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## City Council Meeting Minutes

The City Council of Annetta met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, August 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Annetta Town Hall at 450 Thunder Head Lane to consider the following agenda:

- I. **Call to order.** Mayor Sandy Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation of Prayer.** Council Member Shane Mudge led the pledge and Council Member Bruce Pinckard gave the invocation.
- III. **Roll call/Quorum check.** A quorum check revealed that Mayor Sandy Roberts and Council Members, Kent Stasey, Jim Causey, Shane Mudge, Danny Coffman and Bruce Pinckard were all present. Also present was City Secretary/Administrator, Jamee Long.
- IV. **Public Comments:** Planning & Zoning Chairperson, Traci Fambrough, stated that she is in support of the fireworks ordinance. She discussed the high fire danger due to the draught.
- V. **Consent Items: Reports from City Staff and Commission or Committees:**
  - a. Consider the approval of Minutes from the Regular City Council Meetings on July 20, 2023.
  - b. Public Works Report.
  - c. Financial Report.

Council Member Causey moved to accept the consent items as presented, Council Member Mudge seconded the motion, with all aye. Mayor Roberts stated that there were 100 leak notifications in June. Council Member Coffman asked if there were that many leaks in June. City Secretary/Administrator, Jamee Long, stated that the notifications were not all leaks, but the notification is triggered by water that has run for 24 hours. She stated that this could be due to soaker hoses. Council Member Stasey noted that the PRV on Lakeview was replaced and thanked customers for their patience during the repair. Mayor Roberts thanked Water/Wastewater Operator, Roger Crutcher, for locating the valves so this repair did not affect as many customers as expected. Motion passed unanimously.

- VI. **New Business:**
  - a. **Presentation.** Presentation by Parker County Judge Pat Deen regarding Transportation Improvement Program. Judge Deen discussed Parker County's population growth and stated that Parker County is now

ranked #6 in the United States for population growth. He discussed the local, state, federal and regional bond funding for transportation. He stated that if voters do not approve the bonds at the November election, these funds will not be available. Chris with Freese & Nichols, the county's engineering firm, discussed specific road projects that the bonds will fund. He discussed TXDOT's I-20 project and stated that this will be a 7-year project. He stated that the 2023 Program Projects are for 12 safety improvement projects, 11 new road extensions, 8 road capacity widening and 4 frontage roads/ramps projects for a total of 35 projects. He stated that 15 of the projects will be in the county's jurisdiction, 12 in cities jurisdictions and 8 for the TXDOT On-System. He stated that the \$88 million will be funded for precinct projects, \$15 million discretionary and \$27 million in partnership projects for a total of \$130 million in project estimates. Chris stated that the bond election will be on November 7, 2023. Parker County Precinct 4 Commissioner, Mike Hale, stated that he has worked extensively with Judge Deen regarding the projects in Precinct 4. He discussed the importance of the county working together with TXDOT on these projects. Council Member Coffman asked Commissioner Hale if there have been discussions on a "cut through" to avoid the traffic in downtown Aledo. Commissioner Hale stated that this would need to be discussed with developers and he is very aware of the traffic issues in this area. Commissioner Hale stated that 1187 will be widened with the development of the Dean Ranch. Council Member Coffman asked if there are any future plans to widen FM 5. Commissioner Hale stated that FM 5 would be a TXDOT project. Council Member Coffman requested Commissioner Hale to begin discussions with TXDOT regarding FM 5. He requested commissioners to be ahead of the growth. Commissioner Hale requested that anyone call him to discuss these projects further. Council Member Stasey discussed the importance of partnerships with other jurisdictions. He also discussed the economics of these projects. Council Member Causey discussed the amount of bonds the school district and other entities have requested from taxpayers. Chris stated that waiting on these projects will only cost more in the future. Council Member Coffman discussed the importance of transparency regarding the bonds. Judge Deen stated there are plans for a re-charge zone along I-20 to assist with the aquifers that should benefit East Parker County. A member of the audience asked how they plan to educate the public regarding the transportation bond. Judge Deen stated that they have several town hall meetings scheduled and will post additional information on social media.

- b. **Discussion and Action:** Consider Ordinance 228 prohibiting the use or detonation of fireworks during a burn ban implemented by the Parker County Commissioner's Court and declaring the use or detonation of fireworks within the Town Limits and within 5,000 feet of Town limits during a burn ban to be a nuisance pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 217.042. Mayor Roberts stated that "within 5,000 feet of Town limits" will need to be removed from the motion and Sections 217.042 should be Section 217.022. She stated that this was due to the Town's attorney revising the ordinance after the agenda had been posted but the packet was updated with the correct ordinance. Council Members Causey and Coffman stated they are in favor of this ordinance due to the draught. Council Member Pinckard asked if this ordinance is redundant to county law. Ms. Long stated that fireworks are not included in a burn ban and an ordinance would be required for Annetta citizens. She stated that if the ordinance is approved, the Parker County Fire Marshal, Sean Hughes, will enforce the ordinance. Council Member Pinckard moved to approve Ordinance 228 prohibiting the use or detonation of fireworks during a burn ban implemented by the Parker County Commissioner's Court and declaring the use or detonation of fireworks within the Town Limits, during a burn ban to be a nuisance pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 217.022, Council Member Stasey seconded the motion, with all aye. Motion passed unanimously.
  
- c. **Discussion and Action:** Consider an expenditure in the amount of \$40,978 to J&L Construction for labor, materials, and installation of a replacement pressure valve and vault improvement on Lakeview Drive using CLFR Grant Funds. Ms. Long stated that this has been approved by the Town's attorney as an emergency infrastructure repair. Council Member Pinckard moved to approve an expenditure in the amount of \$40,978 to J&L Construction for labor, materials, and installation of a replacement pressure valve and vault improvement on Lakeview Drive using CLFR Grant Funds, Council Member Mudge seconded the motion, with all aye. Council Member Stasey stated that this was completed today and is a better connection. He stated that this will assist with the adjustments of the water system. He stated that this was a critical

repair. Mayor Roberts thanked the staff for notifying water customers individually. Motion passed unanimously.

- d. **Discussion and Action:** Consider continuing the Interlocal Agreement with Aledo ISD regarding CCPD UTV. Ms. Long stated that the Town's attorney advised that there does not need to be a new agreement each year, but the City Council will need to confirm the agreement for another year. Council Member Causey stated that the current agreement ends in two days. Council Member Coffman moved to continue the Interlocal Agreement with Aledo ISD regarding CCPD UTV until August 19, 2024, Council Member Stasey seconded the motion, with all aye. Motion passed unanimously.
- e. **Announced winner of children's book contest.** This month's book is Explore the Life Journey of one of the Winged Wonders of the World ... Monarch Butterflies, and the winner was 104 Inglewood. Mayor Roberts read a thank you note from the winner of last month's book.

**VII. Old Business:**

- a. **Discussion:** Discuss irrigation in Annetta. Mayor Roberts stated that the Deer Creek Water System is still under water restrictions. Council Member Coffman asked if the restrictions are helping the water system. Mayor Roberts stated that Wednesday and Sunday are watering days, but the system is recovering.
- b. **Discussion and Action:** Presentation of the draft 2023-2024 Town of Annetta Budget for Council consideration and approval. Authorize publication of the 2023-2024 Town of Annetta Budget Hearing in the Community News. Ms. Long stated that the draft budget has been posted to the Town's website. Council Member Stasey discussed sales tax revenue and road projects. Council Member Causey discussed the Town's reserves. Council Member Stasey discussed the CCPD funds and the interlocal agreement with the Parker County Sheriff's Department. Council Member Causey moved to approve the draft 2023-2024 Town of Annetta Budget with publication on August 25, 2023 and September 1, 2023 in the Community News and Budget Hearing on September 21, 2023, Council Member Stasey seconded the motion, with all aye. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. **Discussion and Action:** Consider a municipal services agreement with Aledo Independent School District regarding the AISD Water Facilities. Mayor Roberts stated she has been in communication with Dr. Bohn, but the Town's attorney is still waiting confirmation from the school district's attorney regarding this agreement. Council Member Coffman moved to table this item until the September 21, 2023 regular City Council meeting, Council Member Mudge seconded the motion, with all aye. Motion passed unanimously.

**VIII. Executive Session:** As authorized by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss the following:

- a. § 551.074. Deliberation regarding personnel matters. (1) The City Council may convene in executive session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee including deliberation regarding the following officers or employees:

- 1. City Secretary/Administrator
- 2. Water/Wastewater Operator

Executive Session began at 8:42 p.m. and ended at 9:06 p.m.

**IX. Take any action from executive session, if needed. No action taken.**

- X. **Items of Community Interest.** Mayor Roberts stated that Gay Larson has a coronation as “Mother Nature” scheduled for August 23, 2023 at 9:45 a.m. at the Aledo Community Center. Council Member Stasey discussed the Bearcat’s football schedule and requested everyone support the Bearcats. He also requested support for Split Rail Golf Course. Council Member Stasey stated that dove season opens on September 1.
- XI. **Adjournment:** With no further business before the council, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

*These minutes were approved on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2023.*



Jamee Long, City Secretary/Administrator



Sandy Roberts, Mayor