

**REGULAR MEETING
ALAMO MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2018 AT 5:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL**

Mayor Emison called the meeting to order at 5PM.

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

Invocation was given by Kathy Conrad, Pastor of First United Methodist Church.

Others present: Rita Reasons, Jim Knox, Ferris Arnold, Bill Tyler, Loren Haynes, Randy Camp and Chandler Croom.

Mayor Emison advised the Board of the following items: 1) The CDBG grant and engineering contract for the water plant has been signed. 2) Waste Management was notified by letter that the garbage pickup contract will be bid out in 2019. 3) Michael Kee passed his cross connection license. 4) A draft zoning ordinance was distributed to the Aldermen and Planning Commission members. A joint workshop will be held at a future date. 5) The paper work on the Turman house on E. Walnut is complete and the house will be torn down. The Town has a list of about five more to be inspected for condemnation. 6) The date for Christmas party is December 6, 2018 at Catfish Cabin. 7) The fire chief has added two new volunteer firemen, Cody Brasfield and Tyler Brown. 8) Wholesale beer tax collection has triple from this time last year. 9) The entrepreneurial grant is available if to apply for if anyone is interested. The Mayor stated that he is going to hold an owner/business meeting to explain the Downtown grant process. 10) Gibson Electric will move the light pole on Veterans Day so that no interruption of services by businesses. 11) A spot drug test was given in the police department and the results were negative. 12) The amount of money raised at the Oct. 27, 2018 auction and the accounts that are credited is listed in the monthly financial report. 13) The Chancellor has signed off on Randy Camp filing the city and county delinquent taxes for all properties inside the city limits. 14) A May, 2000 letter by Jim Emison (Town Attorney at the time) proves that Koonce Street is within the town's limits. 15) The grit removal system at the sewer plant was taken out of service several years ago and it would have to be repaired once the state makes us

have it in working condition. He stated that a temporary sewer fee surcharge needs to be discussed to bring in other monies to offset some of the cost of refurbishing the N. Cavalier Dr. and W. Main Street lift stations.

Alderman Bodkins made a motion to adopt the minutes of the October 2018 meeting and it was seconded by Alderman Conley. All Aldermen voted, Aye. The motion carried.

Alderman Bodkins made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-12, an ordinance to establish fees for responding to fire calls outside the corporate limits and Alderman Conder seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted, Aye. The motion carried.

Alderman Conder made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-13, an ordinance licensing and regulations for adult-oriented businesses and Alderman Conley seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted, Aye. The motion carried.

Alderman Conley made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-1, a resolution to participate in property conservation matching grant program and it was seconded by Alderman Bodkins. All Aldermen voted, Aye. The motion carried.

Alderman Bodkins made a motion to give the Christmas Bonus that was figured into the annual budget and passed in June 2018 and Alderman Conder seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted, Aye. The motion carried.

Alderman Reddick stated that the ditches that have been cleaned out look good.

Alderman Bodkins stated that the culvert in the curve before you get to Joe Moore's needs cleaning out. The Mayor instructed the Superintendent to put it on the "to do" list.

Alderman Conder stated that he wants hot mix put in potholes before winter arrives if at all possible.

Mayor Emison stated that he found out that the fire department has a separate checking account called auxiliary account. There was much discussion. The Town Attorney Randy Camp stated that all monies coming from the general fund had to be used for a legitimate public purpose. Alderman Conley made a motion to put the money in a restricted fund within the general fund and that. After much discussion Alderman Conley asked that the issue be tabled until more information is available.

Alderman Bodkins seconded the motion to table the issue. All Aldermen voted, Aye. The issue was tabled.

Alderman Bodkins asked if the employees were going to be off on Christmas Eve. After much discussion Mayor Emison suggested that all full time employees be given 4 hours for Christmas Eve regardless of if they were on annual leave or working for this calendar year. Alderman Bodkins made a motion to give full time employees 4 hours of leave on Christmas Eve regardless if they were on annual leave or not for the calendar year 2018 and Alderman Conder seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted, Aye. The motion carried.

Alderman Bodkins asked if the water meters have been set at the sewer plant. Ferris Arnold responded that a two-inch meter was ordered and received, but not yet installed.

Alderman Conder stated that the health insurance issue needed to be resolved. Alderman Bodkins made a motion to adopt Employee Handbook by Resolution and add the following language to Section V – Benefits, paragraph M, Medical Insurance, “Employees hired after the date of adoption of the *Employee Handbook* shall contribute 25-percent of the cost of additional family medical insurance.” Alderman Conley seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Alderman Bodkins asked if Michael Kee was helping Bill Tyler at the sewer plant and if Will Perry was not going back to school. Mayor Emison stated that Michael Kee would start learning the sewer plant soon and that Will Perry has had 2 chances on the testing.

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