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City Council Meeting Minutes

The City Council of Annetta met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, August 18, 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 Danny Coffman gave the invocation.
- III. **Roll call/Quorum check.** A quorum check revealed that Mayor Roberts and Council Members, Shane Mudge, Kent Stasey, Jim Causey, Danny Coffman and Bruce Pinckard were all present. Also present was Jamee Long, City Secretary.
- IV. **Public Comments:** Citizen, Anne Mullins, discussed road repairs needed at 1515 Wallis Road. She also provided photos of the road and discussed her deed research on Wallis Road.
- 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 21, 2022.
 - b. Public Works Report.
 - c. Financial Report.

Council Member Pinckard moved to accept the consent items as presented, Council Member Coffman seconded the motion, with all aye. Motion passed unanimously.

- VI. **New Business:**
 - a. **Introduction of Matthew and Catherine Hudson with Layla Rose Ranch horse rescue.** Matthew Hudson thanked the Town's staff for their patience during the permitting process. He also thanked Mayor Roberts for attending their ribbon cutting. Catherine Hudson discussed their mission with rehabilitating rescued horses. She stated that they let the horses settle into the facility and work with them to trust again. Mr. Hudson discussed how the facility was built and stated that most of their rescues come from "kill pens." He discussed the integration process and the importance of volunteers. Mr. Hudson also discussed the adoption process and vetting. Mayor Roberts asked if the facility allows riding of the horses. Mr. Hudson

stated that they do not allow riding. Council Member Causey confirmed that their goal is to rescue, rehab and then allow the horse to be adopted for personal use. Mr. Hudson stated that is correct. Council Member Coffman asked about the average length of time it takes to rehabilitate a horse. Mr. Hudson stated that some take approximately six months but others take longer. Council Member Stasey asked where most of their rescues come from. Mr. Hudson stated that most come from “kill pens.” Council Member Mudge asked where they are located. Mr. Hudson stated that they are off Old Annetta Road at the end of Windmill. Citizen, Kristi Turner, asked how to get in touch with the rescue. Mr. Hudson stated that their website is www.laylaroseranch.org. He stated that volunteers can fill out applications on their website. He stated that Ms. Hudson also posts videos on TikTok. Mr. Hudson thanked Mayor Roberts for connecting them with Randy at The Community News. He stated that he appreciated the coverage of their facility. Council Member Pinckard stated that the rescue fits the “vision for Annetta” and thanked them for their work with the rescue.

- b. **Presentation by Fred Maldonado, Vice President – External & Legislative Affairs, AT&T Texas.** Mr. Maldonado was unable to attend the meeting and was having technical difficulties getting on the WebEx.
- c. **Public hearing on the Town of Annetta FY 2022-23 Budget.** Mayor Roberts opened the public hearing at 7:20 p.m. Council Member Pinckard thanked the Finance Committee and staff on the work on the budget. He discussed the high tax rates for other cities and commended Annetta for no property tax. Council Member Stasey stated that his goal is to get all citizens of Annetta to read the budget and the narrative. He discussed the Comprehensive Plan and how this affects citizens. He stated that he values the rural setting in Annetta. He stated that the City Council is here to represent all citizens at all times. Council Member Causey discussed the budget process and evaluations with the Town’s professionals. He stated that the process is also to plan for future budgets and that the Finance Committee plans conservatively. Mayor Roberts also thanked the Finance Committee, professionals and staff for their analytical work on the budget. She stated that her goal is also to have all citizens read the budget and its narrative. She thanked City Secretary, Jamee Long, for her work on the narrative. Council Member Pinckard stated that most years the Town has come in under budget. Citizen, Kristi Turner, asked why the budget for elections has increased. Council Member Pinckard stated that the amount is based on the estimate from Parker County for conducting the election. Ms. Turner asked why the engineering fees have increased in the Enterprise Fund. Council Member Pinckard stated that it is mostly due to the transition from Hudson Oaks operating the Town’s water and wastewater systems. He stated that this should level out in future budgets. Ms. Turner asked why the street construction has increased. Council Member Causey stated that we are hopeful that the county can repair more roads next fiscal year. Ms. Turner thanked the City Council for a conservative budget. Mayor Roberts closed the public hearing at 7:38 p.m.
- d. **Discussion and Action:** Consider an ordinance adopting the Town of Annetta FY 2022-23 Budget. Council Member Causey moved to approve an ordinance adopting the Town of Annetta FY 2022-23 Budget, Council Member Stasey seconded the motion, with all aye. Motion passed unanimously.
- e. **Discussion and Action:** Consider an expenditure for plugging Paluxy well at Water Plant 3 and Trinity well at Water Plant 6. Council Member Pinckard stated that the estimate from Erwin Water Well Drilling is for \$25,516.42 for plugging both wells. He stated that both wells were drilled by the developer and that they were unable to provide adequate flow for the Town. He continued that due to TCEQ regulations, the Town’s engineers have recommended plugging these wells. Mayor Roberts stated that this was identified in the engineer’s audit of the Towns water system. She continued stating that this estimate came in lower than expected. Council Member Stasey stated that these wells are not impacting the Town’s water production. Council Member Pinckard moved to approve an expenditure for plugging Paluxy well at Water Plant 3 and Trinity well at Water Plant 6, Council Member Coffman seconded the motion, with all aye. Motion passed unanimously.
- f. **Discussion and Action:** Consider an agreement with Aledo ISD regarding CCPD UTV. Council Member Pinckard moved to approve an agreement with Aledo ISD regarding CCPD UTV, Council Member Coffman

seconded the motion, with all aye. Council Member Pinckard stated that he is glad the Town of Annetta can assist law enforcement at Aledo ISD with crime control and prevention. Council Member Coffman stated that the UTV also assists people that are unable to walk attend the football games. Motion passed unanimously.

- g. **Announce winner of children's book contest.** This month's book is Hurry and the Monarch and the winner was 1831 Chapman Court.

VII. Old Business:

- a. **Discussion and Action:** Consider amending personnel leave policy by adding additional federal holidays. City Secretary, Jamee Long, stated that there is a spreadsheet in the packet listing time off amounts for surrounding cities. Council Member Pinckard moved to approve amending personnel leave policy by adding additional federal holidays, Council Member Stasey seconded the motion, with all aye. Council Member Pinckard stated that the spreadsheet depicts that Annetta was behind and this will place Annetta in line with surrounding cities. He stated that Annetta needs to remain competitive for qualified employees. Council Member Stasey stated that the staff are the "hands and feet" of the city and the Town needs to provide its limited staff with this type of benefit. He stated that he appreciates the Town's staff. Council Member Coffman stated that the holidays being added are in line with federal guidelines. Citizen, Kristi Turner, asked if the addition of the holidays would put the Town in line with other cities or be more than surrounding cities. Council Member Pinckard stated that the Town was behind and with the additional holidays, it would put Annetta in line with the surrounding cities. 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

The executive session began at 7:56 p.m. and closed at 8:29 p.m.

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

X. Items of Community Interest. Mayor Roberts stated that school started yesterday. She stated that Mark Terry, the Town's new operator, began employment on Monday and is fully licensed. Council Member Stasey thanked the school's educators and stated that he is proud of the school district's new schools and facilities. He also discussed the school's demographics and the growth in East Parker County.

XI. Adjournment: With no further business before the council, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

These minutes were approved on the 15th day of September, 2022.

Jamee Long

Jamee Long, City Secretary



Kent Stasey

Kent Stasey, Mayor Pro Tem