



CITY OF ARCOLA

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MINUTES

Arcola City Hall
13222 Highway 6
Arcola, Texas 77583

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2025

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6:00 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Veeda V. Williams, PhD

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

INVOCATION

Council Member Evelyn Jones

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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; Council Member Florence Jackson; Mayor Pro -Tem E. Sanco; Mayor Veeda V. Williams, PhD

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

Council Member Jones- spoke about the Pinedale Town Hall meeting, she thanked Mayor Williams for letting the residents know what is on with the drainage.

Council Member Sanco- stated that she's excited about tonight's agenda.

Council Member Bigby- spoke about the traffic in Arcola and all of the big trucks coming through and tearing up the roads, and no tickets are being written by police.

III. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

A. Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action to authorize up to \$49,000.00 Drainage and Ditch Improvement in Pinedale Manor (General Fund). *Mayor Veeda V. Williams, PhD,*

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

A motion to **Approve**, Item III-A: to authorize up to \$49,000.00 **Drainage and Ditch Improvement in Pinedale Manor** (General Fund) 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 to authorize up to \$42,000.00 to restore grade to approximately 3,000 linear feet of roadside ditches on **W. Plantation Oaks- Westside ditch, Sears Rd- Northside ditch, and North St.- East ditch from Sears Rd to Howell St. (General Fund). *Mayor Veeda V. Williams, PhD***

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

A motion to **Approve**, Item III-B: to authorize up to \$42,000.00 to restore grade to approximately 3,000 linear feet of roadside ditches on **W. Plantation Oaks- Westside ditch, Sears Rd- Northside ditch, and North St.- East ditch from Sears Rd to Howell St.** (General Fund) 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

- C. Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action to approve up to \$47,500.00 for the **Arcola City Hall Summer Program** (General Fund). *Mayor Veeda V. Williams, PhD*

Mayor Veeda V. Williams, PhD, and Priscilla T Graham gave a presentation, made comments and answered questions from the City Council.

A motion to **Approve**, Item III-C: up to \$47,500.00 for the **Arcola City Hall Summer Program** (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

IV. **CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS**

- A. Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action to authorize the Police Chief to execute the **Texas Police Chiefs Association Foundation Accreditation Agreement**. *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-A: to authorize the Police Chief to execute the **Texas Police Chiefs Association Foundation Accreditation Agreement** 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 to authorize a contract up to \$17,000.00 with **S.T.P Services** to purchase and install two (2) 17 HP pumps for Lift Station #1 (Enterprise Fund). *Roland Leal, MOC Area Manager Operations*

Llarance Turner spoke on behalf of Roland Leal, he gave a presentation, made comments and answered questions from the City Council.

A motion to Approve, Item IV-B: to authorize a contract up to \$17,000.00 with **S.T.P Services** to purchase and install two (2) 17 HP pumps for Lift Station #1 (Enterprise Fund) 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 and Mayor Pro-Tem E. Sanco.

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

V. **ORDINANCES**

- A. Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action on an **ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCOLA, TEXAS, AMENDING SECTION 2.04.020 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, ARCOLA, TEXAS, RELATING TO CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** *Mayor Veeda V. Williams, PhD*

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

A motion to Approve, Item V-A: an **ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCOLA, TEXAS, AMENDING SECTION 2.04.020 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, ARCOLA, TEXAS, RELATING TO CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, to include a change in 3a of the ordinance removing the word “charter”** 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

VI. **CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

- A. **Personnel Matters.** The City Council will deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee. The City Council will deliberate the employment of a Financial Director. (Section 551.074)
- 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 6:29 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

Ingrid Flornoy, City Secretary excused herself during item VI-B: Consultation with Attorney.

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

- A. Council Members may take possible action on matters discussed in Closed Executive Session. *David Olson, City Attorney*

RECONVENE: The Mayor Veeda V. Williams, PhD, reconvened into the regular meeting at 8:03 p.m. with no action to be taken.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Veeda V. Williams, PhD, adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

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

Nays: 0

Motion carried: 5-0

Ingrid Flornoy, City Secretary

