



City Council Meeting Minutes

The City Council of Annetta met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 20, 2022, 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 Roberts and Council Members Shane Mudge, Kent Stasey, Jim Causey and Bruce Pinckard were all present. Council Member Danny Coffman was absent. Also present was Jamee Long, City Secretary.
- IV. **Public Comments:** Tim Calkins with Longhorn Council of Boy Scouts of America of Brazos Valley District. He thanked Mayor Roberts for inviting him to the meeting and congratulated Shyanne Story for being the first female Eagle Scout in Parker County. Mr. Calkins discussed his territory, recruitment, fundraising and merit badge counsellors. He thanked Annetta for allowing the flag retirement box to be placed at Town Hall by Eagle Scout, Houston Story. Council Member Pinckard invited Mr. Calkins to attend the Town of Annetta's Clean-up Day scheduled for Saturday, February 26, 2022.
- V. **Consent Items: Reports from City Staff and Commission or Committees:**
 - a. Consider the approval of Minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting on December 16, 2021.
 - b. Public Works Report.
 - c. Financial Report.

Council Member Pinckard moved to accept the consent items as written, save and except the City Secretary's report on animal control, Council Member Mudge seconded the motion. Council Member Pinckard requested the City Secretary give a summation of the report. Jamee Long, City Secretary, stated that she has added inquiry emails with the Parker County Sheriff's office and City Clerk, Diana Kotlinski, from August 27, 2017 and an update in June of 2021 regarding the costs for animal control in Annetta. Ms. Long stated that she has also added a breakdown of animal control violations reported to Town Hall in the past 5 years. She stated that in 2017 there were 4 reported animal control violations, in 2018 there were 4 violations, in 2019 there were no violations, in 2020 there were 3 violations, and in 2021 there was 1 violation. Council Member Pinckard stated that he remembered there were very few calls regarding animal control when he was mayor and that the

violations were usually resolved with a phone call to the citizen by city staff. He also stated that he has lived in Annetta for 26 years and the only issue with animal control he has noticed was for suspicious skunks and raccoons that could possibly carry rabies. Council Member Pinckard stated that when the Parker County Sheriff has been called about skunks and raccoons, they requested the citizen take care of this issue themselves. He stated that in his opinion, animal control is a minor issue in the community. He continued that the Town's website was updated in December of 2021 with information on how to handle and who to call regarding animal control. He stated that he is a strong advocate for personal responsibility and that he would ask that citizens have their animals under control either by leash or within a fenced area. Council Member Stasey asked if we could go over the costs for animal control. Ms. Long stated that there would be an initial cost and then an annual cost going forward. She went over the costs given in 2017 as \$53,247 for an animal control officer and \$50,565 for equipment. The equipment cost would be for the first year and then every fifth year. She discussed the update in 2021 has the animal control officer at a cost of over \$80,000 and the added cost of a truck and equipment. Council Member Pinckard asked if the Sheriff's Department would have to hire another officer for this position. Ms. Long stated that yes, that is her understanding. She stated that this would be only animal control and not include code enforcement. Council Member Stasey also stated that an animal control officer would not be able to write citations and would not be for services such as picking up a dog. He stated that in his opinion, this would be reactionary and not proactive. Council Member Stasey stated that if you add up the total of 12 violations in 5 years, this comes to an average of 4 violations per year. He stated that even if Annetta was able to split this cost with another city, the cost for animal control would be approximately \$20,000 per violation. He stated that, in his opinion, those funds could be better used for another purpose. Council Member Causey stated that at this time the Town cannot afford the cost of an animal control officer. Council Member Pinckard moved to accept the City Secretary's report as written, Council Member Mudge seconded the motion, with all aye. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. New Business:

- a. **Discussion:** Update and announce winners of Annetta's Holiday Contest. Mayor Roberts announced the winner for the best house decorations is Liz Confiliano and the winner for the best pet costume was submitted by Jayme Haney. She thanked all the participants.
- b. **Discussion and Action:** Nomination and appointment of Zoning Board of Adjustment, Place 4. City Secretary, Jamee Long, stated that Alternate #1, Brian Berryhill, has agreed to being moved to Place 4 should the council appoint him. Council Member Pinckard moved to appoint Brian Berryhill to Zoning Board of Adjustment, Place 4, Council Member Stasey seconded the motion, with all aye. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Items of Community Interest. Mayor Roberts announced that the Annetta Clean-up Day is scheduled for February 26 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Council Member Stasey stated that Aledo United Methodist Church is assisting the Aledo ISD to find volunteers to work at the school due to reduced staffing at this time. Mayor Roberts stated that the food bank is now open in Parker County and they are also searching for volunteers. Mayor Roberts stated that this information will be added to the Town's Facebook page and the City Secretary will send an email blast.

VIII. Adjournment: With no further business before the council, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

These minutes were approved on the 17th day of February, 2022.



Jamee Long, City Secretary





Sandy Roberts, Mayor