



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CALLED MEETING
OF THE LLANO CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL, 301 WEST MAIN, LLANO, TEXAS
5:30 P.M. TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2022**

MINUTES

Alderspersons present: Laura Almond, Mayor Pro Tem Kara Gilliland, Larry Sawyer, Wayne DeCesaris, and Eugene Long
Alderspersons absent: None
Officers present: Erica Berry, City Manager; Brenda Poe, City Secretary

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Pro Tem Gilliland called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO U.S AND TEXAS FLAGS and INVOCATION** led by Pastor Ralph Reitmeyer.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS CONCERNING MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
(Visitors shall be limited to no more than (3) three minutes to address the Council or at the discretion of the Mayor)
In accordance with Section 551.042 of the Texas Government Code, an inquiry made at a meeting shall be conducted as follows:
(a.) If at a meeting of a governmental body, a member of the public or the governmental body inquiries about a subject for which notice has not been given as required by this subchapter, the notice provisions of this subchapter do not apply to:
 1. A statement of specific information given in response to the inquiry.
 2. A recitation of existing policy in a response to the inquiry.(b.) Any DELIBERATION of or a decision about the subject of the inquiry shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a subsequent meeting.
Jed Darlin spoke against the Main Street America program and designation.
4. **PUBLIC HEARING**
 - a. A public hearing will be held to receive written and/or oral comments regarding the proposed Comprehensive Sign Ordinance. *Tony Guidroz, Llano Main Street Manager*
The public hearing opened at 6:13 p.m. Ana Long spoke on behalf of the committee presenting the Ordinance. Jed Darlin spoke against the ordinance, referring to Main Street. Jennie Flinders spoke against the proposed changes. Fred Cook spoke in support of the Ordinance. Council asked if businesses had been contacted about the changes. Guidroz said they had not. The hearing closed at 5:48 p.m.
5. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**
 - a. Approval of the Llano City Council Regular Called Meeting minutes from June 21, 2022. *Brenda Poe, City Secretary*
A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Alderwoman Almond, with a second by Alderman Long. The motion carried, all in favor.
6. **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**
 - a. Presentation, discussion, and possible action on accepting the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 annual audit as presented by independent audit firm Brockway, Gersbach, Franklin, & Niemeier, P.C. *Erica Berry, City Manager*
A motion to postpone the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 annual audit as presented by independent audit firm Brockway, Gersbach, Franklin, & Niemeier, P.C presentation and acceptance was made by Alderwoman Almond, with a second by Alderman Sawyer. The motion carried, all in favor.
 - b. Discussion and possible action regarding an amendment to Ordinance No. 1466 regarding the

Budget for FY 2021-2022. *Cara Hewitt, Finance Director*

A motion to accept Ordinance No. 1466 to amend the budget for FY 22 of the General Fund and Airport Funds was made by Alderwoman Almond, with a second by Alderman DeCesaris. The motion carried, all in favor.

- c. Discussion and possible action to issue support of the Llano County Local Historical Medallion Program by the Council. *Brenda Poe, City Secretary*
A motion to issue a letter of support for the Llano County Local Historical Medallion Program was made by Alderwoman Almond, with a second by Alderman Sawyer. The motion carried, 4-1 with Alderman DeCesaris opposing.
- d. Discussion and possible action regarding a contract with BEC Fiber for broadband services for the City of Llano, authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and sign the contract. *Erica Berry, City Manager*
Alderman DeCesaris asked for cost comparisons and to have the JLK Center as an option in the contract. A motion to postpone the item was made by Alderman DeCesaris, with a second by Alderman Long. The motion carried, all in favor.
- e. Discussion and possible action to approve Task Order 2022-25 from Steger Bizzell for engineering services related to the design and construction of 6-inch PVC water lines to replace existing galvanized water lines within the City's existing water system. *Josh Becker, Director of Water and Wastewater Operations*
A motion to approve Task Order 2022-25 from Steger Bizzell for engineering services related to the design and construction of 6-inch PVC water lines to replace existing galvanized water lines within the City's existing water system was made by Alderwoman Almond, with a second by Mayor Pro Tem Gilliland. The motion carried, all in favor.

7. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL/CITY MANAGER

- a. City Manager Update. *Erica Berry, City Manager*
DeCesaris asked what the key areas of concern with City operations were. Berry said the staff retention. DeCesaris asked if the Audit finds from the 2021 Audit are corrected. Berry advised that there were several (3 of the 12) that are holdovers from the 2020 Audit, but all should be essentially remedied by Sept 30, 2022, if staff retention holds. DeCesaris asked if City Manager approved the part-time job for the Director of Community Development to become Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce and if controls are in place to ensure the City is not getting short-changed. Berry said that it was not in her purview to approve or deny that and that no controls were in place.
- b. For informational and discussion purposes – Water Task Group update. *Kara Gilliland, Mayor Pro Tem; Josh Becker, Director of Water and Wastewater; John Ferguson, Committee member*
Mayor Pro Tem Gilliland gave an update on the activities that had taken place. She said water quality was a concern as there is no flow in the River at this time.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION-CLOSED SESSION

- a. City Council will convene into Executive Session in accordance with the Texas Government Code Section 551.074 – personnel matters regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee - filling the vacancy of the Mayor.
Council convened into Executive Session at 6:24 p.m.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION-OPEN SESSION

- a. City Council will reconvene into Open Session for discussion and possible action regarding

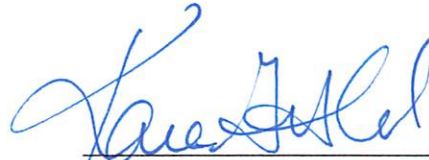
filling the vacancy of the Mayor.

Council reconvened into Executive Session at 6:53 p.m. A motion was made to appoint Kelli Tudyk as Mayor was made by Alderman DeCesaris, with a second by Alderman Long. The motion carried, 3-2, with Alderman Sawyer and Alderwoman Almond opposing.

10. ADJOURNMENT – The Council adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



Brenda Poe, TRMC, City Secretary



Kara Gilliland, Mayor Pro Tem