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City Council Meeting Minutes

The City Council of Annetta met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, November 19, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Annetta Town Hall at 450 Thunder Head Lane to consider the following agenda:

Dustin Schmitt hosted the WebEx and gave an introduction and instructions to the panelists and attendees.

- I. **Call to order.** Mayor Bruce Pinckard called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation of Prayer.** Council Member Sandy Roberts led the pledge and Council Member Danny Coffman gave the invocation.
- III. **Roll call/Quorum check.** A quorum check revealed that Mayor Pinckard and Council Members Kent Stasey, Jim Causey, Danny Coffman, Shane Mudge and Sandy Roberts were all present. Also present was Diana Kotlinski, City Clerk.
- IV. **Public Comments:** Citizen, Travis Voskamp (223 Highland Drive) stated that he is neither for or against the sidewalk but requested to give a “dad’s perspective.” Mr. Voskamp stated that he walks his son to school via Rolling Spring Drive. He stated they cross Thunder Head Lane across from the school. Mr. Voskamp stated there is another dad and son walking to school on most mornings in addition to a mom and daughter. He stated there is more “foot traffic” in the afternoon. Mr. Voskamp stated that he wanted the Council to know the amount of people that he has observed walking to and from school each day. Citizen, Kristi Turner (111 Rolling Spring), stated she would like to request the Town look into [openthebooks.com](https://www.openthebooks.com) for tracking expenses. Ms. Turner read a prepared speech on safety. Ms. Turner stated that Mr. Voskamp’s observations were low numbers due to so many students learning remotely at this time.
- V. **Consent Items: Reports from City Staff and Commissions or Committees:**
 - a. Consider the approval of Minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting on October 15, 2020.
 - b. Financial Report.
 - c. Public Works Report.

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

VI. **New Business:**

- a. **Public Hearing** and consider ordinance repealing Ordinance 180, the Town's Subdivision Ordinance, and adopting a new Subdivision Ordinance. Mayor Pinckard opened the public hearing at 7:12 p.m. Craig Farmer stated that due to legislative changes over the last two sessions, modifications needed to be made to the Town's Subdivision Ordinance. Mr. Farmer stated that hyperlinks have been added to the document for ease in review. He discussed the platting changes, vesting, accessory buildings and agricultural areas. He stated that a plat is not complete until all requirements have been met and fees paid. At that time, the "30 day shot clock" will begin. Mr. Farmer discussed fire protection requirements for new developments. He stated that the new ordinance simplifies minor and amended plats. Mr. Farmer stated that the Planning & Zoning Commission has reviewed and they recommend approval of the new Subdivision Ordinance. Traci Fambrough, Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Commission, clarified that the Commission recommended approval after attorney review. Mr. Farmer stated the Town's attorney has addressed three minor changes and the document presented is complete. Mayor Pinckard closed the public hearing at 7:23 p.m. Council Member Coffman moved to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an ordinance repealing Ordinance 180, the Town's Subdivision Ordinance, and adopt a new Subdivision Ordinance, Council Member Stasey seconded the motion, with all aye. Council Member Causey asked if the new ordinance would also repeal Ordinance 201. Mr. Farmer stated the new ordinance also addresses the amendments in Ordinance 201. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. **Discussion and Action:** Consider Bureau Veritas' Fire Code plan review, inspections and fees. Mayor Pinckard stated the fire safety inspections information needs to be added due to the commercial building of the new elementary school and all future commercial construction. Council Member Stasey moved to approve Bureau Veritas' Fire Code plan review, inspections and fees, Council Member Roberts seconded the motion, with all aye. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. **Discussion and Action:** Consider an updated agreement with Aledo ISD regarding the UTV. Mayor Pinckard stated the school district requested two changes in the agreement regarding the amount of insurance coverage and the signer of the document. Council Member Coffman moved to approve the updated agreement with Aledo ISD regarding the UTV, Council Member Causey seconded the motion, with all aye. Motion passed unanimously.

- d. **Discussion and Action:** Consider revisions to the Town of Annetta Engineering Design Manual, Chapter IV (water and wastewater) and Appendix D (construction drawings). Mayor Pinckard stated that the Engineering Design Manual needs amending occasionally due to technology developments in materials, components and contractor methods. Council Member Causey moved to approve the revisions to the Town of Annetta Engineering Design Manual, Chapter IV and Appendix D, Council Member Coffman seconded the motion, with all aye. Motion passed unanimously. Council Member Roberts asked if there were any major changes. Mayor Pinckard stated that most of the changes were due to the American Water Works Standards updates.

- e. **Discussion and Action:** Consider Master Water Service Extension Plan Illustration. Citizen, Kristi Turner, stated the agenda is not clear if this is an item that needs to be approved. Mayor Pinckard stated that the item is a "discussion and action" item. Ms. Turner asked if the Town is providing a well to the new elementary school or if the Town is "pushing water out to them." Mayor Pinckard stated that the school district is building the water system that will serve the school site. Ms. Turner asked if the illustration is showing the school district's well hooking up to the Town's water system. Mayor Pinckard stated the illustration is showing future connectivity possibilities. Council Member Roberts moved to approve the Master Water Service Extension Plan Illustration, Council Member Coffman seconded the motion, with all aye. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Old Business:

- a. **Discussion and Action:** Discuss Annetta Park Concept and consider scheduling a Public Workshop to address a proposed sidewalk along Thunder Head Lane. Mayor Pinckard read and discussed Halff Associates' letter and report regarding the proposed sidewalk project. He also discussed the soil topography along Thunder Head Lane. Council Member Roberts discussed the design challenge due to no crosswalks at the streets along Thunder Head Lane. Citizen, Mr. Voskamp, stated that most of the people coming to the school are currently coming to the front of the school and not the area in front of Town Hall. Citizen, Ms. Turner, stated she has "obviously not met Mr. Voskamp and everybody's different, I suppose." Ms. Turner requested the Town get multiple bids and asked if the school would be contributing to the cost. She also discussed the possibility of black top being used instead of concrete for a cost savings. Mayor Pinckard stated the Town would seek bids if this project moves forward. Citizen, Brian Berryhill, thanked the council for presenting the engineered drawings. Mr. Berryhill stated that he believes this could only move forward if the Town were able to obtain a grant. Caller, Marcy Galle, thanked the council for the drawings. Mayor Pinckard discussed the Council's extensive work on this project. Ms. Turner discussed getting possible bids prior to scheduling a workshop. Mayor Pinckard discussed the process of the Town and the school district for projects of this type. He discussed the data from TXDOT regarding no accidents on Thunder Head Lane for the past 10 years. Traci Fambrough stated that Halff is a reputable firm and she does not believe bids from other engineering firms will be much different. Council Member Causey asked Ms. Turner about the demographics of the signatures on her petition. Ms. Turner stated that some of the signatures are from McDavid Subdivision which are not in Annetta. She does not know how many signers live in the Meadow Park area. Council Member Causey asked Mr. Turner if the citizens that are wanting the sidewalk would be willing to assist in the cost of the sidewalk. Ms. Turner stated that she does not want to start another petition asking signers these type of questions. Mayor Pinckard stated this could be addressed in the workshop. He also discussed the possibility of the sidewalk issue being placed on the ballot in May with an identified cost and funding mechanism for the voters to decide. Council Member Coffman discussed a workshop possibly being scheduled for January 12. Mayor Pinckard discussed the challenges of the past year due to COVID and discussed the possibility of having the workshop at Stuard Elementary so there can be social distancing. Mike Herring discussed how the funding would be handled and if this comes out of the road budget, he believes citizens will not want to support the sidewalk. Ms. Turner stated she does not believe January 12 is enough time to prepare for a workshop. Mayor Pinckard requested citizens to send their questions to info@annettatx.gov. Council Member Roberts moved to postpone scheduling a workshop until the next City Council meeting and to discuss wording of a possible new petition, Council Member Stasey seconded the motion, with all aye. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Pinckard asked for citizens to send comments to info@annettatx.gov and to add their full name and address.

- VIII. Items of Community Interest.** Mayor Pinckard introduced Gustavo Parades. Mr. Parades' father discussed his son's requirements to earn a Scout badge. Council Member Roberts discussed the upcoming football game. Mayor Pinckard wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

- IX. Adjournment:** With no further business before the council, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

These minutes were approved on the 17th day of December, 2020.

Jamee Long

Jamee Long, City Secretary



Bruce Pinckard

Bruce Pinckard, Mayor

Annetta City Council
Public Comments
Kristi Turner
November 19, 2020

My name is Kristi Turner. Having seen this months Council packet, I would like to suggest you look into implementing openthebooks.com to track town expenses, contracting, etc. This free service would save staff time while also allowing the public the opportunity to seek public information. Privacy is for people, transparency is for government.

Now, let's talk about public safety. Nationally, between 2007-2016 pedestrian fatalities have increased 27% while all other traffic fatalities decreased by 14%.

TXDOT conducted an analysis using data from 2014-2018 using data from within Northern Texas. 1 in 5 of all fatalities for all modes of transportation is a pedestrian. And there were 679 pedestrian fatalities in our region from 2014-2018.

Last month it was stated that Stuard is not the only school without a sidewalk. While McCall does not yet have a sidewalk, much of the land surrounding it is still to be developed into residential. Coder Elementary is not adjacent to a large residential neighborhood, so comparing both to Stuard is not comparing apples to apples.

While I hope that this public safety issue is addressed at tonight's meeting, what will it take for the Council to take action? When someone gets injured? When someone gets killed? This is something that as our elected officials you should be thinking about.