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MINUTES – COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021 – 6:00 P.M. LOCATION: ALAMO COMMUNITY CENTER

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

Called to order by Mayor Lee at 6:00 pm.

- 1. Invocation Jeffrey Floyd
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Approve Minutes from 2/22 Regular meeting Woodard made the motion to approve the minutes with a couple of grammar errors, Lott 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.
- 4. Approve Agenda Lott requested to add Alcohol referendum to the agenda (#10), Jones made the motion to approve with addition, Lewis 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- 5. Old Rec. Dept. Update Floyd stated that the fence has been started on, but it will be based on the weather how soon it will be done. Also, had to put some NO TRESPASSING signs up because others were caught on the court and the city does not want anyone to get hurt and the court is still shut down. Geter did also state that the city is in the final application process on the grant that was applied for pertaining to the old rec department and it is due date by the end of April. Also a few members of council need to get together to discuss the specifics of what they would like to see done at the rec dept.
- 6. City Hall Strategic Planning Committee The committee met on March 10 at the City Hall and Woodard feels the committee is a very productive group of people. Instead of 4 on the committee there is only 3 and she is going to leave it like that. There is a report attached of their findings and some resolutions to fixing the problems. Woodard believes by May the committee will have a cohesive report to give to council and will intel the citizens that are involved not council members.
- 7. Code Enforcement Ordinance The ordinance was presented to council in January. Floyd stated again that something must be passed to be able to do anything with junk vehicles, dilapidated houses/buildings, etc., but there are things the city itself is going to have to repair to be in line with the ordinance as well. Cox made the motion to accept the ordinance as is, Woodard 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.
- 8. LMIG 2021 & Storm drainage bids:
  - LMIG 2021 bids: Tanner \$ 42,800; SWW \$ 41,750; Hooks Constructions \$22,482. Cox made a motion to accept Hooks bid and since there are some monies left, add a small street to finish the grant, Lott 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.

- Storm Drainage Hooks Construction \$26,149; SWW \$68,360. Cox made the motion to accept Hooks bid for the storm drainage, Jones 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.
- 9. Crown Vic bid There was only one bid from Geoffrey Villegas for \$250.00. Cox made the motion to accept the bid, Jones 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.
- 10. Alcohol Referendum City Attorney R. Clark stated that if you are talking about packaged alcohol, stilled or by the drink, a referendum is required. There can be a separate referendum on each one of those if wanted. Geter made the motion for a referendum on pouring license, Woodard 2<sup>nd</sup>, Lewis approved. Cox & Jones opposed. Passed due to majority vote. Lott refrained from voting since showing the interest of opening the sports bar per R. Clark suggestion.
  - **Resolution:** Geter made the motion to approve the resolution to issue licenses for the sale of distilled spirits by the drink for consumption only on the premises where sold, Woodard 2<sup>nd</sup>, Lewis approved. Cox & Jones opposed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 11. Cemetery Plot there is an individual that would like to purchase a lot close to other family members, but the requested lot is not on a cemetery map for the area. There are others buried off to the side like the area requested. Jones made the motion to table the matter so Floyd and Carrillo can look deeper into the situation and see if the other lots not mapped were purchased or not. Woodard 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.
- 12. City Manager Report report is attached.
- **13. Police Report** Report attached. For the month of February, the PD answered approx. 326 calls.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

- Andrea Towns with the Advance – is interested in doing a story on R. Bryant resignation/retirement and a new Interim Chief and is requesting more information on the matter. Mayor Lee and CM Floyd stated they will be getting with her with what they can release.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (employee matters, litigations & real estate) – went into executive session 7:34 pm with Geter making the motion, Lott 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved. City Clerk, Marie Carrillo excused from meeting and Woodard would take minutes from Executive session.

Following executive session, the following was voted:

The starting salary for the new Chief with the benefits being negotiable will be \$42,000/yr. Lott 2<sup>nd</sup>, Geter 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM with Lewis making the motion, Geter 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.

Submitted By:

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Marie Carrillo, City Clerk

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