

**MINUTES
CITY OF TEAGUE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
APRIL 8, 2019 6:00 P.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE QUORUM IS PRESENT:** *The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor James Monks and a Quorum was announced with all present Aldermen seated at their respective places.*
2. **INVOCATION:** *Alderman Rasbeary*
3. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** *Alderman Hertenberger*
4. **ROLL CALL:** *Present: James Monks, Mayor, Jerry Ballew, Mayor Pro Tempore / Alderman Place I, Ron Rasbeary, Alderman Place II, Marie Hertenberger, Alderman Place III, Chris Nickleberry, Alderman Place IV and Marilyn Michaud, Alderman Place V*
5. **VISITORS/CITIZENS COMMENTS:** *At this time, any person with business before the Council not scheduled on the Agenda may speak to the Council for a maximum of three (3) minutes. No formal action can be taken on these items at this meeting. None*
6. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. Discussion and possible action on the changes and matters related to the April 5, 2019 depopulation of the Freestone County Jail by Sheriff Jeremy Shipley.
City Administrator Prasil briefed the Board of Aldermen regarding the letter and notification Chief Philpott received from Freestone County Sheriff Jeremy Shipley. She explained that it was effective last Friday at 10 P.M. all persons arrested are to be transported to the Limestone County Jail in Groesbeck, Texas. She expressed the importance of supporting the County Officials and providing assistance to get the jail operable and able to handle the booking of those arrested by all of the agencies within the county. Prasil expressed that officer safety and police protection in our City are two critical issues we are facing with the jail depopulating situation. She continued by explaining that the other issues that we face are more financial burdens due to officer overtime, vehicle maintenance, fuel and additional equipment for the vehicles. Chief Philpott agreed with Prasil and commented that there were two different incidents that resulted in persons being arrested that cost the City of Teague about \$400 for about five hours. Both Prasil and Philpott reiterated that this situation has put huge burdens on the cities, the staff and the communities but are in complete support of our County Officials with assisting in getting the jail back to functioning at least for booking purposes.
 - b. Discussion and possible action on approving Ordinance Amendment No. 2019-04-08, amending the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget, Chart of Account Number 03-49-5247 Arrest Transportation Fees; providing for allocation of \$10,000 from the Fund Reserve; providing for establishment of additional funds; revising the Chart of Accounts; finding municipal purposes; authorizing expenditures; providing a severability clause; and providing for an effective date.
City Administrator Prasil explained that at this time we are unsure of what cost we may incur due to this situation, but we are asking that \$10,000 be appropriated to cover said cost.

Alderman Ballew moved to approve item 6 B as written, seconded by Alderman Rasbeary. Motion carried 5-0.



- c. Discussion and possible action on authorizing the City Administrator / Secretary to draft and to seek Request for Proposals for Bank Depository Services.

City Administrator Prasil explained that by law we are required to go out for bank proposals every five years and that she could not locate in the City's records when the last time this was completed.

Motion to authorize the City Administrator / Secretary to draft and to seek Request for Proposals for Bank Depository Services was made by Aldermen Hertenberger, seconded by Alderman Nickleberry. Motion carried 5-0.

- d. Discussion and possible action on approving Ordinance No. 2019-04-08-B, an ordinance amending Chapter 7, Municipal Court, of the Code of Ordinances of the City to add a new section, section 7.500 Clerk of the Municipal Court; providing a savings clause; providing a severability clause and providing an effective date.

City Administrator Prasil explained, as a result of Associate City Attorney Ashley McSwain's audit of our Municipal Courts it was established that our Code of Ordinances needed to be updated to include the position of Clerk. She continued by explaining that due to our judge not being elected that by default the City Secretary serves as the Court Clerk and that she can deputize an employee to be the Deputy Court Clerk to perform the court's daily task.

Alderman Hertenberger asked, Theresa, how are you going to be able to do everything that you are responsible for doing every day?

City Administrator Prasil replied, prioritizing, longer hours and the support and assistance of other employees.

Motion to approve item 6 D as written was made by Alderman Rasbeary, seconded by Alderman Ballew. Motion carried 5-0.

- e. Discussion and possible action on approving Ordinance No. 2019-04-15-C, an ordinance amending Chapter 9, Personnel, Article 9.302, of the Code of Ordinances of the City to include the duties of the Clerk of the Municipal Court; providing a savings clause; providing a severability clause and providing an effective date.

City Administrator Prasil explained, this is related to the previous agenda item and it is amending my job duties in the Code of Ordinances to include the duties of the Court Clerk. She also commented that the Ordinance Number for this item is incorrect and should be 2019-04-08-C.

Alderman Ballew moved to amend item 6 E to read Ordinance No. 2019-04-08-C, seconded by Alderman Rasbeary. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion to accept item 6 E as amended was made by Alderman Nickleberry, seconded by Alderman Ballew. Motion carried 5-0.

At 6:42 P.M. Open Session convened into Executive Session

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.001, et seq., the City Council will recess into Executive Session (closed meeting) to discuss the following:

- a. § 551.074: Conduct an executive session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.074(a) to deliberate 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: Ludivina Avalos, Police Secretary / Court Clerk

At 7:33 P.M. Executive Session convened into Open Session

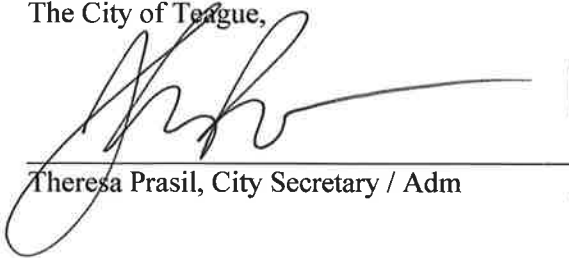
8. **RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION** - In accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, the City Council will reconvene into Regular Session to consider action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session.

Alderman Ballew moved to dismiss Ludivina Avalos as the Police Secretary / Court Clerk, seconded by Alderman Rasbeary. Motion carried 5-0.

9. **ADJOURN:** Mayor Monks adjourned the meeting at 7:25 P.M.

The meeting adjourned.

The City of Teague,


Theresa Prasil, City Secretary / Adm




James Monks, Mayor

