



**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF TEAGUE TEXAS
105 S. 4TH AVENUE
TEAGUE, TEXAS 75860**

**6:00 PM
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE QUORUM IS PRESENT

Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt called the meeting to order and announced a quorum is present at 6:01 p.m.

2. Invocation

Aldermen Mims, Place III

3. Pledge

Aldermen Campbell, Place V

4. Roll Call

Mayor	David Huffman	Absent
Aldermen Place I	Garlan Steed	Absent
Aldermen Place II	Jerry Ballew	Present
Aldermen Place III	Lois Mims	Present
Alderman, Place IV / Mayor Pro Tempore	Bridget Gauntt	Present
Aldermen Place V	Timothy Campbell	Present
Interim City Secretary	D. DeWayne Philpott	Present

5. Visitor/Citizen Comments

- a. Debbie Sanoja related to "general matters."

6. Consent Agenda

Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt opened discussion for items on the consent agenda. The following actions:

- a. Minutes from the December 18, 2023, Meeting of the Board of Aldermen.
- b. Approve Minutes from the October 23, 2023, Special Called Meeting of the Board of Aldermen.
- c. Approve the Accounts Payable and Payroll Check Registers for the month of October 2023.

Aldermen Ballew moved to approve items 6 a-c, with recommendations, on the consent agenda, Aldermen Campbell seconded the motion.

Passed Vote:

4-0

For: Aldermen Ballew, Aldermen Mims, Aldermen/Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt, Aldermen Campbell
Against: (None)

7. Public Hearing

- a. A public hearing, for citizen comment, and review of the GrantWorks maps and text produced for the City's Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) Planning Study Contract No. CPC21-0532.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt opened this matter for discussion. A public presentation was made by GrantWorks.

No action taken.

8. Old Business

- a. Discussion and Possible Action on approving Budget Amendment Ordinance Number: 2024-02-20-B to replace/upgrade the fire suppression system at the Community Center, Work Force, and Senior Center building.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt opened this matter for discussion after discussion, the following action occurred:

Aldermen Campbell made a motion to approve and accept the bid by Centex as written, Aldermen Ballew seconded the motion.

Passed Vote:

4 - 0

For: Aldermen Ballew, Aldermen Mims, Aldermen/Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt, Aldermen Campbell

Against: (None)

9. New Business

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve resolution number: 2024-02-20-A: a Resolution determining the time and place for regular board of aldermen meetings and Ordinance Number: 2024-02-20-A Amending the city code relating to the schedule of regular board of aldermen meetings.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt opened this matter for discussion after discussion, the following action occurred:

Aldermen Campbell made a motion to approve Resolution Number: 2024-02-20-A, Aldermen Ballew seconded the motion.

Passed Vote:

4 - 0

For: Aldermen Ballew, Aldermen Mims, Aldermen/Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt, Aldermen Campbell
Against: (None)

Aldermen Ballew made a second motion to approve Ordinance Number: 2024-02-20-A, Aldermen Campbell seconded the motion.

Passed Vote:

4 - 0

For: Aldermen Ballew, Aldermen Mims, Aldermen/Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt, Aldermen Campbell
Against: (None)

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution number 2024-02-20-B a resolution required by TDA affirming review of the GrantWorks maps and text produced for the City's Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) Planning Study Contract No. CPC21-0532 and its suitability to guide future policy decisions.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt opened this matter for discussion after discussion, the following action occurred:

Aldermen Ballew made a motion to approve 9 b as written, Aldermen Campbell seconded the motion.

Passed Vote:

4 - 0

For: Aldermen Ballew, Aldermen Mims, Aldermen/Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt, Aldermen Campbell
Against: (None)

- c. Discussion and possible action on approving Resolution No. 2024-02-20-C Supporting Hamilton Valley Management, Inc (HVM).

Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt opened this matter for discussion after discussion, the following action occurred:

Aldermen Ballew moved to approve resolution number 2024-02-20-C, Aldermen Campbell seconded the motion.

Passed Vote:

4 - 0

For: Aldermen Ballew, Aldermen Mims, Aldermen/Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt, Aldermen Campbell
Against: (None)

- d. Discussion and possible action on approving Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt to sign a letter to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt opened this matter for discussion after discussion, the following action occurred:

Aldermen Campbell made a motion to approve, Aldermen Mims seconded the motion.

Passed Vote:

3 - 0 - 1

For: Aldermen Ballew, Aldermen Mims, Aldermen/Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt, Aldermen Campbell
Against: (None)
Abstained: Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt

- e. Discussion and possible action on nominating someone for the Board of Directors Position for the Point Enterprise Water Supply Corporation.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt opened this matter for discussion after discussion, the following action occurred:

Aldermen Ballew made a motion to take no action, Aldermen Campbell seconded the motion.

Passed Vote:

4 - 0

For: Aldermen Ballew, Aldermen Mims, Aldermen/Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt, Aldermen Campbell
Against: (None)

- f. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the EDC approval of for the DMC of Texas and the façade program for \$5000.00.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt opened this matter for discussion after discussion, the following action occurred:

Aldermen Campbell made a motion to approve the \$5000.00 EDC Façade program grant for DMC of Texas, Aldermen Ballew seconded the motion.

Passed Vote:

4 - 0

For: Aldermen Ballew, Aldermen Mims, Aldermen/Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt, Aldermen Campbell
Against: (None)

- g. Discussion and possible action on approving Budget Amendment Ordinance Number 2024-02-20-C.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt opened this matter for discussion after discussion, the following action occurred:

Aldermen Campbell made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2024-02-20-C, Aldermen Ballew seconded the motion.

Passed Vote:

4 - 0

For: Aldermen Ballew, Aldermen Mims, Aldermen/Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt, Aldermen Campbell
Against: (None)

- h. Discussion and possible action to set a date and time for a rescheduled budget workshop.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt opened this matter for discussion after discussion, the following action occurred:

Aldermen Campbell made a motion to take no action, Aldermen Ballew seconded the motion.

Passed Vote:

4 - 0

For: Aldermen Ballew, Aldermen Mims, Aldermen/Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt, Aldermen Campbell
Against: (None)

- i. Discussion and Possible action on approving Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt to sign an authorization letter for the city to request a .gov domain name.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt opened this matter for discussion after discussion, the following action occurred:

Aldermen Campbell made a motion to approve, Aldermen Ballew seconded the motion.

Passed Vote:

4 - 0 - 1

For: Aldermen Ballew, Aldermen Mims, Aldermen Campbell
Against: (None)
Abstain: Aldermen/Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt

- j. Discussion and Possible Action related with the Texas Department of Public Safety Interlocal Cooperation Contract (ICC) for Failure to Appear (PTA) Program with the Teague Municipal Court.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt opened this matter for discussion after discussion, the following action occurred:

Aldermen Campbell made a motion to approve John Beel to sign the interlocal cooperation contract with Texas Department of Public Safety, Aldermen Mims seconded the motion.

Passed Vote:

4 - 0

For: Aldermen Ballew, Aldermen Mims, Aldermen/Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt, Aldermen Campbell
Against: (None)

- k. Discussion and possible action to approve an application to Replat Parcel ID 22971 OTS TEAGUE LOTS 11 & 12 BLK 58.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt opened this matter for discussion after discussion, the following action occurred:

Aldermen Campbell made a motion to accept the replat for parcel ID 22971, Aldermen Mims seconded the motion.

Passed Vote:

4 - 0

For: Aldermen Ballew, Aldermen Mims, Aldermen/Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt, Aldermen Campbell
Against: (None)

- I. Discussion and possible action regarding city hiring, firing and disciplinary procedures.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt opened this matter for discussion after discussion, the following action occurred:

Aldermen Ballew made a motion to place the hiring, firing, and discipline functions back to the department heads, Aldermen Campbell seconded the motion.

Passed Vote:

3 - 1

For: Aldermen Ballew, Aldermen/Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt, Aldermen Campbell
Against: Aldermen Mims

- m. Discussion and possible action on the city hosting a viewing party for the Solar Eclipse.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt opened this matter for discussion after discussion, the following action occurred:

Aldermen Ballew made a motion to take no action, Aldermen Campbell seconded the motion.

Passed Vote:

4 - 0

For: Aldermen Ballew, Aldermen Mims, Aldermen/Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt, Aldermen Campbell
Against: (None)

10. Executive Session:

The Board of Aldermen entered Executive Session at 7:08 pm and reconvened into regular session at 8:28 pm.

11. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

10 (a). § 551.072: Deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property: Scout House.

Aldermen Ballew made a motion to schedule a workshop between the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Teague to work on revising the current lease agreement for the

Scout House, Aldermen Mims seconded the motion.

Passed Vote:

4 - 0

For: Aldermen Ballew, Aldermen Mims, Aldermen/Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt, Aldermen Campbell
Against: (None)

10(b). § 551.074: Deliberation regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee: RE: DeMarcus Jones, Police Officer.

Aldermen Campbell made a motion to accept the resignation of DeMarcus Jones, Aldermen Mims seconded the motion.

Passed Vote:

4 - 0

For: Aldermen Ballew, Aldermen Mims, Aldermen/Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt, Aldermen Campbell
Against: (None)

10(c). § 551.074: Deliberation regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee: RE: Municipal Court Judge.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt made a motion to appoint Monika Howard as Municipal Court Judge for the City of Teague, Aldermen Ballew seconded the motion.

Passed Vote:

4 - 0

For: Aldermen Ballew, Aldermen Mims, Aldermen/Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt, Aldermen Campbell
Against: (None)

10(d). § 551.074: Deliberation regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee: RE: City Administrator.

10(e). § 551.074: Deliberation regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee: RE: City Secretary.

Aldermen Ballew made a motion to set a deadline to receive applications of May 1, 2024 for these two positions, Aldermen Mims seconded the motion.

Passed Vote:

4 - 0

For: Aldermen Ballew, Aldermen Mims, Aldermen/Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt, Aldermen Campbell
Against: (None)

10(f). § 551.074: Deliberation regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee: RE: Andrew Daniel, Police Cadet.

Aldermen Campbell made a motion to take no action on this matter due to the previously approved board action returning hiring capability to the department heads, Aldermen Ballew seconded the motion.

Passed Vote:

4 - 0

For: Aldermen Ballew, Aldermen Mims, Aldermen/Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt, Aldermen Campbell
Against: (None)

12. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt opened this matter and requested any input on the department head reports. The matter closed with no additional input.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

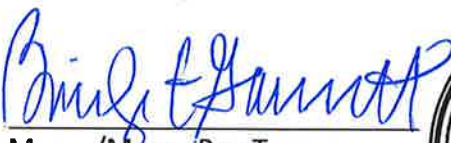
None

14. ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm by Mayor Pro-Tempore Gauntt.

Voted and Approved by the Board of Aldermen at the March 18, 2024, Regular Meeting.

Attested to by:


Mayor/ Mayor Pro-Tempore




Interim City Secretary