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City Council Meeting Minutes

The City Council of Annetta met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, September 16, 2021, 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 Danny Coffman gave the invocation.
- III. **Roll call/Quorum check.** A quorum check revealed that Mayor Roberts and Council Members Shane Mudge, Danny Coffman, Kent Stasey, Jim Causey and Bruce Pinckard were all present. Also present was Jamee Long, City Secretary.
- IV. **Public Comments:** Sheriff, Russ Authier, introduced himself to City Council and discussed his experience in law enforcement. Citizen, Kristi Turner, stated that she urges the City Council to select different members for the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee. Willow Park resident, Marcy Galle, read a prepared speech.
- V. **Consent Items: Reports from City Staff and Commission or Committees:**
 - a. Consider the approval of Minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting on August 19, 2021.
 - b. Public Works Report.
 - c. Financial Report.

Council Member Stasey moved to accept all consent items as written, Council Member Mudge seconded the motion, with all aye. Motion passed unanimously.
- VI. **New Business:**
 - a. **Introduction of Parker County Sheriff Russ Authier.**
 - b. **Discussion and Action:** Consider an ordinance lowering the speed limit on FM 5 in the school zone at Annetta Elementary. Council Member Pinckard moved to open this item for discussion, Council Member Mudge seconded the motion. Council Member Causey asked if the lowered speed limit would only be 30 mph when the lights are flashing in the school zone. Mayor Roberts stated that is correct. Council

Member Causey stated that he did not see that written in the ordinance. Council Member Stasey and Mayor Roberts discussed the mile markers on FM 5 which are in the ordinance. Council Member Coffman stated that we should confirm this with TXDOT. Council Member Pinckard removed his motion, Council Member Mudge removed his second. Council Member Causey moved to accept the ordinance pending legal review and authorize the Mayor to sign when the ordinance is corrected with the addition of the 30 mph only when the lights are flashing, Council Member Coffman seconded the motion, with all aye. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. **Discussion and Action:** Consider opening a bank account for Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Council Member Coffman moved to approve opening a bank account for Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Council Member Causey seconded the motion, with all aye. Mayor Roberts stated this would assist in the accounting of the fund. Council Member Stasey stated that the Town's CPA made this recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. **Discussion and Action:** Consider an ordinance amending the FY 2020-21 Budget. Council Member Coffman moved to approve the ordinance amending the FY 2020-21 Budget, Council Member Pinckard seconded the motion, with all aye. Motion passed unanimously.
- e. **Discussion and Action:** Consider a resolution appointing members of the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee. Council Member Pinckard moved to open this item for discussion, Council Member Mudge seconded the motion. Council Member Pinckard gave a history of the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee. He stated that in 2016, Annetta South and Annetta were discussing a merger and this was on the ballot. In preparation of the vast amount of undeveloped land in the ETJ, there was concern on how Annetta needed to "get up to speed." He stated that under Chapter 395 and in the resolution there are provisions for the appointment "on the day of or before" a Capital Improvements Advisory Committee. Council Member Pinckard discussed the statute allowing the Planning & Zoning Commission to be the de facto committee, along with a member of the community within the ETJ. He stated that the committee was established, but the merger did not go through. Subsequently, this was kept alive because there has been talk periodically about the possibility of a merger coming back up. He stated there is not much traction regarding the merger, so he personally does not see a need in continuing the committee, but there could be some benefit of having more community involvement. He stated that the requirements, as outlined in the state law (not the Town of Annetta), would require engineering and consultant work. Council Member Pinckard stated that the bid the Town had at that time was nearly \$100,000. He stated this was not feasible for a town the size of Annetta. At this time, based on what we know today, he does not know if there is a benefit to continue the committee. He stated further that it is "better to have it and not need it rather than to not have it and need it." Council Member Pinckard stated that the City Council, over the last decade, has looked forward especially when it comes to possible future costs and being prepared. He stated that his personal opinion is to continue the committee. Marcy Galle stated that one of her open records requests to the Town was specifically about this advisory committee. She stated that she wanted to know what semi-annual reports had been generated, what meetings had been generated, meeting minutes and any directions. Ms. Galle stated that none had taken place. She stated that this Capital Improvement Advisory Committee only exists if you have a capital improvement plan which she stated "was just communicated was just too expensive at \$100,000, which bidding that out doesn't cost anything either so I think \$100,000 is a little high for a town this size." She continued that "you don't have to use the planning and zoning committee and can use anyone that would want to volunteer for the city." Council Member Coffman stated that he agreed with Council Member Pinckard and he does not see a harm in keeping it alive. Council Member Causey asked if a capital improvement plan is a statutory requirement. Council Member Coffman stated that if you are "going to do impact fees, it is a requirement." Council Member Causey confirmed that the plan nor the committee "have to exist but it can if we want it to, just in case." Council Member Coffman stated that since we do not know what the

future holds, he believes the committee should stay in place and he does not want the Town to be “behind the 8 ball if something comes up.” Marcy Galle stated the advisory committee is supposed to be created before any public hearings would take place. She stated that you have to have public hearings to adopt a capital improvement plan and if you institute impact fees “that are very beneficial.” Council Member Pinckard stated that when you read statutes and try to apply them to towns, not all towns being the same, its’ easy to grab hold of a statute and say that we need that and that was the thought when there was a possibility of the Town doubling in size. He stated that we have been very successful in taking each development on a case-by-case basis and negotiating with the developer through a developer’s agreement. The benefit of this has been different than impact fees because with impact fees you can only charge a percentage. He stated the Town has been able to achieve an advantage because if a developer wants to connect to the Town’s water or sewer system, they have to build to the Town’s standards pursuant to the Engineering Design Manual. He stated that way there is no transfer of money from the citizens’ pockets for new development. The Town was able to negotiate water for Panther Creek and the Town benefits from that water plant there because of duplicity, supply and overall capacity. The Town has continued to negotiate with developers and the bottom line is the water system for the existing customers has improved by virtue of having more capacity and not running the older wells as much. He stated that when he and Council Member Stasey ran for office more than 10 years ago they made a promise to the citizens. Council Member Pinckard stated that other cities had failed with Annetta’s water system. He stated that we have stood firm with having developers pay their fees. He stated that some other cities pass this cost on to customers through rate structure. Marcy Galle and Tim Pierce shouted that this is “off agenda and campaigning.” Council Member Pinckard stated that his comments apply to the existence of the committee and are in “no way off topic.” He stated that it is the history of why we are here and why we have the committee in the first place. Council Member Stasey moved to retain the committee, approve the resolution and the committee members listed, Council Member Mudge seconded the motion, with all aye. Motion passed unanimously.

- f. **Discussion and Action:** Consider an agreement with Aledo ISD regarding the UTV. Council Coffman moved to approve the agreement with Aledo ISD regarding the UTV, Council Member Stasey seconded the motion, with all aye. Mayor Roberts stated the agreement would be on an annual basis with the Aledo ISD. Citizen, Al Gloer, asked if the Town is considering purchase of another UTV. Mayor Roberts stated that the new UTV will be used for the elementary schools in Annetta. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. **Executive Session:**

The City Council reserves the right to meet in Executive Session at any time during this meeting pursuant to the below cited section of the Texas Government Code:

PURSUANT TO § 551.074 – 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.

- Public Works Positions

Executive Session began at 7:31 p.m. and ended at 7:49 p.m.

Council Member Pinckard moved advertise for a Class C groundwater technician and Class C sewer technician, Council Member Coffman seconded the motion, with all aye. Motion passed unanimously.

- ## VIII. **Items of Community Interest.** Mayor Roberts stated the Town is doing a Halloween costume contest and more information will be coming soon. Council Member Coffman suggested a house decoration contest for

Halloween also. Council Member Causey discussed the community garage sale coming up. Mayor Roberts reminded everyone of the clean-up day on October 9.

IX. **Adjournment:** With no further business before the council, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

These minutes were approved on the 21st day of October, 2021.



Jamee Long, City Secretary



Sandy Roberts, Mayor

Town of Annetta Public Comments – September 16, 2021
Marcy Galle, 500 Squaw Creek Road, Willow Park

Victim shaming seems to be a recurring theme of the Town of Annetta meetings over the past several months. Pity parties and false accusations about open records requestors are the hot topic around here for elected officials. The continual moral superiority and arrogance during every single council meeting is not a good look. Stop claiming that “average citizens don’t understand or don’t know these things,” because the implication is that you believe they are incapable of grasping a general understanding of governance and planning and zoning processes. Don't ignore a critical situation and an opportunity to help when one of your residents asks for guidance concerning their health, safety and welfare. Don't launch slander campaigns on a mom who wants to help get a sidewalk added in front of the elementary school. Quit engaging in lies, petty gossip and name calling when residents question you. Your behavior has been and continues to be shameful. Elected officials tried the same tactic with me in Willow Park and it got them nowhere. Comparing open records requestors to east and west coast liberals and stating their intended goals to be a weaponization of the PIA process is totally absurd. Your conspiracies are mere suppositions and they make you look small minded. I served on city council and helped shift the entire paradigm around public information requests to benefit the public. There were subjects that fell under the excepted rules that were still discussed in open session, because why not?

This whole notion of insiders and outsiders in the community only hinders our ability to truly work together for the success of all, but elected officials here always seem to take negative swipes at neighboring cities. A lot of outsiders just helped you purchase a new water well, ground storage tank and sewer plant – all of which can be expanded in the future as YOUR town develops to the north.

This town outsider is requesting you to get off of your soap box already and stop criticizing and victim shaming voters who disagree with you. Thank you.