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## City Council Meeting Minutes

The City Council met in a scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Annetta Town Hall at 450 Thunder Head Lane to consider the following agenda:

- I. **Call to order.** Mayor Sandy Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation of Prayer.** Council Member Shane Mudge led the pledge and Council Member Bruce Pinckard gave the invocation.
- III. **Roll call/Quorum check.** A quorum check revealed that Mayor Roberts and Council Members, Shane Mudge, Bruce Pinckard, Kent Stasey, Jim Causey and Danny Coffman were all present. Also present was Jamee Long, City Secretary/Administrator.
- IV. **Public Comments:** George Ripley, board member of Split Rail Golf Course, discussed the possibility of a liquor election so that Split Rail Golf Course can receive liquor deliveries at their location. He stated that T.J. Burge is the new manager of the golf course. He also discussed increasing hospitality and memberships.
- V. **Consent Items: Reports from City Staff and Commission or Committees:**
  - a. Consider the approval of Minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting on February 15, 2024.
  - b. Public Works Report.
  - c. Financial Report.

Council Member Coffman moved to accept the consent items as written, Council Member Stasey seconded the motion, with all aye. Mayor Roberts stated that there were 36 leak notifications in February which was substantially less than the previous month. Council Member Stasey asked about a negative amount on the financial report under "professional fees." City Secretary/Administrator, Jamee Long, stated that a contractor's check was returned last month so this extra deposit showed on the financials as a credit for February. Council Member Pinckard stated that the line item "operation of system" is running high. Ms. Long stated that this is due to a professional service operating the sewer system. She stated that the Town's operator, Jeff Lashley, received his Class C Wastewater License on January 23, so this service has been cancelled. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. **New Business:**

- a. **Discussion and Action:** Consider Ordinance No. 233 cancelling the May 4, 2024 general election for Places 1, 2 and 4 of the Town Council. Council Member Coffman moved to approve Ordinance No. 233 cancelling the May 4, 2024 general election for Places 1, 2 and 4 of the Town Council, Council Member Mudge seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Discussion:** Update regarding minor plat of Lot 1, Block 1, Tucker Park Trail, more commonly known as 15 Spring Creek Drive. Ms. Long stated that the purpose of the minor plat was so the property owner could pull a permit for a new home. She stated that the minor plat has been reviewed by the Town's engineer and attorney, and filed with the Parker County Clerk.
- c. **Discussion:** Discuss animal control within the city limits of the Town of Annetta. Citizen, Bob McCann, discussed the need for animal control in Annetta. He also discussed the cost and Parker County's "leash law." Mr. McCann thanked Ms. Long for her communication skills in dealing with animal control situations. Ms. Long stated that she has discussed an interlocal agreement with the Parker County Sheriff's Office, and the cost for Annetta would be approximately \$103,000 per year for animal control. She stated that the Town has difficulty keeping an animal control officer due to the few amount cases in Annetta. Ms. Long also stated that the City of Weatherford is open to an interlocal agreement for municipal court services but would require Annetta to purchase the courts package for Incode which is approximately \$24,000. Council Member Stasey stated that animal control would not control animals because it would be after the incident. Council Member Pinckard stated that he has some ideas that could be discussed with the Town's attorney. He stated that the issue is enforcement. Council Member Coffman discussed a situation that he had with his neighbor shooting at his dogs. He does not want this to happen in the future. Ms. Long stated that she would get with Council Member Pinckard to discuss a possible solution. Mayor Roberts reminded everyone to be aware of their surroundings and to be careful when walking with headphones. Council Member Coffman thanked Mr. McCann for being practical about this issue. Mayor Roberts thanked Mr. McCann for attending and speaking at the meeting.
- d. **Announced winner of children's book contest.** This month's book, Smithsonian – Our World in Pictures / Trees, Leaves, Flowers & Seeds plus The Giving Snowman, was won by the residents of 117 Langley.

VII. **Old Business:**

- a. **Discussion and Action:** Consider an ordinance amending the Drought Contingency Plan. Council Member Causey moved to open this item for discussion, Council Member Pinckard seconded the motion. Council Member Causey discussed his analysis of customer's water data. Council Member Pinckard discussed tier rates and the number of gallons for household use water. Council Member Stasey discussed the Town's ground storage tank capacity and TCEQ standards. Council Member Causey discussed the possibility of a customer service portal so that customers can check their daily consumption. Council Members Stasey and Pinckard discussed incentives to encourage customers to use less water for irrigation. Council Member Stasey discussed irrigatable space as being a possibility to reduce water consumption. Council Member Causey moved to table this item until the April 18, 2024 regular City Council meeting, Council Member Pinckard seconded the motion, with all aye. Motion passed unanimously.

- VIII. **Executive Session:** As authorized by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss the following:

a. § 551.074. Deliberation regarding personnel matters. (1) The City Council may convene in executive session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee including deliberation regarding the following officers or employees:

1. Water/Wastewater Operator

Executive Session began at 8:06 p.m. and ended at 8:10 p.m.

- IX. **Take any action from executive session, if needed.** No action taken.
- X. **Items of Community Interest.** Mayor Roberts wished Council Member Stasey a happy birthday. Council Member Stasey discussed opening day of Texas Rangers Baseball. Council Member Causey discussed the upcoming solar eclipse on April 8.
- XI. **Adjournment:** With no further business before the council, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

*These minutes were approved on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.*



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Jamee Long, City Secretary/Administrator



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Sandy Roberts, Mayor