

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALAMO MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN**

**MONDAY, JULY 2, 2018 AT 5:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL**

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 Reverend Kevin Conrad of the Alamo First United Methodist Church.

Others present: Rita Reasons, Bailey Wilson, Ferris Arnold, Kathy & Kevin Conrad, Ed Jackson III, Randy Camp and Jim Knox.

Mayor Emison gave his monthly report on the following items. Mayor Emison stated that MTAS had started working on the codification. He stated that on 6/21/2018 he met with Ed Hargraves and SDT Contractors on a pre-construction conference for the 2 new sewer lifts, with a lead time of 10 weeks on the pumps. He stated that the State of Tennessee Department of Tourism presented the Town with a check for the notification that the Town had been awarded a grant. Mayor Emison stated the TOSHA file has been closed-out and all items taken care of. He stated that he attended a meeting with the Emergency Management Agency on the tornado shelter. Mayor Emison stated that the federal employee in charge of the post office maintenance stated that new air conditioner units for the building had been approved. He stated that a letter was received from Waste Management for a 2% increase. He stated that the 2016 delinquent taxes had been turned over to Randy Camp, and that he and Jasper Taylor have been asked to expedite the process of collecting delinquent taxes. Mayor Emison stated that TDEC had done an audit on the sewer plant, which in turn renews our NPDES license to operate the plant and they are probably going to require that we put a grit remover back in service, Ed Hargrave is overseeing the problem. He stated that TDEC and EPA stated that the Town has lead showing up in the water samples from 4 years ago, and that the Town had never been notified. TDEC wants all wells sampled. The amounts of lead that we test for every 3 years have always been a non-detect level. John Gorman will be pulling the samples after

July 4 and get them to the labs for new testing. Mayor Emison stated that he had a scheduled conference call on July 2 with EPA thanks to Congressman Kustoff office and his field representative Ed Jackson III; and if we have known about the lead issue it would have been included in the CDBG grant. EPA didn't mention any of this in the most recent public hearing in March 2017. Mayor Emison stated that if any of the Aldermen wants to review the applications for the new position for water/streets please come do it this week.

Alderman Conley made a motion to adopt the minutes of the June 2018 regular and special called meeting and Alderman Bodkins seconded motion. All Aldermen voted, Aye. The motion carried.

Mayor Emison stated that the Cross Connection plan updates a previous version. Alderman Conder made a motion to adopt the new plan and Alderman Conley seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted, Aye. The motion carried.

Mayor Emison stated that the Cross Connection Ordinance 2018-4 was updated by TAUD. Alderman Conley made a motion to adopt the Ordinance 2018-4 and Alderman Bodkins seconded the motion. The voting is as follows: Kenneth Bodkins, Aye, Larry Conder, Aye, P.B. Conley, Aye and John Reddick Aye.

Mayor Emison stated that Ordinance 2018-5 was an ordinance amending the items that were over spent during the fiscal year 2017/2018. Alderman Conley made a motion to adopt the ordinance and Alderman Bodkins seconded the motion. Voting is as follows: Kenneth Bodkins, Aye, Larry Conder, Aye, P.B. Conley, Aye and John Reddick Aye.

Mayor Emison stated that all eligible full time employees (Brad York will be given a \$0.50 after 90 days) and one part time employee would be given a \$0.25 per hour raise. He further stated that John Gorman would be given a \$1.00 per hour and Amanda Harris would be given a \$0.75 per hour adjustment to bring both of them up to range of the others. Alderman Conder made a motion to give the raises to the employees and Alderman Reddick seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted, Aye. The motion carried.

Mayor Emison stated that the weekend on call rate was budgeted for \$40.00 per day. Alderman Conley made a motion to pay the daily on call rate of \$40.00 and the motion was seconded by Alderman Conder. All Aldermen voted, Aye. The motion carried.

Mayor Emison stated that Jim Knox provided a list of surplus property that needs to be sold. Jim Knox asked the board if they preferred sealed bids or auction; after discussion the board decided auction. Alderman Bodkins made a motion to declare the property as surplus property and the motion was seconded by Alderman Reddick. All Aldermen voted, Aye.

Mayor Emison stated that the Resolution 2018-8 is a resolution to appropriate funds to non-profits. Alderman Bodkins made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-8 and the Resolution was seconded by Alderman Conley. All Aldermen voted, Aye.

Randy Camp stated that on the cemetery property he found maps at the Haywood County Library; however he has found no deeds transferring the property to the Town. Randy Camp wants to draw up new paper work stating that you are only given a right to be laying there. Mayor Emison stated that map that Randy found in Haywood County is not dated or identified. Alderman Bodkins stated that he is concerned that people could be buried where unmarked graves are and who claims ownership of the graves that are presumed empty. Mayor Emison suggested to Alderman Bodkins on the lots his grandfather is buried to install "B" and mark his section and say that they are Bodkins gravesites. Alderman Bodkins stated that he could; but they are not really mine unless I have proof of heirship. Mayor Emison stated that this fundamental problem, there is no answers to the questions being asked. Alderman Bodkins further stated that years ago the deceased were not buried in metal caskets or vaults, therefore probing may show no signs of burial.

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