

**MEETING NOTICE, AGENDA, ROSTER AND MINUTES**

**NOTICE OF:** REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
**LOCATION:** 201 S MAIN (ARP FIRE STATION)  
**DATE:** AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 **TIME:** 5:00 PM

**AGENDA TOPICS FOR THIS MEETING**

1. **CALL TO ORDER, CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM, INVOCATION**
2. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2023 AND APPROVE PAYING MONTHLY BILLS;**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Any individual may sign the provided form and request permission to make comments to the council concerning matters that are relevant to the business of the city. The time limit of each person's comments shall be two (2) minutes. The council may not deliberate on items or matters not listed on the agenda.
4. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CITIZEN REQUEST TO DISCUSS IDEAS FOR VACANT AREA AT CITY PARK AND POSSIBLE HEALTH CARE MOBILE UNIT SETUP LOCATION;**
5. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SMITH COUNTY 9-1-1 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT 2023-2024 PROPOSED BUDGET;**
6. **CONSIDERING THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVED A PRESENTATION OF THE 2023-2024 PROPOSED BUDGETS, REQUEST THE CITY COUNCIL TO PLACE THE PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE ON A FUTURE AGENDA AS AN ACTION ITEM AND SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE;**
7. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON INQUIRE FROM CENTRAL STATES WATER RESOURCES;**
8. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH WASTELINE ENGINEERING, INC. IN CONNECTION WITH AN APPLICATION WITH TWDB FOR WWTP PROJECT;**
9. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INVITATIONS TO BID AND REQUEST OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ADVISOR, BOND COUNSEL, ATTORNEY, AND CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT FOR THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPLICATION FOR THE WWTP PROJECT;**
10. **GENERAL BUSINESS;**
11. **ADJOURN**

**Individuals in Attendance at This Meeting**

Dennis Ford	Rod Langlais	Quint Balkcom	Erin Gerometta 5:20
Craig Robinson	Tracey Pritchett	Quinton Hertel	

**Detail Minutes of This Meeting**

THE CITY OF ARP COUNCIL MET FOR A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 AT 5:00 PM AT THE ARP FIRE STATION.

ITEM #1 – DENNIS FORD CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER, CERTIFIED A QUORUM AND LED THE INVOCATION.

ITEM #2 – CRAIG ROBINSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2023 AND APPROVE PAYING MONTHLY BILLS. ROD LANGLAIS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0;

ITEM #3 – PUBLIC COMMENTS: NO COMMENTS

ITEM #5 – CRAIG ROBINSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SMITH COUNTY 9-1-1 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT 2023-2024 PROPOSED BUDGET. ROD LANGLINAIS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0;

ITEM #6 – CRAIG ROBINSON MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE 2023-2024 PROPOSED BUDGET AS PRESENTED AND REQUESTED A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED BUDGET BE SET FOR SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:00 PM LOCATED AT THE ARP FIRE STATION, 201 S. MAIN STREET. A TAX RATE OF .519888 WAS PROPOSED FOR THE PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND WILL BE PLACED ON THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA AS AN ACTION ITEM IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING. ROD LANGLINAIS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0;

ITEM #7 – MAYOR FORD HAD RECEIVED AN INQUIRE FROM CENTRAL STATES WATER RESOURCES REGARDING INTEREST IN THE PURCHASE OF THE CITY'S UTILITIES. AFTER DISCUSSION WITH THE COUNCIL NO ACTION WAS TAKEN;

ITEM #8 – CRAIG ROBINSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH WASTELINE ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE TWDB APPLICATION FOR THE WWTP PROJECT. ROD LANGLINAIS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0;

ITEM #9 – THE INVITATIONS TO BID AND REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE TWDB WWTP PROJECT WERE REVIEWED BY THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE AND RECOMMENDATIONS WERE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL. THE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE FINANCIAL ADVISOR: JOHN MARTIN, HILLTOP SECURITIES, BOND COUNSEL: JEFF GULBAS, MCCALL PARKHURST & HORTON, ATTORNEY: RONALD STUTES, WILSON, ROBERTSON & VANDEVENTER, AND CPA: KEVIN CASHION, GOLLOB, MORGAN, PEDDY & CO., P.C. CRAIG ROBINSON MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT ALL RECOMMENDATIONS AND ROD LANGLINAIS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0;

ITEM #10 – GENERAL BUSINESS: QUINT BALKCOM GAVE A POLICE REPORT FOR JULY

ITEM #4 – ERIN GEROMETTA DISCUSSED WITH THE COUNCIL THAT SHE HAD MET WITH A PERSON INTERESTED IN BRINGING A MEDICAL HEALTH UNIT TO THE CITY AND NEEDED IDEAS OF A PLACE TO SET UP. ALSO, SHE DISCUSSED POSSIBLE GRANTS FOR THE VACANT FIELD AREA OF THE CITY PARK FOR BASKETBALL GOALS, OR ANY IDEAS FOR THE COMMUNITY. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

5:34 PM ROD LANGLINAIS REQUESTED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL. MAYOR FORD ADJOURNED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

5:46 PM MAYOR FORD CALLED THE REGULAR MEETING BACK TO ORDER. NO FURTHER DISCUSSION OR ACTION WAS TAKEN.

ITEM #11 – CRAIG ROBINSON MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. ROD LANGLINAIS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

**CERTIFICATION**

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE NOTICE OF MEETING WAS POSTED ON THE FRONT DOOR OF ARP CITY HALL AT 109 W. LONGVIEW STREET ON THE 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2023 AT 2:30 PM.

  
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CITY SECRETARY

The Arp City Council reserves the right to consider and take action on the above agenda items in any order.

The Arp City Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and 551.086 (Economic Development).

A Citizens Comment Form must be filed with the City Secretary prior to the beginning of the meeting for an individual to be allowed to speak during Public Comments. By completing the Citizen Comment Form, the individual understands and acknowledges that the public is not entitled to choose the items to be discussed or to speak about items on the agenda, but that this opportunity is provided as a privilege. The individual executing the Citizen Comment Form understands that he/she is provided a limited amount of time, and that he/she may not be allowed to continue to address the Council if the comments are rude, disparaging or defamatory to any individual or entity, or the comments become disruptive to the good order of the meeting. If at a meeting of a governmental body, a member of the public or of the governmental body inquires about a subject for which notice has not been given as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act, the notice provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act do not apply to a statement specific factual information given in response to the inquiry; a recitation of existing policy in response to the inquiry; or, any deliberation of or decision about the subject of the inquiry shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a subsequent meeting.

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