

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION  
OF THE ANNA CITY COUNCIL  
MARCH 5, 2019**

The Anna City Council met in regular session at the Anna City Hall at 5:00 p.m. on March 5, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Hartline. The roll call went as follows: Present were Mayor Steve Hartline, Commissioner David Isom, Commissioner Al Kamp, Commissioner David Tellor and Commissioner Martha Webb. None were absent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kamp and seconded by Commissioner Isom that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 19, 2019 ANNA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES AS THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF SAID MEETING.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner David Isom, Commissioner Al Kamp, Commissioner David Tellor, Commissioner Martha Webb, and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Nay – none. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tellor and seconded by Commissioner Kamp that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 26, 2019 ANNA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES AS THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF SAID MEETING.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner David Isom, Commissioner Al Kamp, Commissioner David Tellor, Commissioner Martha Webb, and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Nay – none. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

Brittney Hale was unavailable. Representing on her behalf was Shawna Rhine and Rollie Hawk regarding April being Child Abuse Awareness Month. Mr. Hawk presented information about how the city can get involved with suggestions of placing blue light bulbs in street poles and wrapping blue ribbons around utility poles. Mayor Hartline stated that the city would help educate the community by showing our support with one of the ideas Mr. Hawk & Mrs. Rhine had suggested. Mrs. Rhine stated that there will be a proclamation signing at the Union County Court House on April 1, 2019 at 9 a.m.

Tim Pearl spoke on behalf of the Anna Elks Lodge. Mr. Pearl explained the money that was raise by the Elks is given back to the community. A budget report of the donations made by the Elks for 2017-2018 was presented to all council members. Mr. Pearl stated that the Elks is requesting a Special Events Liquor License for

2019 but would ask the council to consider waiving the \$300 fee. Mayor Hartline stated that the council would take their request into consideration but the policy has to be uniform for everyone.

Michael Bigler addressed the council voicing his concerns regarding the hiring process of the Assistant City Administrator. He stated that he is running for council in the April 2, 2019 election. The timeline of City Administrator Steve Guined's retirement was discussed and he doesn't understand the urgency to hire someone before the election. Mayor Hartline stated that the city had 6 key employees retire over the past 3 ½ years and the city has focused on making sure the daily operations of the city were taken care of first. Mayor Hartline also quoted the amount of money the city is saving with those retirements. Michael stated that the intent when Mr. Guined announced his retirement that the council would hire a replacement and have enough time for the person to shadow Mr. Guined. Mr. Bigler stated that Mr. Guined is still the city administrator and his salary is being payed by a company out of Chicago. City Attorney John Foley addressed this statement and explained the process. Michael stated that the future vision of the city should be the new council's decision. Mayor Hartline said the process of interview and hiring the Assistant City Administrator will continue. City Administrator Steve Guined gave information on the impact his position has on the city and the importance of hiring the right person.

City Administrator Steve Guined presented the following updates: (1) 2018-2019 Housing Grant has 7 homes that have been identified to receive improvements with 3 of these homes to have construction beginning soon. This program should be completed this year. (2) 2018-2020 Abandoned Property Program Grant will allow the Code Enforcement department to identify properties in the city limits that need to be demolished. (3) 2019-2020 Downtown Improvement Project has allowed for the city to make improvements to sidewalks, streets, lighting, parking, and green spaces. Phase IV is scheduled for summer/fall of 2019 with work to be done on North & South Main. No money was borrowed and no property tax increases were incurred. (4) 2019-2020 Economic Development has created a Qualified Opportunity Zone ("OZones") that started with the 2017 Tax Act. This is a new outlet for capital deployment and opportunity to preserve returns by investing in QFunds. The Business park phase one which included 10 acres has all been sold. Phase two of the project is 20 acres on the backside that has minimal development. The city has received a grant and service road work is slated to begin in 2019-2020. (5) 2019-2020 Street Improvements included MFT Funded Projects, Joint IDOT/City Projects and City-Wide Asphalt Patching Program. These projects have allowed for street and parking lot improvement. The IDOT/City Project will be a

joint agreement to repave Main Street from the railroad track to the square in Jonesboro. (7) The city owns and operates the gas system and are very competitive with Ameren's rates. To be able to do this the gas department has extensive training to keep their certifications up to date. The city purchases the gas on the stock market and has decreased gas rates over the last ten years. (8) 2019-2021 Water Improvement Projects allow the city to keep our infrastructure in good working condition. This project is for Ground Water Storage Tanks, Water Tower, Water Pumps, Hydrants and various water equipment to be maintained and improved. This project will be funded by 75% of the Loan Forgiveness Grant and the remaining 25% will be paid by a low interest loan from the IEPA. This work is scheduled for completion in 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kamp and seconded by Commissioner Webb that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER ON MAY 2, 2019 AT THE ANNA CITY PARK.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner David Isom, Commissioner Al Kamp, Commissioner David Tellor, Commissioner Martha Webb, and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Nay – none. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Isom and seconded by Commissioner Kamp that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-04; 2019-2020 TENTATIVE BUDGET.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner David Isom, Commissioner Al Kamp, Commissioner David Tellor, Commissioner Martha Webb, and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Nay – none. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Webb and seconded by Commissioner Tellor that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-06; PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY LOAN/GRANT PROGRAM.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner David Isom, Commissioner Al Kamp, Commissioner David Tellor, Commissioner Martha Webb, and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Nay – none. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kamp and seconded by Commissioner Tellor that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-07; PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY LOAN/GRANT PROGRAM ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH J.T. BLANKINSHIP.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner David Isom, Commissioner Al Kamp, Commissioner David Tellor, Commissioner Martha Webb, and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Nay – none. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Isom and seconded by Commissioner Tellor that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE A SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION TO ANNA ELKS LODGE 1641 ON JULY 27, 2019.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner David Isom, Commissioner Al Kamp, Commissioner David Tellor, Commissioner Martha Webb, and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Nay – none. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kamp and seconded by Commissioner Webb that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE A BUILDING PERMIT FOR THE ANNA MOOSE LODGE AT 327 SOUTH MAIN STREET.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner David Isom, Commissioner Al Kamp, Commissioner David Tellor, Commissioner Martha Webb, and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Nay – none. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Webb and seconded by Commissioner Tellor that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE A PARK USAGE APPLICATION FOR KIWANIS EASTER EGG HUNT APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup> WITH A RAIN DATE OF APRIL 20, 2019.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner David Isom, Commissioner Al Kamp, Commissioner David Tellor, Commissioner Martha Webb, and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Nay – none. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kamp and seconded by Commissioner Isom that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE A PARK USAGE APPLICATION FOR S.I. RANGERS BASEBALL ON JUNE 13 & 19, 2019.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner David Isom, Commissioner Al Kamp, Commissioner David Tellor, Commissioner Martha Webb, and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Nay – none. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

Commissioner Webb reported on a railing malfunction at The Here & Now Shop. City Administrator Steve Guined said the city will look at it tomorrow and see what needS to be done to fix it.

Commissioner Webb questioned Mayor Hartline if he had taken care of getting the Davie Inn's liquor license. Mayor Hartline has a meeting with them on Friday March 8, 2019.

Commissioner Isom stated that the police department is still running short handed. Chief Hunter said applications have been received and only 3 qualify.

Commissioner Tellor commended City Administrator Steve Guined for his hard work from the beginning when Commissioner Tellor was on the council also. Steve stated that he always looks for what is best for the community.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kamp and seconded by Commissioner Isom that it be **RESOLVED TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner David Isom, Commissioner Al Kamp, Commissioner David Tellor, Commissioner Martha Webb, and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Nay – none. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kamp and seconded by Commissioner Isom that it be **RESOLVED TO EXIT CLOSED SESSION.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner David Isom, Commissioner Al Kamp, Commissioner David Tellor, Commissioner Martha Webb, and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Nay – none. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Webb and seconded by Commissioner Kamp that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF MARCH 5, 2019 AS PREVIOUSLY READ AS THE OFFICIAL CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF SAID MEETING.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner David Isom, Commissioner Al Kamp, Commissioner David Tellor, Commissioner Martha Webb, and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Nay – none. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kamp and seconded by Commissioner Tellor that it be **RESOLVED THAT THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE ANNA CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 5, 2019 BE ADJOURNED AT 7:52 P.M.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner David Isom, Commissioner Al Kamp, Commissioner David Tellor, Commissioner Martha Webb, and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Nay – none. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.