

TOLAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

The City of Tolar Council met on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

Present: **Matt Hutsell, Mayor Protem**
 Brian Gall
 Kevin Fron

Absent: Terry Johnson, Mayor
 Sally Grimes
 Chip Foster

City Staff Present: Michelle Burdette, City Secretary/P&Z/ Code Enforcement
 James Brown, Operations Director

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Matt Hutsell, Brian Gall, and, Kevin Fron were present.

PUBLIC HEARING

NONE

CITIZENS APPEARANCE (3 minute limit-Council may not respond)

Mark Jackson
Randy Turner
Ray Wilson
Lisa Wilson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING

1.) January 18, 2022 regular meeting.

Motion: by Kevin Fron, second by Brian Gall to approve minutes as presented.

Motion carried 3/0

NEW BUSINESS

1.) The Council will hear Commissioner Kevin Andrews speak regarding the price increase of the Hood County Inter-Local Contract for Animal Control Support with The City of Tolar.

Commissioner Andrews spoke with the City Council regarding the cost of the Hood County Inter-Local Contract for Animal Control Support with The City of Tolar. The council questioned the 140% cost increase? Mr. Andrews spoke of the costs related to the services provided to Tolar. Councilman Gall asked what other cities were paying. The council also questioned the cost seeing as Tolar citizens pay taxes to Hood County for these services.

Commissioner Andrews stated that he understood the reasons why Tolar would question the cost of the agreement.

When asked if there were a state law or local government code regarding paying additional costs for the inter-local agreement seeing as Tolar is provided the same services (no more) as the citizens in the county that live outside the city limits. Mr. Andrews replied "No, not that he could find."

No action was taken.

2.) Discuss and approve Ordinance 01-2022 regulating backflow device testing, reporting, ramification of noncompliance, etc.

Motion: by Kevin Fron, second by Brian Gall to table.
Motion carried 3/0

3.) Approval of all financials.

- Bank Reconciliation
- Statement of Financial Income and Expenses
- Expenses by Vendor Detail
- Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

Motion: Brian Gall, second by Kevin Fron to approve all financials as presented.
Motion carried 3/0

OLD BUSINESS

1.) Discuss and possibly approve the Hood County Inter-Local Contract for Animal Control Support tabled at last meeting.

The item was tabled. Council instructed City Secretary to gather additional information for next meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

1.) Operations Director/Public Works

James Brown spoke to the regarding new sewer plant and new water permit. Mr. Brown also spoke of various city projects including smoke testing the sewer lines, progress on wells, and other public works daily tasks.

2.) Planning and Zoning

Planning and zoning issued various permits.

3.) Code Enforcement

Discussed code enforcement for sections of the city and various violation letters are being sent out.

4.) Administrative

Michelle Burdette, City Secretary, advised the City Council of the March 16-18, 2022 annual audit and Government Capitol would be at the February meeting to discuss options for the water/sewer improvements.

5.) Council

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The council may enter into closed or Executive Session to discuss the following items posted in Executive Session or seek legal advice from the city attorney pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code Section(s) 551.07

None

ACTION ON ITEMS TAKEN UP IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regular meeting February 22, 2022 @ 6 P.M.
The city hall will be closed February 21st for President's Day.

ADJOURN

Motion: by Kevin Fron, second by Brian Gall to adjourn at 6:36pm.
Motion carried 3/0



APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "Terry R. Johnson".

Terry R. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michelle Burdette".

Michelle Burdette, City Secretary