

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALAMO MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018 AT CITY HALL AT 5:00 P.M.

Mayor Emison called the meeting to order.

Roll was called with the following Aldermen present: Kenneth Bodkins, Larry Conder, P.B. Conley and John Reddick.

Invocation was given by Jule Nance.

Others present: Chief Jim Knox, Ferris Arnold, Bill Tyler, Josh Baird, Charlie Moore, Randy Camp and Amanda Harris.

Alderman Bodkins made a motion to adopt the minutes of the December 2017. It was seconded by Alderman Reddick. All Aldermen voted, Aye. The motion passed.

Mayor Emison gave his monthly report on the following items:

Received a verbal appreciation from Maxine at the Post Office that she was happy with the paint job that has been done. She asked for new carpeting and Mayor Emison stated that it was not in the Fiscal year budget for this year but would maybe discussed for next year's budget. Mayor Emison stated that we received word that the Post Office has decided to remain tenants for another five years for the years of 2019-2024.

Mayor Emison has appointed a Downtown Revitalization Steering Committee consisting of Tommy Allen, Chairman, Meridith Marbury, Daniel Akins, Lionel Hughes serving with Mayor Emison.

Mayor Emison gave a report of the TDEC Sanitary Survey of the Water Plant. We scored a 598 of a possible 599. Several other issues were identified in the report and are being addressed.

The Police Dept. purchased new digital radios per the E-911 decision.

Mayor Emison stated the City did not get the first step of the Tennessee Department of Health grant that we applied for to be able to construct a permanent bathroom facility at the E.D. Brown Park.

Mayor Emison made a second reading of 2017-23 Annexation Ordinance. Alderman Bodkins made a motion to adopt this ordinance, Alderman Conder seconded the motion. The voting is as follows: Alderman Bodkins, Aye; Alderman Conder, Aye; Alderman Conley, Aye; Alderman Reddick, Aye. Passed on second reading.

Mayor Emison made a second reading of 2017-21 Amending Zoning Map Ordinance. Alderman Conley made a motion to adopt this ordinance, Alderman Reddick seconded the motion. The voting is as follows: Alderman Bodkins, Aye; Alderman Conder, Aye; Alderman Conley, Aye; Alderman Reddick, Aye. Passed on second reading.

Mayor Emison made a second reading of 2017-22 Amending Court Costs Ordinance. Alderman Bodkins made a motion to adopt this ordinance, Alderman Conley seconded the motion. The voting is as follows: Alderman Bodkins, Aye; Alderman Conder, Aye; Alderman Conley, Aye; Alderman Reddick, Aye. Passed on second reading.

#### New Business:

Mayor Emison discussed allowing the city employees to donate sick leave to another employee. This agreement would allow an employee that has a positive number of sick hours to another employee if an illness was to occur. Alderman Bodkins made a motion to allow an employee to donate up to 40 hours of sick leave. Alderman Conder seconded the motion. The voting is as follows: Alderman Bodkins, Aye; Alderman Conder, Aye; Alderman Conley, Aye; Alderman Reddick, Aye

Mayor Emison stated that it may be time to look at putting a cap on sick leave for city employees.

Alderman Bodkins requested that we allow Amanda Harris to take over Chief Knox's TIBRS to relieve some work from him.

Mayor Emison discussed the 6 Month Budget Review. Revenues for General Fund are at 46.2% and expenditures are at 46.4% for the Fiscal year. Water/Sewer revenues are at 51.5% and expenditures are at 52% for the Fiscal Year.

Mayor Emison stated that Fire Chief Timmy Williams has agreed to stay on until December 31, 2018 pending he receive a pay raise to \$750 a month. Alderman Bodkins made a motion to raise Chief Williams pay from \$500 a month to \$750 a month. Alderman Conley seconded the motion. The voting is as follows: Alderman Bodkins, Aye; Alderman Conder, Aye; Alderman Conley, Aye; Alderman Reddick, Aye.

A first reading of Ordinance 2018-1 Water Rate Increase. A 33% increase for people inside the city limits and a 43% increase for people outside city limits. The increase is to go into effect as of March 1, 2018. Alderman Bodkins made a motion to adopt this ordinance, Alderman Conley seconded the motion. The voting is as follows: Alderman Bodkins, Aye; Alderman Conder, Aye; Alderman Conley, Aye; Alderman Reddick, Aye.

Alderman Bodkins has concerns about the Cemetery since the City of Alamo does not own the old part. Mayor Emison is working with MTAS as to a resolution to this issue and concerning making a Cemetery Board. This issue will be discussed more once the information from MTAS is received.

Mayor Emison has appointed a Downtown Revitalization Steering Committee consisting of Tommy Allen, Chairman, Meridith Marbury, Daniel Akins, Lionel Hughes serving with Mayor Emison. Resolution 2018-8 is a resolution to apply for a \$15,000 grant that can be applied for to revitalize the downtown area, including using this to replace the handrails around the court square to be OSHA compliant. The voting is as follows: Alderman Bodkins, Aye; Alderman Conder, Aye; Alderman Conley, Aye; Alderman Reddick, Aye.

With no further business to come before the board Alderman Conley made a motion to adjourn and Alderman Bodkins seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

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John Avery Emison, Mayor

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Rita Reasons, Recorder