

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALAMO MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
(PARTICIPATION IN PERSON OR TELEPHONICALLY at 844-474-0925, #19069431)
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020 AT CITY HALL AT 5:00 P.M.
97 SOUTH JOHNSON STREET, ALAMO, TN 38001**

Mayor Emison called the meeting to order from the Board room in City Hall.

Roll was called with the following Aldermen present: Kenneth Bodkins (telephonically), Larry Conder (telephonically), PB Conley (telephonically) and John Reddick (telephonically)

Reverend James Levene, Pastor of Lighthouse Methodist Church, gave the invocation (telephonically).

Others present: Rita Reasons (telephonically), Randy Camp (in person), Cynthia Kilburn (telephonically), Ferris Arnold (in person), Jeff Sills (in person), and Jeff Romelhart (in person).

Randy Camp advised that Governor Bill Lee's executive order allowed the meeting to be conducted telephonically and via Facebook Live.

Mayor Emison gave his monthly report on the following: 1) On April 24, 2020 the parks were reopened when Governor Bill Lee reopened the state parks. 2) The Mayor stated that he has spoken to Larry Whitten about getting the ball field lights installed. 3) A fourth officer, Derek Way was hired and all officers are doing a great job. 4) The question has been asked if the tourism grant can be used to strip the parking slots on the square. 5) Jeff Sills submitted a monthly report with April's details for the police department.

Alderman Bodkins made a motion to adopt the minutes of the April 6, 2020 minutes and the motion was seconded by Alderman Reddick. The voting is as follows: Kenneth Bodkins, Aye, Larry Conder, Aye, P B Conley, Aye and John Reddick, Aye.

Jeff Romelhart stated that his neighbor has a walnut tree that in the spring that drops green walnuts everywhere and he would like the limb that is over the street cut. Mayor Emison stated that the Board would take it under advisement.

There was a technical problem with the telephone conference call. The meeting was recessed to see if the volume could be fixed.

The meeting was reconvened and the technical problem solved. Roll was called with the following Aldermen calling in telephonically. Kenneth Bodkins, Larry Conder, P B Conley and John Reddick.

Mayor Emison stated that Jordan Spraggins and another citizen would like to see stop signs installed at Pecan Street and East Park Street and East Church and Nance Street; making 3 way stops at those locations. Police Chief Jeff Sills stated that the police department over the past weekend had stepped up traffic violations and to see if this fixed the issues with speeders.

Mayor Emison reviewed Budget Ordinance 2020-2, an ordinance adopting the proposed budget for 2020/2021. Alderman Bodkins made motion to adopt the ordinance with a budget amendment of \$500.00 per employee for a Christmas bonus and keeping the \$0.25 per hour beginning October 1, 2020 for every employee; with the funds coming from the paving budget and the unallocated funds in the general fund and the surplus in the water fund. Alderman Reddick made the second to adopt the ordinance. The voting is as follows: Kenneth Bodkins, Aye, Larry Conder, Aye, P B Conley, Aye and John Reddick, Aye.

Mayor Emison reviewed Resolution 2020-3, a resolution adopting the approved appropriations for budget year 2020/2021. Alderman Conley made a motion to adopt the resolution and it was seconded by Alderman Conder. The voting is as follows: Kenneth Bodkins, Aye, Larry Conder, Aye, P B Conley, Aye and John Reddick, Aye.

Mayor Emison read Resolution 2020-4, a resolution enabling the town to apply for the governors grant for fiscal year 2020/2021 in the amount of \$80,802.00. Alderman Bodkins made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-4 and Alderman Conder seconded the motion. The voting is as follows: Kenneth Bodkins, Aye, Larry Conder, Aye, P B Conley, Aye and John Reddick, Aye.

Alderman Bodkins stated that he had several complaints about paying sewer fees on water being put in their pools. He asked the board to consider an ordinance to wave the cost one time per year for filling pools.

Mayor Emison stated that only state of emergencies allowed electronic meeting and state law does not allow them any other time.

Mayor Emison stated that the adoption of the code of the town was continued until the May 4, 2020 board meeting. Alderman Bodkins made a motion to adopt the municipal code as written in February 2020 and submitted to MTAS and Alderman Conley 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 the Ordinance 2019-8, an ordinance of annexation was tabled and it was time to vote on it. For a lack of interest, the ordinance died, included the resolution 2019-7, the plan of service.

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 meeting was adjourned.