

MINUTES
CITY OF TEAGUE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 2019 AT 6 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 Ballew*
3. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** *Alderman Jones*
4. **ROLL CALL:** *Present: James Monks, Mayor, Jerry Ballew, Mayor Pro Tempore / Alderman Place I, Rhonda Jones, Alderman Place II, Marie Hertenberger, Alderman Place III, Chris Nickleberry, Alderman Place IV and Ryan Mathison, 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. Review and discussion of the approved 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget.

City Administrator Prasil commented, the budget provided is the approved budget with my interpretations of the amendments made as part of the approved motion. She asked that the Aldermen review the budget and let her know if it looks correct or if there are any issues identified. She continued by explaining that the salary sheet included in the budget reflects a \$1 per hour raise per police officer, excluding Chief Philpott, and that the Administrative Assistant position for the administration office is unfunded.

Alderman Mathison confirmed that his motion did include if there was funding available a \$1 per hour raise for the police officers.

Alderman Ballew stated, at our September 16, 2019 Regular Meeting, we approved Agenda Item 6 B, the minutes from the August 26, 2019 Budget Workshop. He then quoted from those minutes, "the workshop continued with discussion regarding the above matters and at the end City Administrator Prasil recapped the discussion and stated the following changes would be made to the proposed budget. 1. Full time Police Secretary / Deputy Court Clerk to be located at the police department full time, an administration assistant clerk at City Hall, Animal Control Service line item to be added with the attempt to locate a contractor and if unsuccessful may employ a part time person and will be funded by deducting the \$1 per hour pay raise increase from the police officers." End of quote. He continued by stating, at that meeting one agenda item, item eight, came up which was to approve the budget, I made the motion to approve the budget as it was written, and I was again met with silence. He then stated that motion died for the lack of a second without any further discussion or comments and then a motion was made and passed to considerably change what we had all agreed to was the agreed upon budget at the budget workshop. He then asked, I want to know what kind of epiphany happened between Agenda Item 6 B and Agenda Item 8 that caused all four of you to change your mind because I want to know what I missed.

Alderman Mathison replied, we can all have an agreement but there was no votes ever cast on that topic at the workshop.

Alderman Ballew responded; my questions is how did all four of you all of a sudden decide that we're going to change what we had previously not only agreed to, but we put it in the minutes that we approved what we agreed to.

Alderman Mathison replied, I have no idea.

Alderman Ballew replied, I do, and I relinquish the floor.

At 6:08 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. § 551.071: Consultation with Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation re: City of Teague v. City of Fairfield.
 - b. § 551.071: Consultation with Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter re: Facilities Agreement between the City of Teague, City of Fairfield, and Texas Department of Criminal Justice; Interlocal Definitive Agreement Between the City of Teague and the City of Fairfield; and Agreement Between the City of Teague and City of Fairfield regarding Record Retention; roles of Mayor and Aldermen.

At 7:46 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 and take any necessary action on matters discussed in Executive Session.

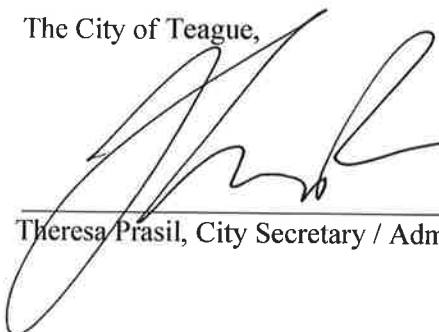
Alderman Ballew moved to attend mediation in attempt to resolve all issues with the City of Fairfield and conduct the mediation in the next 30 days with the Mayors and non-quorum of the City Council Members, with Aldermen Ballew and Mathison representing Teague's non-quorum City Council Members and Alderman Nickleberry as an alternate, seconded by Alderman Nickleberry. Motion carried 5-0.

Alderman Ballew moved to take no action on Item B, seconded by Alderman Mathison. Motion carried 5-0.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Monks adjourned the meeting at 7:48 P.M.

The meeting adjourned.

The City of Teague,



Theresa Prasil, City Secretary / Administrator





James Monks, Mayor