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MINUTES – COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.

LOCATION: ALAMO COMMUNITY CENTER

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Pamela Lee, Pro-Tem Tommy Spell, Bobby Cox, Dondrea Geter, Steve Jones, Harry Lewis, and Thomas Lott.

1. **Invocation** – Jeff Floyd
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approve Minutes from 5/18 meeting** – Spell made the motion to approve the minutes, Lott 2nd, unanimously approved.
4. **Approve Agenda** – Lewis made the motion to approve the agenda, Spell 2nd, unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

5. **Reopen Asphalt?** – due to the COVID numbers still going Cox made the motion to keep it closed for another 30 days or until the next council meeting, Lewis 2nd, Spell, Jones and Lott approved but Geter opposed because he felt with everything slowly opening back up, he was hoping the asphalt would open before the next council meeting. **Motion passed by majority vote to remain closed.**
6. **4th of July Celebration Cancelled** – Scott Chaney addressed the council and after he had talked to some lawyers and the governor’s office, has decided to council the yearly event in Alamo which would have been the 15th annual celebration. Due to the fact that there are way more than 50 people at the celebration, it would be a liability to the city to host the event. Maybe the FD/city can do something later on in year because the money for the fireworks are in the budget and we just know the people enjoy it.
7. **City Recreational Park Grant Update** – Geter and the CM, Floyd have gone to the old rec. department, took pictures and sent them to Sean De Palma. Geter is looking at maybe a 3-part phase that the city can do on their own. We have the baseball/softball field, basketball court and woods (maybe for a nature trail). Maybe when the coronavirus slows down a little maybe the city can have a demo day so the community can together and do some work on the old rec department. It will give them a chance to take ownership and want to help the city out to keep it up. Lott thinks the city needs to go ahead and get the property surveyed but may not need to if city can locate the deeds maybe at the courthouse. Spell thinks that the city needs to go ahead and get quotes to repair the fence around the ball field, resurface the basketball court and put, fix the lights up around the ballfield and enclosure gate up/fence around the whole rec. department. Geter said some of the community leaders from the school, some of the council members, pastors and students from Brewton Parker meet on May 23 and they are getting a survey together online so the citizens can on there and put what they would like to see at the old rec department. It will help the city out to get some

idea what they are looking for. Cox stated that there is an old tennis court there and maybe the city can redo that so the little children will have somewhere to go when the big kids take over the other. Floyd stated that when the survey is released, something like that needs to be put out. (Think outside the box Geter said.) **Geter made the motion to get the quotes to get the fence repair around the ballfield, resurface the basketball court, repair restroom and lights repaired around the ballfield, Lott 2nd, unanimously approved.**

8. **Council member salary increase** – Mayor Lee had called around to the nearby cities and got what the mayor and council makes within their city. **Cox made a motion to leave the salaries where they are at, Jones 2nd because Alamo salary is better than most cities around, but Lewis, Lott, Spell and Geter opposed so motion was not passed.** Alamo citizen Lynette Price shared her concern why the council now thinks they should get a raise. She believes that with the coronavirus getting worse, the city doesn't know what it will do the budget and worries about them getting a raise right now. Also, she wants to know what they have done to deserve a raise and why the new members want a raise especially will so much that needs to be done within the city. Spell clarified that a raise will not go in effect until 2022 when the next members are elected. Price would just like to know how the other citizens feel about a raise at this time. Lott stated that there is not a time that anyone didn't ask for a raise. This city has been where it's at for long time. He has heard many of others say what they want or don't want to do or how they would have done something, but have yet come to the council and talk about it.

NEW BUSINESS

9. **Lori Purvis** – is making her beauty shop a restaurant. She downsized her beauty shop and put a smaller building next door. Came to council asking for help with the entrance to the ally between the soon restaurant and the fire department and the busted up sidewalk. For her to be able to have the drive through, the entrance way needs to be widened the width of the ally now. She talked to DOT and they told her that it will be the city that will need to help because of the sidewalks. She doesn't want to go ahead to open and has to close due to repairs being done on the sidewalk. **Spell made the motion to go ahead and fix the curb and sidewalk and city pay for the repairs, Lott 2nd, unanimously approved.**

10. **Adopt Prohibiting Unauthorized Use of Water & Sewer Ordinance** – ordinance was proposed in the May meeting. This is the 2nd review and get a motion to approve. **Cox made the motion to adopt the ordinance, Spell 2nd, unanimously approved. Copy of ordinance with minutes.**

11. **Mobile Home seal bid** – received only one bid for the mobile home located on Hwy 126 from Freddie Mincey. Gave a bid of \$1500 will accept as is. **Cox made the motion to accept the bid, Lewis 2nd, unanimously approved.**

12. **Amend Budget** – City Clerk Carrillo went through some line items in the budget that will need amended (added or changed). Copy is with minutes. City Attorney R. Clark stated to be able to add more to the budget, will need to show more revenue or pull from other line items. Floyd and Carrillo will work together to get something together by next council meeting.

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13. City Managers Report – report attached

14. Police Report – Report attached. For the month of May, the PD answer approx. 396 calls, issued 21 citations and done 21 reports. Chief Bryant put together an email and sent it out to all the council members of cost to put computers in the cars. The Fines & Fees account can pay for the computers. The total cost which includes everything for all 4 cars, 3 year warranty, hotspots, printers/laptops and installation is \$22,134. The only big changes would be the monthly charge for the hotspots and Courtware will go up to \$450/month instead of \$150 and fines & fees can take of this. **Spell makes the motion to go ahead with to get, Lott 2nd, unanimously approved.** – Bryant also put forward council for 9mm rifles. It will use the same clip/ammo as the current firearms being used by the PD. It will cost \$4,383.00 for 4 rifles and accessories (1 for each car). **Could pay for out of the Red Speed account. Spell made the motion to buy the rifles, Jones 2nd, unanimously approved.**

15. Fire Report – report attached.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lynette Day – mosquito problem and a plan when there is severe weather. Floyd told Day to get with Steve Adams about the plan for Wheeler Co.

Trina Carter – Citizen showed concern of the mess (beer cans/bottles and liquor bottles) that friends are leaving when they visit the memorial of the guy that died from the shooting. There is not really anything the city can do with a memorial site but will talk to someone about maybe helping keep it clean around the memorial.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (employee matters) – went into executive session 7:58 pm with Spell making the motion, Geter 2nd, unanimously approved.

At 8:16 pm Spell made the motion to exit out of executive session, Geter 2nd, unanimously approved. Following executive session, Spell made a motion to \$100,000 from the Water/Sewer account to the General Fund Savings Account and \$50,000 from the Water/Sewer account to the General Fund Checking account, Cox 2nd, unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM with Geter making the motion, Lott 2nd, unanimously approved.

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Marie Carrillo, City Clerk

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MINUTES – CALLED COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.
LOCATION: ALAMO COMMUNITY CENTER

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Pamela Bess, Mayor Pro-Tem Tommy Spell, Thomas Lott, Harry Lewis, Bobby Cox, Steve Jones and Dondrea Geter.

1. **Invocation** – Jeffrey Floyd
2. **Approve Agenda** – Cox made the motion, Lewis 2nd, unanimously approved.

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3. **Repairs to N. Broad St.** – was notified by a citizen that there was hole in the middle of the road. It has been temporarily patched, but the pipe will need to be replaced, dirt added and repaved in that section. Has got a quote from Hooks Construction for \$9500. **Spell made a motion to get it done but get another quote but not to exceed \$10,000 and it will be paid out of the TSPLOST account, Lott 2nd, unanimously approved.**
4. **Parade and Rights to Assemble Ordinance (1st Review)** – council reviewed the ordinance. **Cox made the motion to approve the ordinance as is, Lott 2nd, unanimously approved. Will hold a meeting on Wed, July 1st to adopt the ordinance.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM with Lott making the motion, Lewis 2nd, unanimously approved.

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MINUTES – CALLED COUNCIL MEETING – WEDNESDAY, July 1, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.
LOCATION: ALAMO COMMUNITY CENTER

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Pamela Bess, Mayor Pro-Tem Tommy Spell, Thomas Lott, Harry Lewis, Bobby Cox, Steve Jones and Dondrea Geter.

1. **Invocation** – Jeffrey Floyd
2. **Approve Agenda** – made the motion, Lewis 2nd, unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

3. **Parade and Rights to Assemble Ordinance (Adoption)** – council reviewed the ordinance. Cox made the motion to adopt the ordinance as stated, Jones 2nd, unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 PM with Cox making the motion, Lewis 2nd, unanimously approved.

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