

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALAMO MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017 AT CITY HALL AT 5:00 P.M.

Mayor Emison called the meeting to order.

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

Others present: Bobby Rawson, Rita Reasons, John Gorman, Robert Thomas, Freddie and Nancy Plascencia, Paulette Hayes, Pat Conder, Josh Baird, Bill Tyler, Libby Ing, Phil Park and Jim Knox.

Invocation was given by Bobby Rawson.

Mayor Emison presented a proclamation to John Gorman and Bill Tyler for 35 years of service to the Town of Alamo.

Mayor Emison gave his monthly report on the following items. A job offer was presented to Zachery Cummings for police officer, the police chief will be trying to curb overtime now that the fourth officer has been hired. The town has been awarded a mosquito grant from the state in the amount of \$22,732.00. Waste Management increased the monthly charge by 2 percent. The town was awarded a 60KW generator from the military. John Gorman discovered an issue with the fire lines supplies to industries. The Crockett County Convenience Center located right outside Alamo has never been deeded over to the county. Mayor Emison stated that the roof at the water plant has two leaks and that he was working on a plan for emergency water plan. Finally, Mayor Emison stated that Martha Gregory was appointed to the planning commission.

A motion was made by Alderman Conley to adopt the minutes of the June 6, 2017 meeting and the special called meeting on June 29, 2017, seconded by Alderman Reddick.

The board reviewed the bills.

Mayor Emison stated that Ordinance 2017-10 had several changes being footage increased to 300 feet to sell beer, having Sunday sales and on site consumption.

Alderman Conley stated that the beer sales were allowed in the city limits because of the revenue that it would generate and changing the feet from 100 to 300 would single out the Valero property at the intersection of North Bells and Church Street. Alderman Conley made a motion to amend to ordinance to read 100 feet and it was seconded by Alderman Conder. All Aldermen voted, Aye. Alderman Conley suggested that the ordinance include signage language where no beer signs were to be posted outside or on the window. A motion was made to amend the ordinance to include language to prohibit signs displayed outside or in windows by Alderman Conley and seconded by Alderman Bodkins. All Aldermen voted, aye. The motion passed. A motion was passed for Ordinance 2017-10 to allow Sunday beer sales and beer served in restaurants by Alderman Conder and seconded by alderman Conley. Voting is as follows: Alderman Larry Conder, Aye, Alderman Bodkins, Aye, Alderman P. B. Conley, Aye and Alderman Reddick, Aye. The motion passed.

Mayor Emison stated that it was time for annual raises. Recorder Rita Reasons stated that in the past full time employees were given \$0.50 and part time were given \$0.25 per hour. A motion was made by Alderman Conder to give employee a raise based on the recorders recommendations and it was seconded by Alderman Conley. All Aldermen voted, Aye. The motion carried.

Mayor Emison stated that he had spoken to MTAS about setting up a job classification system and that would be enacted before the next fiscal year, so that employees would be evaluated and raised would be based on evaluations.

Randy Camp gave a update on the Waste Management contract. He stated that the original contract was made in 1989 and from that point extensions had been signed. He stated that no statue authorizes a contract as long as this has been going on. In March 2016 the board voted giving Mayor Green the authority to negotiate and sign an extension with Waste Management, which violates state law. Mr. Camp also stated that it violates state competitive agreement and it was outside the scope of the town. Mayor Emison asked Randy Camp to write a letter to Waste Management.

Mayor Emison stated that Ordinance 2017-5, an ordinance updating the zoning map was ready for the second and final reading. Mayor Emison stated that the ordinance needed to be amended to reflect the date of June 22, 2017 which was produced by MTAS. Alderman Bodkins made a motion to amend the ordinance to reflect the date of June 22, 2017, seconded by Alderman Reddick. All aldermen voted, Aye. A motion was made by Alderman Conley to adopt Ordinance 2017-5 approving the amended zoning map and seconded by Alderman Conder. The voting is as follows: Alderman Reddick, Aye, Alderman Conley, Aye, Alderman Bodkins, Aye and Alderman Conder, Aye. The motion was passed on the second and final reading.

Rita Reasons explained that she had made a mistake on the policy, Customer Fees, Rates and Charges Policy, that all monies had to be done by ordinance. Rita asked the board to rescind the policy. A motion was made by Alderman Conley to rescind the policy and seconded by Alderman Bodkins. All Aldermen voted, Aye. The motion carried. A motion was made to adopt the new Customer Policy by Alderman Bodkins and seconded by Alderman Conley. All Aldermen voted, Aye. The motion carried.

Mayor Emison stated that Ordinance 2017-6, an ordinance setting tap fees needed to be adopted. A motion was made by Alderman Bodkins to adopt Ordinance 2017-6, seconded by Alderman Conder. The voting is as follows: Alderman Reddick, Aye, Alderman Bodkins, Aye, Alderman Conley, Aye and Alderman Conder, Aye. The motion carried.

Mayor Emison stated that Ordinance 2017-7, an Ordinance for connection fees, relocation fees and returned check fees needed to be adopted. A motion was made by Alderman Conder to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Alderman Bodkins. The voting is as follows: Alderman Conder, Aye, Alderman Bodkins, Aye, Alderman Conley, Aye and Alderman Reddick, Aye.

Mayor Emison stated that Ordinance 2017-8, an ordinance appropriating funds for 2016/2017 budget needs to be adopted. A motion was made by Alderman Bodkins and seconded by Alderman Conder. The voting is as follows: Alderman

Reddick, Aye, Alderman Conley, Aye, Alderman Bodkins, Aye and Alderman Conder, Aye. The motion carried.

Mayor Emison explained Ordinance 2017-9, an ordinance adopt zoning request changes and variance fees to the board. A motion was made by Alderman Bodkins to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Alderman Conder. The voting is as follows: Alderman Bodkins, Aye, Alderman Conley, Aye, Alderman Conder, Aye and Alderman Reddick, Aye.

Pat Conder stated that Alamo Circle residents on the west side have been having issues with one of the neighbors with experiences such as: loud noises, cursing and sporadic fireworks. Mayor Emison stated he was sympathetic to their problems. Chief Knox stated that unless they hear or see the issues they cannot prosecute and asked the residents to record the disturbances.

Paulette Hayes asked if there was a leash law. Chief Knox stated it was state law. Ms. Hayes asked why it was not being enforced. Chief Knox stated that man power was the issue.

Rita Reason asked the board to amend Ordinance 2017-4, due to a typo and for the change to reflect the correct amount in Section 4, on 1-inch Service connection with the correct rate being \$30.93. A motion to change the amount to \$30.93 was made by Alderman Conder and seconded by Alderman Reddick. All Aldermen voted, Aye. The motion passed.

With no further business to come before the board Alderman Conley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Bodkins. All Aldermen voted, Aye. The meeting was adjourned