



# CITY OF ARCOLA

## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MINUTES

Arcola City Hall  
13222 Highway 6  
Arcola, Texas 77583

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MINUTES**

**6:00 P.M.**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

*Mayor Veeda V. Williams, PhD*

**Mayor Veeda V. Williams, PhD called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Fred Burton;  
Council Member Florence Jackson and Mayor Veeda V. Williams, PhD

Mayor Pro -Tem G. Abarr-Absent

## **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) Jamesetta Randle- addressed the council about Ezee Fiber issues in Post Oak Pointe. As an HOA board member, Randle reported that the company initially began installing fiber without proper documentation but has since obtained it. However, problems persist including disrupted water lines, backup dirt and debris in homes, and crews working in residential lawns rather than utility easements, causing damage to irrigation systems.

Mayor Williams responded that the city has been receiving similar complaints and has had difficulty reaching Ezee Fiber representatives. The city took action that day to stop their work until the company clarifies their mitigation plan going forward. The police chief was able to contact the appropriate Ezee Fiber representative who is now aware of the city's action.

- 2) Rodrigo Carreon- spoke about agenda item 5a regarding opposing and protecting future values. He discussed the Houston-Galveston Area Council's work with policy and treaty leaders to improve the local economy, noting that 26 acres is valuable for large corporations like Home Depot to move into the area. Carreon expressed concerns about traffic problems on highway 6, suggesting police assistance during peak hours to help manage traffic flow. He emphasized the importance of moving traffic forward, especially given the proximity to railroad tracks and safety concerns for residents.

- 3) Paola Garcia- addressed property access issues on a road near the cemetery where construction materials are sold. Garcia owns property at the end of a small road that is currently impassable, preventing any development or services despite paying annual taxes. She asked if there was any way to address the road situation and offered to help coordinate with other property owners or contribute financially to road improvements.

Mayor Williams acknowledged this issue had been raised previously and confirmed the city is exploring options, though it wasn't budgeted. The challenge is ensuring equity - if the city improves one person's street access, others will expect similar treatment. The city attorney has been consulted about potential solutions.

## **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, Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Abarr, Council Member Evelyn Jones, Council Member Florence Jackson, Council Member Fred Burton, and Council Member Rosemary Bigby.

Council Member Burton expressed concern about the police department promoting elections, stating it should be handled by the city secretary or administrator rather than the police department. He noted that police departments typically promote elections when they're covered by unions and felt there should be separation between the police department and election information on city Facebook pages.

Mayor Williams clarified that city staff does not comment on elections but has a duty to inform residents of upcoming events, including election dates, which has been standard

practice. She emphasized that staff represents all Arcola residents and maintains neutrality on elections while providing factual information about dates and processes.

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 to approve the minutes of the workshop on Monday, January 12, 2026, regular meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, and special meeting on Thursday, January 29, 2026.  
***Ingrid Flornoy, City Secretary***

Council Member Evelyn Jones made a motion to **Approve** the minutes of the workshop on Monday, January 12, 2026, regular meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, and special meeting on Thursday, January 29, 2026, seconded by Council Member Rosemary Bigby. The motion **Passed** unanimously.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member R. Bigby, Council Member F. Jackson, and Council Member F. Burton

Nay: 0          Motion Carried 4-0

IV. **PRESENTATIONS (INFORMATION ONLY)**

- A. January 2026 Permit Monthly Report- ***Marquis Walker, Permit Administrator – Included in backup***
- B. City Engineer Report- ***Llarance Turner, Kaluza, Inc. – Included in backup***
- C. State of the City- ***Mayor Veeda V. Williams, PhD***
- a. Ceremonial Resolutions:
- Jeremy Massie
  - True Light Christian Assembly

V. **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action to approve the January 2026 Municipal Operations and Consulting (MOC) report. ***Roland Leal, MOC Area Manager Operations***

Roland Leal addressed Ezee Fiber issues before presenting the operations report, emphasizing that residents should call MOC whenever service lines, mains, or meters are affected to prevent contamination issues. MOC currently has three backcharges against Ezee Fiber and nearly \$1 million in claims across all districts, having collected about 50%. Leal requested a copy of the city's stop-work letter to help MOC enforce payment of outstanding claims.

For the December 15, 2025 to January 15, 2026 billing period, the system had 987 water connections (17 vacant) and 1930 sewer connections. Water production was 6,379,000 gallons with 6,089,000 billed, achieving 96% accountability. Delinquent accounts totaled 127 (82 water/sewer, 45 sewer only, 1 plug) with revenue of \$129,710.36. The wastewater treatment plant operated at 40% permitted capacity and received 4.1 inches of rain during the period.

Council Member Rosemary Bigby made a motion to **Approve** the MOC monthly report, seconded by Council Member Evelyn Jones. The motion **Passed** unanimously.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member R. Bigby, Council Member F. Jackson, and Council Member F. Burton

Nay: 0            Motion Carried 4-0

- B.** Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action to approve the First Quarter Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2026. *Dr. Annette Guajardo, City Administrator*

City Administrator Annette Goldberg presented quarterly investment earnings. October earned 4.14% interest (\$41,826.76), November earned 3.99% (\$38,897.26), and December earned 3.83% (\$38,648.74). Total first quarter interest was \$119,372.76 with an ending balance of \$11,922,475.98 in the TexPOOL account.

Council Member Evelyn Jones made a motion to Approve the TexPOOL investment report as of December 31, 2025 for the first quarter, seconded by Council Member Rosemary Bigby. The motion Passed unanimously.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member R. Bigby, Council Member F. Jackson, and Council Member F. Burton

Nay: 0            Motion Carried 4-0

- C.** Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action to authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to take action on council recommendation for purchase/ repair of the Maintenance Trailer (General Fund). *Mayor Veeda V. Williams, PhD*

Mayor Williams explained this authorization would allow negotiation for either purchasing a new maintenance structure or completing repairs based on previous quotes and estimates received. Council Member Jones noted the new trailer option at \$67,388 would eliminate ongoing repair costs and provide a better long-term solution.

Council Member Evelyn Jones made a motion to Approve the Mayor and City Administrator to take action on council recommendation for purchase/ repair of the Maintenance Trailer, seconded by Council Member Rosemary Bigby. The motion Passed with Council Member Fred Burton opposing.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member R. Bigby, and Council Member F. Jackson

Nay: Council Member F. Burton            Motion Carried 3-1

- D.** Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action to approve the 2025 Racial Profiling Report. *Arika Carr-Bryant, Police Chief*

Police Chief Arika Carr-Bryant presented the annual report required by the state and due by March 10th. The report showed 4,918 total stops in 2025, with race/ethnicity unknown prior to all stops. Demographics included 2,036 female and 2,882 male stops, resulting in 1,926 warnings and 2,988 citations. No complaints of racial profiling were received.

Council Member Evelyn Jones made a motion to Approve the 2025 racial profiling report, seconded by Council Member Rosemary Bigby. The motion Passed unanimously.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member R. Bigby, Council Member F. Jackson, and Council Member F. Burton

Nay: 0            Motion Carried 4-0

VI. PLANS, PLATS AND PERMITS

- A. Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action to accept **Glendale Lakes Final Plat of Fort Bend County MUD No. 141 Water Plant No. 2**, City of Arcola ETJ, Fort Bend County, Texas. *Llarance Turner, Kaluza, Inc.*

Mr. Turner presented the 2.537-acre plat in the city's ETJ for the MUD district's second water plant construction. Staff reviewed and received responses to all comments, recommending approval.

Council Member Evelyn Jones made a motion to **Accept** Glendale Lakes Final Plat of Fort Bend County MUD No. 141 Water Plant No. 2, seconded by Council Member Rosemary Bigby. The motion **Passed** unanimously.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member R. Bigby, Council Member F. Jackson, and Council Member F. Burton  
Nay: 0            Motion Carried 4-0

- B. Discussion, consideration of and possible action to accept a **Final Plat of Reverie Ranch Section 2**, along Fenn Rd and FM 521, City of Arcola, Fort Bend County, Texas. *Llarance Turner, Kaluza, Inc.*

Mr. Turner presented the final plat covering 47.268 acres with 116 lots and 7 reserves. Typical lot size is 40 by 125 feet, meeting the 5,000 square foot minimum requirement. The subdivision meets all city rules and regulations.

Council Member Evelyn Jones made a motion to **Accept** the final plat of Reverie Ranch Section 2 Fort Bend County MUD No. 141 Water Plant No. 2, seconded by Council Member Rosemary Bigby. The motion **Passed** with Council Member Fred Burton opposing.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member R. Bigby, and Council Member F. Jackson  
Nay: Council Member F. Burton            Motion Carried 3-1

VII. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action to approve a resolution accepting the Petition for Release from (ETJ) of City of Arcola, a 26.2161-acre tract of land situated in the A.B. Langermann Survey, Abstract No. 456, Fort Bend County, Texas, being more particularly described by metes and bounds description attached to such Petition. *David Olson, City Attorney*

City Attorney David Olson explained that a verified petition was received several months ago for release of a 26.2161-acre tract. After verifying the property description and location within the ETJ, state statute requires the city to take action on the verified petition. This is not the manufactured home park property that might be expected.

Council Member Rosemary Bigby made a motion to **Approve** a resolution accepting the Petition for Release from (ETJ) of City of Arcola, a 26.2161-acre tract of land situated in the A.B. Langermann Survey, Abstract No. 456, Fort Bend County, Texas, being more particularly described by metes and bounds, seconded by Council Member Evelyn Jones. The motion **Passed** unanimously.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member R. Bigby, Council Member F. Jackson, and Council Member F. Burton            Nay: 0            Motion Carried 4-0

- B.** Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action to approve the resolution to appointment Donyelle Robinson and Len Franklin as Directors of Arcola Municipal Management District NO. 1 Board of Directors for terms of office expiring on July 20, 2030. *Dr. Annette Goldberg, City Administrator*

Attorney Marcus Spencer explained that state law requires the district board to make recommendations to the city council for director appointments. Donyelle Robinson has served since 2021 and will serve a full four-year term. Len Franklin will complete a vacant position term until July 20th, then serve a full four-year term through 2030.

Council Member Rosemary Bigby made a motion to **Approve** a resolution to appointment Donyelle Robinson and Len Franklin as Directors of Arcola Municipal Management District NO. 1 Board of Directors for terms of office expiring on July 20, 2030, seconded by Council Member Evelyn Jones. The motion **Passed** unanimously.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member R. Bigby, Council Member F. Jackson, and Council Member F. Burton

Nay: 0 Motion Carried 4-0

- C.** Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action to approve a resolution censuring Council Member Fred Burton relating to the Arcola Police Department. *David Olson, City Attorney*

Mayor Williams asked that council motion to tabled item VII. C.

Council Member Evelyn Jones made a motion to **Table** item VII. C, seconded by Council Member Rosemary Bigby. The motion **Passed** unanimously.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member R. Bigby, and Council Member F. Jackson  
Nay: 0 Motion Carried 4-0

- D.** Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action to adopt the resolution Supporting the Condemnation of Incitement of Violence Against Peace Officers. *Arika Carr-Bryant, Police Chief*

Police Chief Carr-Bryant read the resolution condemning dangerous rhetoric that incites violence against peace officers. The resolution originated from the Texas Police Chiefs Association and International Association of Police Chiefs, emphasizing protection of free speech while acknowledging the responsibility of influential leaders to promote civil discourse and community safety.

Council Member Evelyn Jones made a motion to **Approve** the resolution Supporting the Condemnation of Incitement of Violence Against Peace Officers, seconded by Council Member Rosemary Bigby. The motion **Passed** unanimously.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member R. Bigby, and Council Member F. Jackson  
Nay: 0 Motion Carried 4-0

- E.** Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action to approve a resolution of the City of Arcola, Texas, governing the use of personal electronic devices by councilmembers during open meetings and executive session; providing for enforcement, providing a severability clause, and providing an effective date thereof. *Mayor Veeda V. Williams, PhD*

Mayor Williams explained the resolution ensures council members give full attention to the people's business by restricting personal electronic device use while on the dais during meetings and executive sessions.

Council Member Rosemary Bigby made a motion to **Approve** a governing the use of personal electronic devices by councilmembers during open meetings and executive session, seconded by Council Member Evelyn Jones. The motion **Passed** unanimously.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member R. Bigby, Council Member F. Jackson, and Council Member F. Burton

Nay: 0          Motion Carried 4-0

- F. Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action to approve AN ORDINANCE CALLING AND ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION TO ELECT MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBER At-Large POSITION 2, AND COUNCIL MEMBER At- Large POSITION 4, ON MAY 2, 2026, AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT. *Ingrid Flornoy, City Secretary*

City Secretary confirmed this matter was discussed in the previous day's workshop session.

Council Member Rosemary Bigby made a motion to **Approve** the ordinance calling and ordering a general election for mayor, council member at-large position 2, and council member at-large position 4 on May 2, 2026, seconded by Council Member Fred Burton. The motion **Passed** unanimously.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member R. Bigby, Council Member F. Jackson, and Council Member F. Burton

Nay: 0          Motion Carried 4-0

#### VIII. **CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

- A. Consultation with Attorney. City Council may consult its attorney about contemplated litigation and matters in which the duty of the City Attorney requires the discussion to be conducted in close executive session.
- a. Water Leak Adjustments:
    - St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church
  - b. City of Arcola Digital Sign

**RECESS:** At 6:53 p.m., Mayor Williams announced that the City Council would convene into Closed Executive Session as authorized under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code for Consultation with Attorney.

#### **PRESENT**

Following Members of City Council were Present:

Council Member E. Jones; Council Member R. Bigby; Council Member F. Jackson; Council Member F. Burton; Mayor Veeda Williams; Annette Goldberg, City Administrator; David Olson, City Attorney; and Ingrid Flornoy, City Secretary

IX. 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*

**RECONVENED:** Mayor Williams reconvened into the regular meeting at 7:12 p.m. with action taken on the water leak adjustment for St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church and no action was taken on the Arcola digital sign.

Council Member Evelyn Jones made a motion to **Approve** the adjustment subject of getting the receipt of the repairs, seconded by Council Member Rosemary Bigby. The motion **Passed** unanimously.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member R. Bigby, and Council Member F. Jackson  
Nay: 0 Motion Carried 4-0

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m. Motion to **Adjourn** was made by Council Member Evelyn Jones and seconded by Council Member Fred Burton. The motion **Passed** unanimously.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member R. Bigby, Council Member F. Jackson, and Council Member F. Burton  
Nay: 0 Motion Carried 4-0

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Ingrid Flornoy, City Secretary

