

**MINUTES  
CITY OF TEAGUE  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR CALLED MEETING  
DECEMBER 16, 2019 6:00 P.M.**

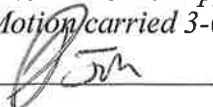
1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE QUORUM IS PRESENT:** *The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor James Monks and a Quorum was announced with all present Aldermen seated at their respective places.*
2. **INVOCATION:** *Alderman Ballew*
3. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** *Alderman Jones*
4. **ROLL CALL:** *Present: James Monks, Mayor, Jerry Ballew, Mayor Pro Tempore / Alderman Place I, Rhonda Jones, Alderman Place II and Ryan Mathison, Alderman Place V Absent: Marie Hertenberger, Alderman Place III and Chris Nickleberry, Alderman Place IV*
5. **VISITORS/CITIZENS COMMENTS:** *This is an opportunity for the public to address the Council on any matter included on the agenda, except public hearings. Comments related to public hearings will be heard when the specific hearing begins. Public comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker, unless the speaker requires the assistance of a translator, in which case the speaker is limited to six (6) minutes, in accordance with applicable law. To address the Council, speakers must complete a Speaker Form and provide it to the City Secretary prior to the start of the meeting. Each speaker shall approach the podium and state his/her name and street address before speaking. Speakers shall address the Council with civility that is conducive to appropriate public discussion. The public cannot speak from the gallery but only from the podium. Per the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Council is not permitted to take action on or discuss any item not listed on the agenda. The Council may: (1) make a statement of fact regarding the item; (2) make a recitation of existing policy; or (3) propose the item be placed on a future agenda, in accordance with Council procedures. **None***
6. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
  - a. Approve Minutes from the November 18, 2019 Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
  - b. Approve the Accounts Payable and Payroll Check Registers for the month of November 2019
  - c. Accept and the Financial Statement for November 2019*Alderman Ballew moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B and C, seconded by Alderman Jones. Motion carried 3-0.*

*Mayor Monks announced that Agenda Item 9 Executive Session would be moved on the Agenda to be discussed at this time.*

**7. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Discussion and possible action on a Go Texan Event at the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue City Park.  
*Mayor Monks explained that the Go Texan Committee is unsure of the details at this time and ask that this item be removed from the Agenda.*  
*Alderman Ballew moved to remove Agenda Item 7 A from the Agenda, seconded by Alderman Mathison. Motion carried 3-0.*
- b. Discussion and possible action on approving the hangar proposal from Mike Steward.  
*City Administrator explained that Mr. Steward's reply to the City's offer was included in the meeting packet and ask if there were any questions.*  
*Alderman Ballew moved to not approve the hangar proposal from Mike Steward, seconded by Alderman Jones. Motion carried 3-0.*

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**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Discussion and possible action on choosing a City of Teague logo and winner from the logo contest entries.  
*The logo contest entries were viewed by the Board of Aldermen.  
Motion to authorize the City Administrator to work with Brian Teer to modify his proposed logo and bring it back to the Board for further consideration was made by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Ballew. Motion 3-0.*
- b. Discussion and possible action on approving the modification of the Utility Deposit for renters.  
*City Administrator Prasil presented the deposit fees from the surrounding cities.  
Motion to consider lowering the utility deposit for renters to \$150.00 and for it to not to go into effect until an ordinance with the changes is presented and approved was made by Alderman Mathison, seconded by Aldermen Jones. Motion carried 3-0.*
- c. Discussion and possible action on approving the Teague Economic Development Corporation's request to relinquish the Old City Hall property back to the City of Teague.  
*Alderman Ballew moved to post pone Agenda Item 8 C and to schedule a workshop with the Teague Economic Development Corporation to discuss this matter, seconded by Alderman Jones. Motion carried 3-0.*
- d. Discussion and possible action on accepting the Old City Hall property from the Teague Economic Development Corporation. *No Action*
- e. Discussion and possible action on the Old City Hall property. *No Action*
- f. Discussion and possible action on approving the revised Public Works Department's list of surplus equipment to be disposed.  
*Motion to approve the revised list was made by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Mathison. Motion carried 2-1 (Alderman Ballew voting nay).*
- g. Discussion and possible action on allowing the sale and /or consumption of alcohol on city owned properties.  
*Motion to approve Agenda Item 8 G as written was made by Alderman Mathison, seconded by Alderman Jones. Motion carried 3-0.*
- h. Discussion and possible action on approving the Christmas in the Parks Committee's Valentines Fundraiser.  
*Alderman Ballew moved to approve Agenda Item 8 H with the exclusion of alcohol sales, seconded by Alderman Jones. Motion carried 3-0.*

*At 6:05 P.M. Open Session convened into Executive Session*

- 9. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.001, et seq., the Board of Aldermen 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: Rehire/Employment: Hailey Brown, Utility Clerk
  - b. § 551.071: Consultation with Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation re: City of Teague v. City of Fairfield.

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- c. § 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.

*At 6:46 P.M. Executive Session convened into Open Session*

**10. 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.

*Motion to rehire Hailey Brown as a Utility Clerk at \$13 per hour was made by Alderman Mathison, seconded by Alderman Ballew. Motion carried 3-0.*

*Alderman Ballew moved to continue settlement discussions with the city representatives of Fairfield in January 2020, including review of the assets jointly owned by the cities at the TDCJ facility and valuation of same, seconded by Alderman Mathison. Motion carried 3-0.*

**11. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

- Administration – Theresa Prasil, City Administrator
- Courts – Theresa Prasil, City Administrator
- Public Works – Jacob Cowling, Public Works Director
- Police Department – DeWayne Philpott, Chief of Police
- Library – Diane Willis. Librarian
- EDC

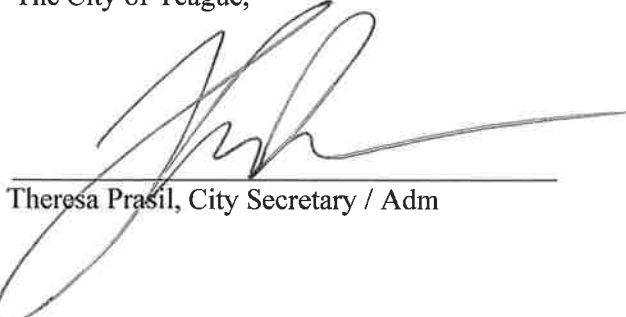
*City Administrator Prasil presented the Administration and Court reports, followed by the department reports presented by Public Works Director Cowling, Police Chief Philpott, Librarian Willis and EDC's report.*

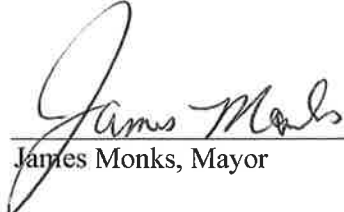
**12. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** *None*

**13. ADJOURN:** *Mayor Monks adjourned the meeting at 7:47 P.M.*

*The meeting adjourned.*

The City of Teague,

  
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Theresa Prasil, City Secretary / Adm

  
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James Monks, Mayor

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