

**MINUTES
CITY OF AMES, TEXAS
304 MARTIN DR. – AMES, TEXAS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023
6:00 p.m.**

The City Council for the City of Ames, Texas met in a special meeting in council chambers at the Ames City Hall at 6:03 p.m. Mayor Barbara Domain called the meeting to order at that time. Councilman Eddie White led the prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mayor Domain did the roll call, at that time the members of the City Council who were present were: Mayor Barbara Domain, Liz Hardy, Eddie White, and Alfred Freeman. Absent: Michael Trahan and Audrey Harrison.

CITIZEN APPEARANCE

Mayor Domain thanked the citizens for being here, asked them to silence their phones, and if any of the citizens would like to take three (3) minutes to speak to the council. A list of attending citizens is attached.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 11, 2023, REGULAR MEETING

Motion was made. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

Motioned was made by: Councilwoman Liz Hardy

Seconded by: Councilman Eddie White

All in favor: 3 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

Regular Agenda Items

1. ANGIE FROM BRIDGEHAVEN CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER IN DAYTON WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL.

A representative by the name Jean Marie with the Children's Advocacy Center spoke to the council about what they do and how it affects the community. Jean Marie explained how interviews are conducted for the gathering of information for cases. They assist CPS and Police with the forensic part of the cases. They offer Court advocacy and counseling services to the children.

2. DISCUSS AND IF APPROPRIATE APPROVE THE 2023 PROPOSED TAX RATE.

Mayor Domain explained the tax and how it was calculated. She also gave a brief discussion of how the rate would decrease this year by 0.01 but the city would still gain revenue. Councilmen Freeman asked to confirm that the tax would not be increased because some people are having a hard time paying taxes now. Mayor Domain confirmed that.

3. DISCUSS THE 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET.

Mayor Domain read the proposed budget for 2024.

4. CONSIDER AND IF APPROPRIATE TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2023-006 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF AMES, TEXAS, APPROVING APPOINTMENT OF EMMETT ALBRO AS MUNICIPAL JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT FOR THE CITY OF AMES; NAMING THE APPOINTED JUDGE TO A TERM OF SIX MONTHS; AND APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT A.

The council approved to adopt the resolution 2023-006 for the City Council of Ames, Texas appointing Emmett Albro as the Municipal Judge for a term of 6 months and approved the professional service agreement. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

Motioned was made by: Councilman Eddie White

Seconded by: Councilwoman Liz Hardy

All in favor: 3 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

5. CONSIDER AND IF APPROPRIATE TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2023-007 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF AMES, TEXAS, DESIGNATION SIGNATORIES OF CITY ACCOUNTS AND SUPERSEDING ANY PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS SO DESIGNATING THE SAME.

The council approved to adopt the resolution 2023-007 designation of signatories for city account with First Financial Bank. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

Motioned was made by: Councilwoman Liz Hardy

Seconded by: Councilman Eddie White

All in favor: 3 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

6. MAYOR'S REPORT.

- Kickoff meeting with Grant Works and Black Smith Ventures for street repairs.
- Firefighters training hoping to reinstate Ames Volunteer Fire Dept.

7. DISCUSSION/REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

8. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



Barbara Domain
Mayor



Wellona Godfrey
City Secretary