

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALAMO MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2017 AT CITY HALL AT 5:00 P.M.

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 Mayor Emison.

Others present: Jean Bettis, Eddie and Diane Moore, Phil Park, Jim Knox and Rita Reasons.

Alderman Conley made a motion to adopt the minutes of the September 2017 regular meeting, the September 11, 2017 special called meeting and the September 25, 2017 workshop minutes. It was seconded by Alderman Bodkins. All Aldermen voted, Aye. The motion passed.

Mayor Emison gave his monthly report on the following items. Mayor Emison stated that ABB expansion would need Twiddy Lane to be moved to the north. Mayor Emison stated that the Department of Defense had awarded the police department a backhoe and that Agri-Tran had been hired to pick the equipment up at approximately \$1200.00. Mayor Emison stated that Chief Williams stated that the firemen wanted a check once per year starting in 2018. Mayor Emison stated that the bids for the mosquito fogger were opened today. Mayor Emison final comment was that 2 property owners had petitioned the town to be annexed and that process would begin soon.

Diane Moore stated that she was working with Phillip Scott, the owner of the property on West Church St. trying to get a restaurant in the empty rental property. Mr. Scott just renewed a lease with Fred's for 10 years and the property needs a lift station for new businesses. Mayor Emison stated that he would get with Mattie Cushman and Ed Hargraves to see if it might be included in a CDBG grants and do some further research for grants.

Mayor Emison stated that when the purchasing ordinance was passed a provision about hiring employees to do job (outside of their regular position) was against policy, unless it was approved by the board. Alderman Conder made a motion to continue Stevie Robertson contract labor on cleaning of the post office, city hall and police department and it was seconded by Alderman Conley. All Aldermen voted, Aye. The motion passed.

Mayor Emison explained Ordinance 2017-17, an ordinance changing the meeting night to the first Monday of every month. Alderman Bodkins made a motion to adopt the ordinance and it was seconded by Alderman Conder. The voting is as follows: Alderman Bodkins, Aye, Alderman Conder, Aye, Alderman Conley, Aye and Alderman Reddick, Aye.

Alderman Bodkins stated that the attitude of Ferris Arnold toward the town's customers was undesirable and that he didn't know that Mr. Arnold had been reprimanded verbally. Alderman Bodkins told Ferris Arnold that he needed to address himself properly to customers. Alderman Conder stated that this is not the first time that has been brought up.

Jean Bettis stated the cemetery needs to be cleaned and kept up. She stated that she asked Ferris Arnold 2 weeks earlier to put the signs back up and he hadn't done it and she asked another city employee to do it and he did it. She stated that the cemetery is never cleaned of garbage and 26 tombstones have been damaged in the past and that someone needs to be responsible for maintenance and clean-up. She asked why the town couldn't charge \$50.00 to the families or funeral home couldn't replace the dirt and not the tax payers. Mrs. Bettis stated that the front entrance columns needs to be pressure washed and all the columns and the trees needs to be trimmed. The trees need to be cut down and she stated that she can raise some money for the help of cutting down the tree. Mayor Emison stated that the town would make it a part of the town maintenance routine to keep up the cemetery.

Alderman Bodkins stated that he had received a lot of calls regarding the accuracy, markers being moved and bodies buried on others lots. Alderman Bodkins stated that in the minutes on 6-6-1978 that there was only 1 lot available

left for sale. Mayor Emison stated that the only deed is for the new part and the mayor has approved new markers for the new part for identification and marking of lots. Mayor Emison stated that he does not know who drew the maps however the city has taken care of it for 50 years and the cemetery is older than the town and only has control of the new part. Randy Camp stated that there needs to be a governing board/body to oversee the cemetery.

Alderman Bodkins asked about the Department of Defense equipment. Mayor Emison stated any of the passenger vehicles could only be used by police. Alderman Bodkins asked if all the equipment that we had received was in working order and if not he thinks it would like for everything to be running.

Chief Knox asked if they wanted to have the traffic going one way route on Halloween like in the past years. A motion was made by Alderman Conley to have the traffic go one way on East Park, Nance Street and East Main on Halloween night for the trick or treaters and seconded by Alderman Bodkins. All Aldermen voted, Aye. The motion carried.

Alderman Reddick questioned the progress of the Ivie property on West Lincoln. Mayor Emison stated that Roy Swift had agreed that he could sign the heirship agreement. After that is done the process of the owners will sign and the demolishing process will begin.

With no further business to come before the board Alderman Conley made a motion to adjourn and Alderman Bodkins seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.