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## City Council Meeting Minutes

The City Council of Annetta met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, May 20, 2021, 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 Sandy Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There was one person online via WebEx.
- 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, Jim Causey and Bruce Pinckard were all present. Also present was Jamee Long, City Secretary. Council Member Kent Stasey was absent at roll call but joined the meeting at 7:26 p.m.
- IV. **Public Comments:** Citizen, Kristi Turner, read a prepared speech regarding citizen involvement. Citizen, Tim Pierce, stated that he would like to discuss the fencing portion of the zoning ordinance when that portion of agenda is addressed. Citizen, Al Gloer, read a prepared speech regarding Ordinance 192 and the bank signature cards.
- V. **Consent Items: Reports from City Staff and Commission or Committees:**
  - a. Consider the approval of Minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting on April 15, 2021 and Special City Council Meeting on May 11, 2021.
  - b. Public Works Report.
  - c. Financial Report.

Council Member Pinckard stated that a clarification to the minutes may be needed. He asked Ms. Turner if her public comments on April 15, 2021 were regarding safety and animal control. Council Member Pinckard also asked if her comments were about "dogs in general." Ms. Turner stated that her specific concern was that a "person in the community" had an incident with a dog. She stated that when the sheriff and animal control were called, they stated that they do not service Annetta. Council Member Pinckard asked if her comments were regarding animal control or dogs specifically. Ms. Turner stated that her comments were dog

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

## VI. **New Business:**

- a. **Public Hearing, Discussion, and Action:** Hold a public hearing, discuss, and consider an ordinance amending portions of Ordinance No. 192, as amended by Ordinance 192A, and more specifically: renumbering and reformatting the ordinance, adding four new residential districts; Section 5.2 R-AG "Agricultural Residential District," Section 5.3 R-E "Residential Estate Residential District," Section 5.5 R-20 "Single Family Residential District," Section 5.6 R-10 "Single Family Residential District;" amending Article 4 "Permitted Uses" to provide permitted use listings for the new residential districts, amending Section 8.2 to allow the combining of platted lots, amend Section 8.10.B to provide for accessory buildings in front of main buildings on lots at least two acres in size and an accessory building on adjacent lots; Section 9.2 "General Definitions" by amending the definition of lot width; Section 9.3 "Definitions" by amending or adding definitions related to the foregoing sections, and amending or adding definitions for Accessory Farming and Livestock; Agricultural, Farming and Forestry Activities; Animal Production, Ranching and Livestock; Credit Access Business; Home Occupation; Planning and Zoning Coordinator; Short Term Rental; amending and adding fencing standards in the residential districts and amending various sections to comply with statutory requirements for zoning. Mayor Roberts opened the public hearing at 7:14 p.m. Craig Farmer, Planning Consultant, discussed the draft zoning ordinance. He stated that two changes have been made since the May 13, 2021 Planning & Zoning Commission meeting. He stated the front page of the ordinance has been changed because this will not amend Ordinance 192 and 192A, but will repeal and replace those ordinances. The second item is the date on the first page for the adoption date. Mr. Farmer discussed the links within the ordinance that will aid in finding information more easily. He discussed the placement of accessory buildings, the new zoning districts and setbacks. Mr. Farmer stated that the use charts needed updates because of the changes in the ordinance. He stated that definitions have been added or changed regarding check cashing businesses, short-term rentals and manufactured homes. Mr. Farmer stated that signs/billboards and fencing were not addressed in the revisions. He stated that minor fencing revisions were made in the agricultural area. He stated that wind/solar power, wireless antennas, oil/gas and sexually oriented businesses were also not addressed. Mr. Farmer stated these items are addressed in the use charts. He stated that vesting has a separate ordinance so there was no need to make that change. Citizen, Guy Wilson, wanted to confirm that the ordinance changes were on the Town's website. Mr. Farmer stated that the draft ordinance is on the Town's website except for the two changes that he addressed earlier. Council Member Coffman asked Mr. Pierce if his questions were answered during Mr. Farmer's presentation and Mr. Pierce stated that his questions have been answered. Council Member Pinckard confirmed that all new districts are still residential in nature. Mayor Roberts closed the public hearing at 7:33 p.m. and requested Steve Wood to address the council regarding the recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission. Mr. Wood stated that two recommendations were made that could not be considered because they were not included in the public notice. He stated that the Planning & Zoning Commission recommends the changes that Mr. Farmer has addressed in the draft zoning ordinance, including an additional change of clarifying the definition of Planning and Zoning Coordinator. Mayor Roberts read the Ordinance 215. Council Member Pinckard moved to approve Ordinance 215 as presented with an amendment to the Planning and Zoning Coordinator as being a person, appointed by the Town Council, designated with the responsibility of accepting plats for the Town and preparing the necessary documentation for the Planning & Zoning Commission. If no appointment is made, the Town Secretary or their designee is the designated Planning and Zoning Coordinator. In the event there is no person employed by the Town as Town Secretary, the term means the Mayor or his or her designee. Council Member Pinckard stated that the amendment is the recommendation of the Town's attorney and the change is to Article 9, Definitions. He stated the concerns regarding the nonconformity are understood and appreciated. Council Member

Causey thanked the Planning & Zoning Commission for their hard work on the zoning ordinance. Council Member Stasey seconded the motion, with all aye. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. **Discussion and Action:** Consider adding Mayor Sandy Roberts to the bank signature cards. Mayor Roberts stated that this would remove Bruce Pinckard from the bank signature cards and add herself as the Mayor. Council Member Coffman moved to approve adding Mayor Sandy Roberts to the bank signature cards and removing Bruce Pinckard, Council Member Pinckard seconded the motion, with all aye. Council Member Pinckard stated for clarification that there would be entirely new signature cards to include the City Secretary, Mayor Sandy Roberts, Jim Causey and Kent Stasey to sign. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. **Discussion and Action:** Consider appointing members of the Annetta Finance Committee for the purposes of budgeting and investment strategies of city resources. This committee will not be a decision-making body but a recommending body for reporting to the Town of Annetta City Council. Council Member Pinckard moved to appoint Mayor Sandy Roberts, City Secretary, Jim Causey and Kent Stasey as members of the Annetta Finance Committee, Council Member Coffman seconded the motion, with all aye. Tim Pierce asked from the audience: "who breaks the tie." Mayor Roberts stated that it is not a decision-making committee. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. **Discussion and Action:** Schedule any necessary Budget Planning Workshops and inform the public of the anticipated schedule for public hearings and approval of the 2020-21 Town Budgets. Discussion of possible dates for the Budget Planning Workshops. Council Member Pinckard moved to schedule a Budget Planning Workshop for June 17, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. and if another workshop is necessary, it will be scheduled for July 15, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. Council Member Mudge seconded the motion, with all aye. Motion passed unanimously.
- e. **Discussion and Action:** Consider a resolution determining the competitive sealed proposal method as providing the best value for procurement of a Paluxy well for the Lakes of Aledo; authorize the Mayor and Town staff to take all necessary action; and providing an effective date. Council Member Pinckard moved to approve a resolution determining the competitive sealed proposal method as providing the best value for procurement of a Paluxy well for the Lakes of Aledo, and to authorize the Mayor and Town staff to take all necessary action, and providing an effective date. Council Member Stasey seconded the motion, with all aye. Mayor Roberts read the resolution. Council Member Pinckard stated the well will be on the Lakes of Aledo well site. Citizen, Tim Pierce, asked when the bids would be viewable for the public. Council Member Pinckard stated that bids would be opened on the date that will be listed in the publication. He stated the well must be drilled within 120 days so the publication and date of opening of bids will be published soon. Citizen, Guy Wilson asked why a Paluxy well is being drilled at that location instead of a Trinity well. Council Member Pinckard stated there is already a Trinity well at that location so the new well will need to be a Paluxy well. He stated that another Trinity well would need to be at least 1,000 feet away or the wells would be competing against each other. Motion passed unanimously.

**VII. Items of Community Interest.** Citizen, Kristi Turner, stated that the family that contacted her concerned about the dog would also like rabid dogs addressed. Council Member Pinckard asked Ms. Turner to direct citizens to Town Hall with their questions and comments. Council Member Stasey stated that the Aledo ISD's Medical Pathways Program graduated about 60 students tonight. He praised the Aledo ISD for "growing greatness." Mayor Roberts introduced Ryan Corbello and welcomed him aboard to the Town of Annetta staff.

**VIII. Adjournment:** With no further business before the council, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

*These minutes were approved on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.*

*Jamee Long*

Jamee Long, City Secretary



*Sandy Roberts*

Sandy Roberts, Mayor

Kristi Turner 5/20/21

Let's focus on the issues immediately facing our town and its governance. It is my genuine hope moving forward that any citizen who wants to be involved in town politics is welcomed to participate without the fear of harassment or petty name calling (Karen). Good government is not afraid of transparency. Good government encourages participation.

Young families are moving here, I have heard at least two of you openly talk in the last year about moving. We are the ones who are moving here to invest in this community. It is already great, but we all believe that it can be even better.

Our town has real issues that need to be addressed, and current ordinances that need to be enforced before we spend another dime on consultants looking for issues that do not exist. Whether it be animal ordinances that simply cannot be enforced without animal control, or other public safety issues. There are known problems within our community that need to be given real and thoughtful review.

Our community demographic is changing and soon the government will also be changing.

My sidewalk safety fact this month is simply a reminder that the family who has now twice shared their story of their child being hurt walking to school...it was here on Thunderhead, right by the school. Not Lakeview. Not another road. And no, they were not crossing the street.

Remember, if you truly are here to serve the community, show that you love the community by taking action.

Public Comments for the 5/20/2021 Annetta City Council Meeting.

Al Gloer

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While some good thought has gone into the revisions of ordinance 192, a few things should be considered.

- 1) Passed as is, this provides little tangible relief to the citizens as rezoning does not actually take place. The new zones will exist on paper, however there is no practical way for the citizens to take advantage of them. Annetta is not growing in any noticeable amount so the new zones will not be employed to any extent. In any case the only zone that is in keeping with the Comprehensive plan is R-AG (lots two acres and larger) with the other zoning serving mostly to reduce the amount of non-conformance. The rest of the town will seemingly remain in R-1 as individual homeowners will not be able to request re-zoning to the appropriate new standards.
- 2) I don't see an action listed to repeal ordinance 192A. I am concerned that having multiple ordinances to regulate landowner's rights will only result in confusion. We already have instances of overlapping ordinances and that is something we really should not be continuing to do.

With respect to adding Mayor Roberts to the list of approved bank signatories, I don't see a reciprocal action to remove Councilman Pinckard from that same list. Is this in keeping with our standard business practices?

The town's remote access meeting system remains problematic. At least one person who was attempting to participate remotely during the 5/13/2021 Planning & Zoning Commission meeting was unable to be heard. From an in person viewpoint, it appeared that the local host was finding operating the system challenging. I encourage the council to consider a serious look at the implementation of the WebEx system either through the existing provider or through an alternate source more familiar with the nuances of setting up a virtual/remote meeting system. If no improvements are possible, then the townspeople should be advised that attending a town meeting remotely will not provide the same access to government that attending in person does.