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**MINUTES – COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.**

**LOCATION: ALAMO CITY HALL**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Patricia Woodard, Steve Jones, Laura Brownley Bobby Cox, Geoffrey Villegas, Dondrea Geter, City Manager, Jeff Floyd and City Clerk, Marie Carrillo.

**ABSENT:** Pam Lee (Zoom)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (employee matters & litigations) – started executive session 5:30 pm. Woodard would take minutes from Executive session.**

1. **Call Meeting to Order – Jones called to order @ 6:00 pm.**
2. **Invocation – Jeff Floyd**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Approve minutes from 1/8 Regular Meeting and 1/16 Called Meeting – Woodard made the motion to approve the 1/8 Regular meeting, Cox 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved. Woodard made the motion to approve the 1/16 Called Meeting minutes, Brownley 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.**
5. **Approve Agenda – Brownley made a motion to approve the agenda, Villegas 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.**
6. **Finance Reports - Brownley made the motion to approve the reports, Geter 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

7. **Camp G.R.O.W – is interested in using the old city hall building. Geter made a motion to table until some perimeters are set before approving anything, Brownley 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.**
8. **City Hall**
  - a. **Window Tint – received quotes from Great Scott out of Milan and Xpress Signs out of Lyons. Villegas made a motion to go with Great Scott subtracting the City Hall and PD Reception windows (\$432), Geter 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.**
  - b. **Office hours posted on door, window? – tabled for quotes.**
  - c. **Housekeeping – Woodard made a motion to start at \$14/hr. with a max of 16hrs/wk., Brownley 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved. Also, Woodard made a motion for the Administrative Committee and Floyd to get together to set up interviews within the next 2 weeks, Villegas 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.**
9. **Open House – Geter made a motion to have open house on 3/18 to start at 3 pm (before the council meeting), Brownley 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.**
10. **ESP Update – got an invoice for the basketball shelter project. Will need to transfer some funds to cover invoice and future payments. Woodard made a motion to transfer \$75,000 from ARP Savings and \$75,000 from General fund Savings to the ESP account, Geter 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.**

11. **Water/Sewer Recommendations (LS#1)** – Floyd had a quote from Smith & Loveless, which is the exact fit of what's in there now, for \$73,800. Have 2 quotes to install the new equipment from Southeastern Environmental for \$45,000 and EIC Inc for \$98,675. **Woodard made the motion to go with Southeastern, Cox 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.**
12. **Adopt New Business License Ordinance** – First reading was done during the January 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. **Brownley made a motion to adopt the new ordinance, Villegas 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.**
13. **Republic Contract** – Floyd stated that the cost for garbage will go up from \$10.65/cart to \$15.98/cart. He reached out to Toombs County landfill, and they stated that they will take the sludge from the WWTP for \$38/ton and pay directly to Toombs County instead of paying \$75/ton to the landfill in Jesup. Also, Republic will only charge \$275/haul to Toombs instead of \$750/haul to Jesup. The only part is a yearly Consumer Product Increase of 5.4% every year. **Brownley made the motion to accept the contract, Cox 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.** Also, **Brownley made a motion to go in effect immediately, to help the citizens adjust to the new increase, that each active water customer a \$200 credit toward that increase from the ARP funds, Geter 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.**
14. **TIA** – need to have contract by DOT and to release for bids for an engineer to take care of everything related to the project(s). **Cox made a motion to accept the contract and to release for bids, Brownley 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.** Also, **Brownley made a motion to accept a resolution to go with the contract, Geter 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.**
15. **Code Enforcement Update** – Floyd has reached out to Mrs. Robinson, and she has been out due to some medical issues. The council is requesting her to submit another contract for council approval. Floyd will reply to her email requesting another contract.
16. **Committee Assignments** – **Brownley makes a motion to keep the 2024 committees as the same as 2023, Villegas 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.** Will look into possibly keeping the committees for a 2-year cycle (election cycle).
17. **Request to rename portion of Second Ave. (Edna Coats Terrell)** – **Woodard makes a motion to table until the street committee can get together and set perimeters, Brownley 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.**

#### NEW BUSINESS

18. **Request to rename Stewart St. (Catherine Wilson)** – same as previous item. **Woodard motion to table until the street committee can get together and set perimeters, Brownly 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.**
19. **Elijah and Christy Shaw (Daycare inside Old Hardware Store)** – addressed the council about possibly looking to open another daycare within the city limits and would like their support. Cox mentioned to them about the old elementary school. Elijah will call the BOE, and he will me with Floyd on looking at the old hardware store.

20. **Appoint Mayor Pro-Tem** – Woodard motioned to nominate Geter as the next Mayor Pro-Tem. He has the years and it's his time. **Brownley 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.**

21. **Court Clerk Contract** – Woodard motioned to accept the court clerks' contract, which is from Annie Bess, **Geter 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.**

22. **LMIG 2024 (Release for bidding)** – Brownley makes a motion to release for bidding, **Villegas 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.**

23. **City Manager Report** – report attached. GIRMA/GMA insurance is going up 15% across the board. A chief from another town is interested in the PD Dodge Charger and the police committee can get together and come up with a price to let it go.

Woodard made a motion to add **GEFA Grant Contract (#26) to the agenda, Geter 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.**

24. **Fire Report** – report attached.

a. **Fire Truck** – Woodard makes a motion to buy fire truck from McRae Helena for \$10,000 and pay for out of SPLOST, **Brownley 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.**

25. **Police Report** – Report attached.

26. **GEFA Grant Contract** – Woodard makes a motion to accept the contract and for the mayor to sign, **Brownley 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.**

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM with Geter making the motion, **Brownley 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.**

Submitted By:

*Pamela Lee*

Presiding Officer

Attest:

*Maria Caille*

City Clerk

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