

**MINUTES – COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.**

**LOCATION: ALAMO COMMUNITY CENTER**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Pamela Lee, Bobby Cox, Dondrea Geter, Steve Jones, Harry Lewis, and Thomas Lott.

1. **Invocation** – Jeff Floyd
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approve Minutes from 8/17 Regular meeting, 8/21 and 9/14 called meetings** – Jones made the motion to approve the minutes, Cox 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.
4. **Approve Agenda – Geter added Mentorship Program under New Business (#14) and Speed bumps under Old Business (#9).** Geter made the motion to approve the agenda with additions, Lewis 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

5. **Reopen Asphalt?** – Geter made the motion for the asphalt to remain closed and will revisit during the October monthly meeting, Lott 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, unanimously approved.
6. **Part-time street employee & Extra weekend patrol** – Cox made the motion to keep employee Chancey until at least the end of the year, Lewis 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved. **Extra weekend patrol** – Lott made the motion cut out the extra 8-hour patrol shift on Friday night, Saturday night & Sunday night effective immediately, Cox 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.
7. **New City Hall** – the old city hall has cracks and water is starting to seep through the cracks if a lot of rain falls. Jeff has patched some of the bad areas, but some repairs will need to be done. Cox would like to just add on to the old city hall and make the necessary updates needed. Jones suggested the roof to the old pharmacy needs to at least be fixed and need to get prices. Floyd stated that the city will know more when the budget is discussed whether it is feasible to build a new one or repair the current city hall.
8. **Old Rec. Dept. Update** – The quote from the contractor is attached. Geter asked about putting a fence up around the basketball court. Attorney Clark suggested that the city council needs to look at the budget first and see if it is feasible to put a fence up and/or start some minor repairs to rec. department.
9. **Speed bumps** – looking to add speedbumps on E. Railroad and Cherry Drive. Lewis made the motion to put out speed bumps, Geter 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.

## NEW BUSINESS

**10. Customer Appreciation Day** – Will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in October (October 9) from 9am – 4 pm. The citizens will receive a goodie bag which will include hand sanitizer, masks, hand fan, popcorn, soda, and COVID information.

**11. Trunk or Treat, School Fall Festival & Christmas in the City/Parade** – Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 31 from 6-8 pm. **Lott made a motion to approve, Geter 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.** School Fall Festival is still unsure right now due to COVID concerns. Christmas in the City will be on Saturday, December 5 from 1-6 pm and the Christmas Parade will begin at 6 pm from the Rec. Department. **Cox made the motion to approve the Christmas events, Lott 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.**

**12. City Manager Report – Report attached along with Fire report.** Floyd made the recommendation to put the old green city truck up for bids. **Lewis made the motion, Lott 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.** On the Fire Report, Chief Chaney is requesting that the lights on Engine 1, which are failing, to be updated to LEDs. The cost will be \$2,755.80 and could come out of SPLOST. **Cox made the motion to approve, Jones 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.**

**13. Police Report** – Report attached. For the month of August, the PD answer approx., 432 calls, issued 18 citations, 1 warning and done 15 reports. Mayor Lee asked the PD Chief a question concerning tickets being written to individuals for not making a complete stop at a red light before making a right turn. Chief responded that red means stop and state law says that a vehicle must make a 2-3 sec. complete stop at a red light before they can make a right hand turn unless there is a sign visible saying no turn on red.

**14. Mentorship Program** – Geter said he would like to maybe after COVID and maybe if it gets back to normal, maybe start up a program where adults can volunteer to help mentor children.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Johnny Moore** – asked CM Jeff to see if the city could help with a back driveway off Railroad to his property that is narrow. Jeff replied that the city could help with adding dirt to make it wider if the pipe is already there. If not, it could be an extra for him if a pipe must be added. **Joshua Simmons** – asked about the City of Alamo communication source besides Facebook. Jeff Floyd responded that the city has already started the process of getting the website started. – Simmons would also like to have open bids instead of seal bids. He just believes it is more open to the public. Floyd stated that it can cost the city more by doing open bids instead of seal bids. – Simmons asked about a vehicle for part time and the city hall employees since all the full time have a vehicle. **James Lee** – asked about a vehicle for the clerks at the city hall. Why not have a vehicle at the city hall so the clerks would not have to take their personal vehicle anywhere needed to go to conduct city business.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (employee matter) – went into executive session 8:05 pm with Lewis making the motion, Jones 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.**

**At 8:29 pm Cox made the motion to exit out of executive session, Jones 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved. Following executive session, Lewis made the motion for the city to pay to pay all of R. Bryant insurance premiums for the month of Sept., Lott 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM with Geter making the motion, Lott 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.**

Submitted By:

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10/19/20