



450 Thunder Head Lane • P.O. Box 1150 • Annetta, Texas 76008 • (817) 441-5770

City Council Meeting Minutes

The City Council met in a scheduled meeting on Thursday, July 18, 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 Danny Coffman gave the invocation.
- III. **Roll call/Quorum check.** A quorum check revealed that Mayor Roberts and Council Members, Danny Coffman, Kent Stasey, Shane Mudge and Jim Causey were all present. Also present was Jamee Long, City Secretary/Administrator.
- IV. **Public Comments:** Citizen, Bob McCann, discussed the number of fire calls on the 4th of July and a possible combined fireworks display with Annetta citizens.
- V. **Consent Items: Reports from City Staff and Commission or Committees:**
 - a. Consider the approval of Minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting on June 20, 2024.
 - b. Public Works Report.
 - c. Financial Report.

Council Member Coffman moved to accept the consent items as written, Council Member Mudge seconded the motion, with all aye. Mayor Roberts stated that the leak notifications were up from last month. Motion passed unanimously.

- VI. **New Business:**
 - a. **Discussion and Action:** Consider authorizing the Mayor to execute a letter of engagement with George, Morgan & Sneed CPA for the Town's financial audit year ending September 30, 2024. Council Member Causey moved to authorize the Mayor to execute a letter of engagement with George, Morgan & Sneed CPA for the Town's financial audit year ending September 30, 2024, Council Member Mudge seconded the motion, with all aye. Council Member Stasey stated that George, Morgan & Sneed CPA does a good job in the Town's annual audit. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. **Discussion:** Update regarding minor plat of Lot 1, Block 1, Clearbrush Woods, more commonly known as 1200 Clearbrush Lane. Ms. Long stated that this is a minor plat combining three smaller lots into one 8 acre lot.
- c. **Discussion and Action:** Consider granting the following variances to Ordinance 227, the Town's water well regulations ordinance and to authorize the issuance of a water well permit at 102 Whitney Ct.: (1) to Section 2(1) by allowing a new water well for irrigation purposes on property where Town water service is available; and (2) to Section 2(d) by allowing the proposed well to be approximately 580 feet from the Lakes of Aledo Paluxy Well. Council Member Stasey moved to open this item for discussion, Council Member Coffman seconded the motion. Council Member Stasey stated he has reviewed the documents regarding this matter, including the geologist's report. He read portions of the Town's engineer recommendation and discussed the impact study. He stated that he has concerns about how near this well will be to the Town's public water supply well. Council Member Causey stated that he has concerns about additional irrigation wells being drilled near the Town's public water supply well. Council Member Stasey discussed Ordinance 227. He also discussed the number of wells that have been drilled in Parker County and outside of the Town's jurisdiction. He stated that the issue is irrigation and not the amount of water used to run a household. Council Member Coffman asked the variance requester, Steve Ehrlich, why he did not place the well further away from the public water supply well. Mr. Ehrlich stated that there was no other option due to his septic system. Council Member Causey asked Mr. Ehrlich how long it will take to pay for his well with him not paying for city water. Mr. Ehrlich stated that his water bill is \$1,800 a month in the summer so it will take 2 to 3 years to pay for his well. Council Member Coffman stated that his concern is that so many wells are being drilled in this area and some areas nearby are having to use storage tanks because there is not enough water to pump from the aquifer. He asked that Mr. Ehrlich monitor his irrigation well and not saturate the ground when it is not necessary. Mr. McCann requested that the Upper Trinity Ground Water Conservation District come to a future meeting to discuss the status of the aquifers in our area. Council Member Stasey stated that the Town would reach out to them to request they come to a future meeting. He stated that the hydrology study was done for these variances and not a study of other areas. Council Member Stasey moved to grant the variances to Ordinance 227 to authorize the issuance of a water well permit at 102 Whitney Ct. to Section 2(1) allowing a new water well for irrigation purposes on property where Town water service is available, and to Section 2(d) allowing the proposed well to be approximately 580 feet from the Lakes of Aledo Paluxy Well, Council Member Mudge seconded the motion, with all aye. Ms. Long told Mr. Ehrlich that he would need to apply for a well permit with the Town. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. **Discussion and Action:** Consider authorizing the Mayor to issue a proclamation for the Town of Annetta to raise awareness of Monarch Butterfly conservation efforts and habitat creation and preservation. Mayor Roberts read the proclamation. Council Member Coffman moved to authorize the Mayor to issue a proclamation for the Town of Annetta to raise awareness of Monarch Butterfly conservation efforts and habitat creation and preservation, Council Member Mudge seconded the motion, with all aye. Mayor Roberts discussed the milkweed seed bomb event that she began last year and plans to continue. Motion passed unanimously.
- e. **Discussion and Action:** Presentation of the draft 2024-2025 Town of Annetta Budget for Council consideration and approval. Authorize the publication of the 2024-2025 Town of Annetta Budget Hearing in the Community News. Council Member Causey moved to open this item for discussion, Council Member Stasey seconded the motion. Council Member Causey stated that the Finance Committee has met, and each account has been evaluated with prior year data trends. He stated that the Town's staff performed a job audit to evaluate their allocation of time spent regarding Enterprise Fund duties and General Fund duties. Due to this study, next years' budget will have some allocation changes. Council Member Stasey stated that the budgeting process has been streamlined over the past several years. He stated that the Town's expenses and revenue are well tracked. Council Member Causey moved to approve the draft 2024-2025 Town of Annetta Budget with publication on July 26, 2024 and August 2,

2024 in the Community News and Budget Hearing on August 15, 2024, Council Member Mudge seconded the motion, with all aye. Motion passed unanimously.

- f. **Announced winner of children’s book contest.** This month’s book, Fun with National Parks, was won by the residents of 217 Deer Creek Drive.

VII. Old Business:

- a. **Discussion and Action:** Consider an ordinance amending the Drought Contingency Plan. Council Member Coffman moved to op this item for discussion, Council Member Causey seconded the motion. Ms. Long stated that Zenner is still making changes to their new app. Council Member Stasey discussed the watering days in the plan. Ms. Long stated that the Town’s attorney needs the City Council to answer the questions noted in the plan. Council Member Stasey stated that the Town’s billing software would need to be modified to implement any penalties. Since the plan in the packet is difficult to read, Ms. Long stated that she would email everyone a clean copy to review prior to the August meeting. Council Member Coffman moved to table this item until the August 15, 2024 regular City Council meeting, Council Member Mudge seconded the motion, with all aye. Motion passed unanimously.

- VIII. Items of Community Interest.** Mayor Roberts stated that an Aledo ISD student passed away in an auto accident over the 4th of July and requested prayers for the families involved. She reminded everyone about Bearcat Nation 101 on August 3rd from 9:00 a.m. until noon at the new middle school. She has made 290 seed bombs and will give them to attendees of the event. Council Member Stasey discussed the world record peach cobbler at the Parker County Peach Festival. Council Member Coffman discussed the recent thefts of the mail in the outside mailboxes at the Aledo Post Office. Council Member Mudge discussed the annual grief camp that he helps lead in Granbury every year. Council Member Stasey stated that the Lone Star Fireworks Show is planned for October 19 near Stephenville.

- IX. 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. 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 Superintendent

Executive session began at 8:08 p.m. and ended at 8:24 p.m. No action taken.

- X. Adjournment:** With no further business before the council, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

These minutes were approved on the 15th day of August, 2024.



Jamee Long, City Secretary/Administrator



Sandy Roberts, Mayor