



## **City Council Minutes January 14, 2020**

Present: Vicki Ferguson, Susan Murre, Tamara Jackson Cindy Lambert  
Guests: Jim Ferguson, Tanis Williams, Phillip and Jami Tillery, Jennifer Johnston

Vicki called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Cindy opened with prayer.

Vicki recognized Jennifer Johnston as a registered speaker. She wanted to address the council regarding a social media post.

Susan presented the minutes from the December meeting. Cindy made a motion to accept the minutes. Susan seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

Susan presented the financials from November and December. The question that remained from the November financials was answered. Cindy made a motion to accept the November financials. Susan seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

There were some questions regarding the December financials, so Cindy made a motion to defer to the February meeting. Tamara seconded. All in favor – motion carried. Susan will find out if the actual cost of the chairs or retail value was included in the assets line. November's bank reconciliation detail was also not printed. She will download and have for February meeting.

Vicki introduced Jami Tillery. Tamara made a motion to appoint Jami to the vacant council seat. Susan seconded the motion. All in favor - motion carried.

Tamara made a motion to defer the appointment of Brandon to the Mayor Pro-Tem position until the February meeting. Cindy seconded. All in favor - motion carried.

Vicki brought the EDC to the table. She learned that the city would have access to even more grant opportunities if we kept the EDC in place. She has recruited 5 people who are willing to service, and Susan has contacted 3 more. Tamara mentioned that a Jana Pearman had emailed the city to express interest. Susan has seen the email from Chastity Sneed, but will double check for one from Ms. Pearman. Tamara made a motion that we reach out to the original members to check on continuing interest. Cindy seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

Vick presented the roof bids. While the grant may take longer to process than we originally hoped, Vicki will check with Ms. Collins at the USDA to see if reimbursement is possible, should the city pay for the roof in order to get it completed as quickly as possible. Susan will make a comparison chart to make it easier to see the bids and what they offer. Cindy made a motion that we defer decision on the roof to the February meeting. Tamara seconded. All in favor – motion carried.

Cindy also made a motion that we table the grant process until Vicki gets clarification on reimbursement. Susan seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

Vicki asked that we move the February meeting up a couple of days, as she will be out of the country for a while. The 2<sup>nd</sup> of February was mentioned. Susan will check with Brandon to see if he is available on a Sunday afternoon. Tamara made a motion that we move the February meeting up. Cindy seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

New Business – Tamara mentioned that the council might want to consider Keep Texas Beautiful. The cost is \$100 a year. It was decided that this would be something for the EDC to consider.

Tamara also asked if we had become members of ETCOG again. Susan will contact ETCOG and get an invoice for membership sent.

Tamara mentioned that the city consider having a public auction to dispose of the surplus property. Cindy made a motion to have this as an agenda item for February. Tamara seconded. All in favor – motion carried.

The website and the Google account were mentioned. Susan has already changed the passwords for these so that people who are not council members will not have access. The Austin Bank account password has also been changed.

Tamara made a motion to adjourn. Cindy seconded. All in favor – motion carried.

\_\_\_\_\_ Vicki Ferguson, Mayor