Approve, Item VIII-A: **Ordinance No. O-2025-02-0002** AN ORDINANCE CALLING AND ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION TO ELECT COUNCIL MEMBER POSTION 1, COUNCIL MEMBER POSITION 3, AND COUNCIL MEMBER POSITION 5 ON MAY 3, 2025, AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT. 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

- B. Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action to **clarify the Manufactured Homes Ordinance No. O-2024-08-0005** and to provide relief for **337 Howell**. *Mayor Veeda V. Williams, PhD.*

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

A motion to Approve, Item VIII-B: to **amend the Manufactured Homes Ordinance No. O-2024-08-0005** as presented and to provide relief for **337 Howell** 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

IX. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council will convene into Closed Executive Session as authorized under Sections 551.072 and 551.071 of the Texas Government Code for:

- A. **Deliberations about Real Property** authorize a governmental body to deliberate in executive session on certain matters concerning real property (section 551.072).

- B. 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).

RECESS: The Mayor recessed the meeting into Closed Executive Session at 6:43 p.m. under Texas Local Government Code, Section 551.087, for the purpose of deliberation regarding Section 551.071 Consultations with Attorney.

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; David Olson, City Attorney; and Ingrid Flornoy, City Secretary

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

RECONVENE: The Mayor reconvened into the regular meeting at 7:02 p.m. with no action to be taken.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

A motion to **Approve** to close out the city council meeting, was made by Council 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.

Nays: 0

Motion carried: 5-0

Ingrid Flornoy, City Secretary

