

**REGULAR MEETING OF ALAMO MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TUESDAY, AUGUST 1 2017, 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 James Lavine.

Others present: Johnny Maddux, Robert Thomas, Paula Santos, Jose Plascenia, Scotty Love, Josh Baird, Joy Cooke, Jordan Spraggins, Charlie Moore, Patrick Conley, Shannon Haynes, Jake Nichols, Lawrence Hardin, Larry Whitten, Brenda Reddick, Melissa Helton, Judy Emison, Ferris Arnold, Jim Knox, Phil Park and Rita Reasons.

Mayor Emison gave his monthly report on the following items. Mayor Emison stated that he has talked to EPA and they should finish the remedial investigation late September. TVA and GEMC will conduct an energy audit for all of the city buildings. The Town has taken delivery of the generator, truck and front end loader awarded by the Department of Defense. We are working on paving bids. The Mayor and a building consultant inspected 6 houses in Alamo and a condemnation report is pending. Chief Knox is going to auction a seized vehicle and we are going to do house cleaning (cleaning up and taking off scrap metal and selling seized vehicles on our own property.) The county will provide the town with a survey and deed of the property where the convenience center and rabies control is located.

A motion was made by Alderman Conley to adopt the minutes of the July 11, 2017 regular meeting and workshop held on July 11, 2017. The motion was seconded by Alderman Conder. All Aldermen voted, Aye. The motion carried.

Superintendent Jake Nichols stated that the Alamo City School appreciated everything the town does for them and presented the budget. A motion was made by Alderman Bodkins to adopt the budget as presented and seconded by Alderman Conley. All Aldermen voted, Aye. The motion passed.

Mayor Emison stated that the Ordinance for the fire line would be rolled to next month.

Scotty Love provided a letter written by Lee Ronk. Mr. Love stated that he had spoken to Jimmy Halford with G & C Supply in Atwood and the town purchased 3000 feet of 3 inch pipe in April 2004. Larry Whitten stated that he was instructed to install low pressure clean-outs while he installed the sewer pipes (from Ronk Subdivision to the city system). Mr. Whitten stated

that the clean out pipes were all knocked down in the woods. He stated that he doesn't remember who told him to install the clean-outs and they (Sammy Ronk) brought all the plumbing parts to the worksite. Alderman Bodkins stated that the letter stated I (Lee Ronk) asked for permission, in which Lee was not the one who had all of this to be done. Mayor Emison stated that March 2004 was the only thing in the minutes that we could find. Mr. Love asked if the town was going to give any help or are they on their own. Mr. Love stated that the town has worked on the sewer lines in the past. Alderman Bodkins stated that everybody in town is responsible for the line until the line reaches the tap on the city side. Mayor Emison stated that it is illegal and we cannot assume responsibility the way it is, it must be engineered by a licensed engineer and put in correctly. Alderman Conder stated that Larry Whitten recently laid new sewer lines for him and he paid the money out of his own pocket. Mr. Love stated they have paid for sewer service for years. Mr. Love stated that the 3 residents would pay an assessment of \$2000.00 to \$3000.00 per person if the town would pay for getting the sewer pipes working correctly. The Board of Aldermen decided to table any decisions until September to gather more facts.

Mayor Emison stated that Ordinance 2017-4, an ordinance correcting a typographical error on section 4, 1 inch service connection rate for out-of-town customers, be changed to \$30.93 from \$30.42. A motion was made by Alderman Conley to pass the motion the second and final time and it was seconded by Alderman Bodkins. The voting as follows: Alderman Bodkins, Aye, Alderman Conder, Aye, Alderman Conley, Aye and Alderman Reddick, Aye. The motion carried.

Mayor Emison stated that Ordinance 2017-6, an ordinance setting tap fees, needed to be passed the second and final time. Alderman Bodkins made a motion to pass ordinance 2017-6 and it was seconded by Alderman Conder. The voting as follows: Alderman Bodkins, Aye, Alderman Conder, Aye, Alderman Conley, Aye and Alderman Reddick, Aye. The motion carried.

Mayor Emison stated that Ordinance 2017-7, an ordinance establishing reconnection fees, needed to be passed for the second and final reading. Alderman Conley made a motion to pass the ordinance on the second and final reading. It was seconded by Alderman Conder. The voting as follows: Alderman Bodkins, Aye, Alderman Conder, Aye, Alderman Conley, Aye and Alderman Reddick, Aye. The motion carried.

Mayor Emison stated that Ordinance 2017-8, an ordinance appropriating funds for budget year 2016-2017, needed to be passed for the second and final reading. Alderman Conley made a motion to pass the ordinance on the second and final reading and Alderman Conder seconded the motion. The voting as follows: Alderman Bodkins, Aye, Alderman Conder, Aye, Alderman Conley, Aye and Alderman Reddick, Aye. The motion carried.

Mayor Emison stated that Ordinance 2017-9, an ordinance for zoning and variance changes, needed to be passed for the second and final time. Alderman Conder made a motion to pass the ordinance on the second and final reading and it was seconded by Alderman Bodkins. . The voting as follows: Alderman Bodkins, Aye, Alderman Conder, Aye, Alderman Conley, Aye and Alderman Reddick, Aye. The motion carried. Mayor Emison stated that town employees wanted the hours of work changed from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00. Alderman Bodkins stated that he spoke to every employee and only two didn't want to work those hours. Ferris Arnold stated the he took a survey of eight employees and only one wanted those work hours. A motion was made by Alderman Bodkins to change town hall office hours to 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. beginning September 11, 2017. The motion was seconded by Alderman Conley. All Aldermen voted, Aye. The motion passed.

Mayor Emison stated that Resolution 8-1-2017 was giving MTAS the authority to come into the town and do a comprehensive management review of the police department. Alderman Conley and Alderman Bodkins both stated that if one department was going to be reviewed he wanted all departments reviewed. Alderman Reddick asked what brought this on. Mayor Emison explained that the issue arose in a conversation with MTAS staff, and that MTAS offered to conduct the review at no cost to the town. Mayor Emison stated that it would tell the town what improvements or employees would be needed for the police department. Alderman Bodkins made a motion to adopt Resolution 8-1-2017 and it was seconded by Alderman Conley. All Aldermen voted, Aye. The motion passed.

Rita Reasons stated that the ice machine was not working correctly and Auston Mealer Restaurant Service had stated \$2000.00 for parts and labor was not included in that price. Rita Reasons stated that Auston Mealer Restaurant Service had supplied a quote of \$5521.75 for a new machine; however the ice machine would have to be put out for bids. Rita Reasons also provided the board the state contract bid on ice machines. B & N Ice Machines sent a price of \$4127.25. A motion was made by Alderman Bodkins to buy the ice machine off of the state bid and it was seconded by Alderman Conley. All Aldermen voted, Aye. The motion passed.

Mayor Emison stated that Alderman Conley was going to explain the golf cart prices to the board. Rita Reasons had found the state bid price of \$8117.50 per cart. Alderman Conley stated that he would prefer to take bids. Mayor Emison asked Alderman Conley to put together a bid package so that it could be published.

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