

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2017 AT 5:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL

Mayor Emison called the meeting to order.

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

Invocation was given by Brother David Mooney of Pentecostal Tabernacle.

Prior to the meeting Judge Conley swore in Alderman P.B. Conley.

Others present: Pat Conder, Kaylee Word, David Mooney, Tommy Allen, Robert Thomas, Dorothy Mooney, Ferris Arnold, Judge Conley, Johnny Maddux, Phil Park, Roy Swift, Jim Knox and Rita Reasons.

Mayor Emison gave his monthly report the following items were discussed. Mayor Emison has appointed the following members to the Planning and Zoning, Jimmy Wheeler, chair, Miriam Pulliam, Richie Hutchinson, Chris Hutchinson, with positions left unfilled at the present time. Mildred McCaslin will be the coordinator of adopt a street clean up. Mayor Emison stated the he was reappointing Judge Conley to the position of city judge, with Chris Davis being a designated alternate. Mayor Emison has asked Carol Barraza to be the habitat coordinator for mission trips to come into Alamo to repairs to homes in need. Mayor Emison stated that the Water Wastewater Finance Board has ordered the town to have a rate study and the information has been sent to TAUD for the rate study. Mayor Emison stated that Crockett County Mayor Gary Reasons had asked if it would be possible to have animal control on city property near the sewer plant and that the county would take care of the cost and a small stipend for the property. Mayor Emison stated that he has received several complaints on speeding and traffic and that he had spoken to Chief Jim Knox to move the speed trailer around more and adjust behaviors of the officers. In order to get the budget passed by July 1, 2017 by state statue Mayor Emison said a special called meeting will be later in June. Mayor Emison stated that within the new budget a

parks and recreation department has been created. Finally, Mayor Emison stated that private foundations give away money to communities; however a 501c3 will be required, because municipalities are not eligible.

Mayor Emison swore in Judge Paul Conley III as the judge for the town. Judge Conley swore in the mayor and board members to act as the beer board members.

A motion was made to adopt the minutes of the May 2, 2017 meeting by Alderman Conley and seconded by Alderman Reddick. All Aldermen voted, Aye.

A motion was made by Alderman Conley to pay the monthly bills and seconded by Alderman Bodkins. All Aldermen voted, Aye.

Mayor Emison read a resolution of appreciation for Tommy Green. A motion was made by Alderman Conley to adopt and seconded by Alderman Conder. All aldermen voted, Aye.

Mayor Emison read a resolution of appreciation for Johnny Maddux. A motion was made by Alderman Bodkins to adopt and seconded by Alderman Reddick. All aldermen voted, Aye.

A motion was made by Alderman Bodkins to adopt the following policies: Billing Adjustment Policy, Customer Leak Policy, meter Replacement Policy, Leak Detection Policy, Meter Theft Tampering Policy, Customer Fee, Rate and Charges Policy, Discontinuance of Services Policy. The motion was seconded by Alderman Conley. All aldermen voted, Aye.

Mayor Emison read Ordinance 2017-3, an ordinance establishing a processing fee and other charges for utility customers using credit or debit cards. A motion was made by Alderman Conder to adopt the ordinance seconded by Alderman Bodkins. All Aldermen voted, Aye.

Mayor Emison stated that a Public Records policy had to be adopted by state law. A motion was made by Alderman Bodkins to adopt the policy and seconded by Alderman Reddick. All Aldermen voted, Aye.

Mayor Emison stated that 2 budget packages were presented to the board, one with a tax rate of \$1.11 and the other one with a tax rate of \$1.42. The highlights of the one with the tax rate of \$1.11 were: no 4th police officer, money for city attorney, code enforcements and \$55,000.00 for paving. The highlights of the \$1.42 tax rate were: 4th police officer, \$20,000 for parks and \$80,000 for paving. Mayor Emison asked for any discussion. A motion was made by Alderman Conley to adopt the budget with a tax rate of \$1.42 and Alderman Reddick made a second. A roll call vote was taken, voting as follows: Alderman Reddick, Yes, Alderman Conley, Yes, Alderman Bodkins, Yes and Alderman Conder, Yes.

Alderman Conley made a motion for Mayor Emison to negotiate an engagement letter with Randy Camp for the town attorney, seconded by Alderman Conder. All Aldermen voted, Aye.

Mayor Emison stated that the Water Wastewater Financing Board had indicated that a substantial increase would be required to keep the water fund in the black and he suggested a 20% inside rate increase and a 22% rate increase outside so that the huge increase wouldn't hit the consumer all at once and to go into effect August 1, 2017. Mayor Emison read Ordinance 2017-4, an ordinance establishing fee schedule for water and wastewater rates. Alderman Bodkins made a motion to adopt the ordinance 2017-4, seconded by Alderman Conley. All Aldermen voted, Aye.

Mayor Emison read resolution 2017-3, a resolution appropriating funds for nonprofits. A motion was made by Alderman Conley and seconded by Alderman Conder. All Aldermen voted, Aye.

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