



CITY OF ARCOLA

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MINUTES

Arcola City Hall
13222 Highway 6
Arcola, Texas 77583

TUESDAY, APRIL 08, 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 Greg Abarr

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 G. Abarr; Council Member Florence Jackson; Mayor Pro - Tem E. Sanco; Mayor Veeda V. Williams; Council Member R. Bigby

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.

1) Rodrigo Carreon

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 Jackson made a statement regarding campaign signs coming down and that she hopes the best person win.

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 March 11, 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 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

IV. PRESENTATIONS (INFORMATION ONLY)

A. March 2025 Permit Monthly Report- *Lyneshia Garrette, Permit Manager*

B. City Engineer Report- *Llarance Turner, Kaluza, Inc.*

C. Pinedale Manor Townhall Meeting- *Mayor Veeda. V. Williams, PhD*

D. State of the City- *Mayor Veeda. V. Williams, PhD*

V. **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action to approve the March 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 VI-A: The approval of the March, 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 to approve the Financial Reports for January 2025 and February 2025. ***Dr. Annette Goldberg, City Administrator***

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

A motion to **Approve**, Item V-B: the Financial Reports for January 2025 and February 2025 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 to approve **TML Financial Boot Camp Report**. ***Dr. Annette Goldberg, City Administrator***

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

A motion to **Approve**, Item V- C: TML Financial Boot Camp Report and authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to find and pursue a Financial Director 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

- D. Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action to approve a Resolution declaring official intent to reimburse expenditures by the City of Arcola, Texas. ***Reggie Wilson, Partner with Norton Rose Fullbright US LLP***

Tina Peterman with Masterson Advisors spoke on behalf of Reginald Wilson, she gave a presentation, made comments and answered questions from the City Council.

A motion to **Approve**, Item V-D: a Resolution declaring official intent to reimburse expenditures by the City of Arcola, Texas 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

- E. Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action on Delegation of Underwriters for City of Arcola, Texas Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025. ***Reggie Wilson, Partner with Norton Rose Fullbright US LLP and Tina Peterman, Managing Director with Masterson Advisors***

Tina Peterman with Masterson Advisors gave a presentation, made comments and answered questions from the City Council.

A motion to **Approve**, Item V-E: on Delegation of Underwriters for City of Arcola, Texas Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025 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 regarding plans, plats, and subdivision requirements in the City of Arcola, Texas. ***Mayor Veeda V. Williams, PhD and Llarance Turner, Kaluza, Inc.***

Discussion item only, no action taken.

- G. Discussion and update regarding City of Arcola towing service. ***Council Member Rosemary Bigby***

Discussion item only, no action taken.

VI. **CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS**

- A. Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action to approve a contract with ***MV Cheng and Associates Inc.*** for financial services in the amount of \$75.00 per hour (General Fund). ***Dr. Annette Goldberg, City Administrator***

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

A motion to **Approve**, Item VI- A: a contract with **MV Cheng and Associates Inc.** for financial services in the amount of \$75.00 per hour (General Fund) 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

- B.** Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action on awarding an engineering contract for the expansion of the **Wastewater Treatment Plant** from 1.4 MGD to 1.8 MGD (400,000 gpd) with the cost not to exceed \$707,800.00 (Enterprise Funds). *Llarance Turner, Kaluza, Inc.*
- C.** Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action to approve the **Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Memorandum of Understanding**. *David Olson, City Attorney*

Mayor Pro- Tem E. Sanco made the motion to **Table** items VI. B & VI. C: together and it was seconded by Council Member E. Jones the motion **Passed**. Items VI. B and VI. C are **Tabled**.

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 to award the construction contract to **Industrial TX Corp** for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion from 0.95 MGD to 1.4 MGD (450,000 gpd expansion) with the total construction cost not to exceed \$9,553,638.00 (Enterprise Funds to be reimbursed by Fresh Water Supply District #1). *Llarance Turner, Kaluza, Inc.*

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

A motion to **Approve**, Item VI-D: to award the construction contract to **Industrial TX Corp** for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion from 0.95 MGD to 1.4 MGD (450,000 gpd expansion) with the total construction cost not to exceed \$9,553,638.00 (Enterprise Funds to be reimbursed by Fresh Water Supply District #1) 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

- E. Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action on awarding professional engineering and surveying services not to exceed the amount of \$39,400.00 to **Kaluza, Inc.** for the rehabilitation of Lift Station #3 and the replacement of 450 linear feet of 12" sanitary sewer along North Pine (Enterprise Fund). *Llarance Turner, Kaluza, Inc.*

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

A motion to **Approve**, Item VI-E: on awarding professional engineering and surveying services not to exceed the amount of \$39,400.00 to **Kaluza, Inc.** for the rehabilitation of Lift Station #3 and the replacement of 450 linear feet of 12" sanitary sewer along North Pine (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

VII. **CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The City Council will convene into Closed Executive Session as authorized under Section 551.071 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).

A. Arcola Community Estates

B. Arcola White Box

RECESS: The Mayor recessed the meeting into Closed Executive Session at 7:06 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

Mayor Pro-Tem E. Sanco recused herself on item IX-A-g: Sanco v. City of Arcola et al

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

RECONVENE: The Mayor reconvened into the regular meeting at 7:27 p.m. with action to be taken.

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

Council Member G. Abarr motioned after review and option presented by city staff of the in closed executive session that the City does not have the water capacity to supply Arcola Community Estates with temporary or permanent water services at this time; the motion was 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

Mayor Williams, referred back to agenda item IV. D: State of the City where she made final remarks.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

A motion to **Approve** to close out the city council meeting, 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.

Nays: 0

Motion carried: 5-0

Ingrid Flornoy, City Secretary

