

MINUTES—COUNCIL MEETING—Monday, June 17th, 2024 ---6 P.M.

LOCATION: ALAMO CITY HALL

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor, Pamela Lee, City Manager, Jeff Floyd, Councilmember Steve Jones, Councilmember Laura Brownley, Councilmember Bobby Cox, Councilmember Dondrea Geter, Councilmember Geoffrey Villegas, and City Clerk Dana Burkhalter.

ABSENT: Councilmember Patricia Woodard, and Attorney Russell Clark

EXECUTIVE SESSION (employee matters & litigations)- started executive session at 5:30 pm. Councilmember Brownley will take the minutes from Executive session.

Call Meeting to Order—Mayor Lee called to order @ 6:00 pm.

1. Invocation—City Manager Jeff Floyd
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approve minutes from May 25th Regular Meeting – **Councilmember Cox made a motion to approve, Councilmember Villegas 2nd. Unanimously approved**
4. Approve Agenda ---- City Manager Jeff added the Grant with Chris under New Business #16 Councilmember Brownley added Farmers Market under old business # 12A Mayor Lee added resignation of Code Enforcement officer under new business #13a. **Councilmember Jones made a motion to accept the agenda with the amendments. 2nd by councilmember Villegas. Unanimously approved.**
5. Finance Report- City Manger Jeff talked about the cd's that had been done at the bank and this will show on the bank balance sheet. Councilmember Brownley asked about the money that we still have in the New City Hall account. City Manager Jeff Floyd stated that we have not closed it out yet but when we do it will go back to the General funds account. Mayor Lee said the hours on the doors are still needed and the sign for the drop box. **A motion was made to take care of these things before closing the account by Councilmember Brownley and 2nd by councilmember Geter all unanimously approved.**

OLD BUSINESS

6. **East side park update-** We got a bid from Greenline for \$17,750 Bid from Croft for \$55,000 Attorney Clark has drawn up a resolution for Greenline. A motion was made to accept the bid from Greenline for the amphitheater at the East Side Park and approve the **resolution by Councilmember Geter and 2nd by Councilmember Jones all unanimously approved.**

7. **TIA RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT BIDS** --- City Manager Floyd stated that the Council approved last month to go with Scruggs. Now we need to approve the resolution. Motion made by Councilmember Cox and 2nd by Villegas all unanimously approved.
8. **GEFA bids and contract and resolution to accept bid.** Mckims & Creed enter a bid of 61,100.00 Tindall Enterprises bid of 43,890.50 and LJA environmental enter no bid. Attorney Clark recommends we go with Tindall enterprises who has the lowest bid. Attorney Clark has already looked over Tindall's contract and the resolution. **Motion was made to accept Tindall bid and resolution by Councilmember Brownley 2nd by Councilmember Jones. All unanimously approved. Motion made to accept Tindall Contract made by Councilmember Cox and 2nd by Councilmember Villegas. all unanimously approved**
9. **LMIG sealed bids**--- City Manager Jeff Floyd stated that for the 2nd time we have not received any bids. The City Manager suggests that we not put it back out for bids but call and see if we can have some contractors for it next month for the next Council Meeting July 15th. Councilmember Jones suggested talking to Sims. No vote was taken
10. **Storm Drain near Lift Station #4 sealed bids.** City Manager Floyd stated we received 3 sealed bids. one from Tripple H Land clearing for 24,989. Webb swamp Logging bid was 18,500 and the 3rd bid was from Taylor & sons Inc for 53,399 **Approved by Motion was made to go with Webb Swamp Logging llc with a bid of 18,500 by Councilmember Villegas and 2nd by Councilmember Jones Councilmember Geter, and Councilmember Brownley. Councilmember Cox opposed.**

Motion made to go with t-lost to pay for the project by Councilmember Villegas and 2nd by Councilmember Jones unanimously approved by all
11. **GMA RETIREMENT AGREEMENT / Ordinance**---- Attorney Clark looked over the agreement and ordinance and checked the boxes that need to be checked. **Councilmember Brownly made a motion to accept the agreement and ordinance 2nd by councilmember Brownly and 2nd by Councilmember Villegas all unanimously approved.**

12. ME SACK ENGINEERING AGREEMENT FOR EAST RAILROAD SIDEWALK

REPLACEMENT. This is an agreement with the city and ME SACKS there part would be paid for using tlost and the project its self would be paid for by TIA. **Motion to approve the agreement by councilmember Cox 2nd by Councilmember Villegas**

12a. **Farmers Market**—Councilmember Brownley is coming to us again to ask for the City's permission to use the old hardware store. She would like to have the city allow the use of the building pending the approval of all the guidelines for the Farmers Market. The city would not be responsible for anything. Councilmember Brownley believes that the Old Hardware store would be a draw for people to come to an indoor farmers market. Council member Brownley stated that by the next council meeting, she will have more answers to all the questions that the council has.

NEW BUSINESS

13. **Amend the 2023 budget \$ amend the 2024 budget** motion was made to approve the amending of the 2023 budget by councilmember Jones 2nd by councilmember Villegas all unanimously approved **Motion made to approve the amending of the 2024 budget by councilmember Villegas 2nd by councilmember Geter all unanimously approved.**

13a. **Resignation letter from Code enforcement officer.** Motion to accept the resignation of Code Enforcement officer by Councilmember Cox and 2nd by councilmember Brownley unanimously approved. Councilmember Jones said that we need to talk about advertising for Code enforcement officers. **Motion was made to advertise for the code enforcement officer but also City Manager Floyd call other code officers in other cities and see if they will help us out by Councilmember Geter 2nd by councilmember Brownley all unanimously approved.**

14. **Ad to hire clerk**--- Mayor Lee asked Dana Burkhalter if she would accept the position as City Clerk, Dana Burkhalter agreed to accept the position of City Clerk of the City of Alamo. **Motion was made by Councilmember Jones to approve Dana as the New City Clerk of Alamo. 2nd by Geter. unanimously approved by all.** Cityclerk Dana was asked did it need to be a full time or part time. City Clerk Dana recommends it be a full-time position. **Councilmember Jones made a motion to advertise to hire a full time Clerk 2nd by Geter all unanimously approved.**

15. **.5 year comprehension plan** – City Manager Floyd said some of the things we are looking to do are Farmers Market, the new sewer line service, downtown development, finishing the rec department. He stated he would love to see lighting downtown where we have all the events, a stage. Floyd will send a rough draft of project ideas in the morning.

16. **CDBG grant**—City Manager Floyd, Mayor Lee, and City Clerk Dana met with Chris Lowe on Friday. There is a grant for sewer upgrades out there. The grant would be to replace lift station 3 and lift station 4 and then possibly add another lift station for the east side park and other houses. The other Grant we would be interested in is the Generator Grant to get a generator for the well behind the bank. Out of pocket cost for the city would be around 20,000.

17. **City Manager report**—Report in attached

18. **Fire Report**—report attached

19. **police report**- report is attached

20. **Mayor report**- Mayor Lee talked about the 4th of July event and the city having a booth again this year, maybe the bouncy house and popcorn. Mayor Lee also let the council know that we had set a date for the back-to-school bash on August 3rd, 2024

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION Mr. Charles Lee spoke and says he likes this council they are concerned about what is good for the citizens. Farmers Market I love we really need this to come here

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm with **Councilmember Geter 2nd by Brownley all unanimously approved**

Submitted By:



Presiding Officer

Attest:



City Clerk

Seal:

