

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
OF THE ANNA CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 6, 2019**

The Anna City Council met in regular session at the Anna City Hall at 5:02 p.m. on August 6, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Hartline. The roll call went as follows: Present were Commissioner Michael Bigler, Commissioner Kathy Bryan, Commissioner Bryan Miller, Commissioner Martha Ann Webb and Mayor Steve Hartline. None were absent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Webb and seconded by Commissioner Bryan that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE JULY 16, 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 Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline. voted yea. Nay – none. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryan and seconded by Commissioner Webb that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE JULY 16, 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 Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline. voted yea. Nay – none. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bigler and seconded by Commissioner Miller that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE JULY 23, 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 Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline. voted yea. Nay – none. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

Ted Beggs a representative from J.T. Blankinship Inc. presented a map and cost estimates for the Water Grant Project. Mr. Beggs stated that the grant will allow the city to replace water main services, replace 10 hydrants and repaint the water tower. The grant is an IEPA Loan fund that pays 60% of the cost and the city will pay 40% over a 20-year loan. The grant is in the process and the city should

potentially receive funds in the middle of 2020. Commissioner Webb questioned if the fire hydrant on Sycamore Street is on the list of hydrants to get replaced. Public Works Administrative Assistant Carolyn Ury confirmed that it was on the list.

Cindy Allen spoke on being opposed to amending the liquor ordinance to allow alcohol and sales by vendors on city property. Ms. Allen questioned the regulations that will be enforced. Ms. Allen stated the park should be considered a safe zone.

Megan Brown spoke on being opposed to legalization of alcohol in the city park. Ms. Brown gave statistics on alcohol related events. Ms. Brown stated that there are few places in this town that people can go that they are not tempted by alcohol and gambling. She also stated that the park is a great place to visit that is an alcohol-free zone and should be kept that way.

Pastor David Fischler at Evangelical Presbyterian Church and affiliated with the U.C. Churches of Alliance. Pastor Fischler stated that on a weekly basis he deals with homelessness and people with addictions in this community. He feels that if the city council amends the ordinance to allow alcohol in the park during special event that they are setting themselves up for consequences.

Mayor Hartline stated the alcohol consumption at the park is prohibited and will not be allowed except during a special event in the ordinance if amended.

Mayor Hartline stated that he is looking to change the Special Event License only, which would allow for events to apply for a license on all city property. City Attorney John Foley stated that the permits only allow for W & E Davie Parking lots to be utilized at this time and it is not incompatible for the city to allow a festival in a harmonious way. Commissioner Webb commended the people that had spoken from the community and stated that she will remain opposed to the amending of the ordinance. Commissioner Bigler stated that he is focusing on the safe guards of allowing special events for business and tourism growth. Commissioner Bigler stated that the application process is very extensive and he anticipates slow growth of the permits being requested. He feel this will allow for the park to be utilized more and still keep alcohol in a contained area in a responsible manner. Mayor Hartline reiterated that the fair is not guaranteed a liquor license and that if the community has an issue with there being liquor at the fair, they need to attend a Fair Board meeting. City Attorney John Foley stated that the city is not promoting any tempted behavior and everything will have to be approved by a vote of the council. Mayor Hartline requested that the council allow him to develop a draft with City Attorney John Foley and have it available for

review before the next meeting. Commissioner Bryan stated that she would be abstaining. A question was raised from the community if the ordinance would be put to a vote for the citizens. Mayor Hartline stated no, it is the council that makes the decision. Commissioner Miller stated that the passing of opening city property to special events is going to happen one of these days and that this council has the citizens best interest. Commissioner Miller encouraged the U.C. Churches of Alliance and other organizations to attend the festivals. A comment was made from the community about the profit the city would be making. City Attorney John Foley addressed that comment by stating the city would not be making a profit, but would be allowing for the promotion of tourism.

A motion was made by Commissioner Webb and seconded by Commissioner Miller that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-12; AUTHORIZING & APPROVING AN AGREEMENT TO EMPLOY GARY DAHMER AS THE ANNA PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bigler and seconded by Commissioner Bryan that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-13; CITY OF ANNA POLICY MANUAL ADDITIONS AND AMENDMENTS.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mayor Hartline and seconded by Commissioner Webb that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-14; ADOPTING THE PREVAILING RATE OF WAGES FOR THE CITY OF ANNA AS OF JULY 2019.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Webb and seconded by Commissioner Bryan that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-15; MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL AUTHORIZATION FOR ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryan and seconded by Commissioner Webb that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-16; MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL AUTHORIZATION FOR ANNA STATE BANK.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mayor Hartline and seconded by Commissioner Bigler that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2019-06; AMENDING THE UNIFORM SCHEDULE OF FINES FOR THE VIOLATION OF CITY ORDINANCES.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Bryan that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2019-07; PROVIDING FOR THE INSPECTION OF NON-OWNER-OCCUPIED DWELLINGS.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

Mayor Hartline provided a list of sidewalks that are slated to be fixed or replaced through a sidewalk grant and funds that were allocated in the budget for this year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Webb and seconded by Commissioner Miller that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE A BUILDING PERMIT TO BRENDA MAYBERRY AT 100 MIMOSA.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bigler and seconded by Commissioner Bryan that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE A BUILDING PERMIT TO JAMES BIESNER AT 407 SPRINGFIELD AVE.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Webb and seconded by Commissioner Miller that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE A BUILDING PERMIT TO DONALD CUNNINGHAM AT 405 N. MAIN ST.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bigler and seconded by Commissioner Bryan that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE A PARK USAGE APPLICATION TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANNA ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2019.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

Interim Police Chief Bryan Watkins reported that since July 10, 2019 the police department has tagged 44 vehicles in town for Abandon Vehicle Violations. Mayor Hartline commended the police department on all their hard work. Chief Watkins stated that the time has lapsed for bid on the surplus property of the 2014 Camero and requested to be able use the car for trade on police vehicle. Chief Watkins spoke of the recent gun violence in the news and requested to look for bids for the equipment necessary if this were to ever happen in our area.

Commissioner Bryan reported that the IDOT resurfacing project on State Rt. 146 is completed and asked if there were any concerns. Interim Police Chief Watkins asked if the hand railing in front of the Presbyterian Church Community Center at the corner of E. Jefferson and S. Main were going to be put back up. Commissioner Bryan said she will follow up.

Commissioner Bryan reported that the Street Sweeper is in need of repairs. The street sweeper was purchased in 2009 used for \$58,000 and in January 2019 the transmission was replaced at Anna Tire & Auto at a cost of \$5,246.00. Public Works Administrative Assistant Carolyn Ury stated that she received information that the transmission would be fixed at no additional cost. Commissioner Bryan asked the council to consider if they want to continue making repairs the street sweeper or try to replace it.

Linda Lence asked if she could speak regarding her property at 410 E. Chestnut. Mayor Hartline stated it was not on the agenda to be addressed.

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

Commissioner Bigler exited the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Mayor Hartline that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF AUGUST 6, 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 Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner 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 Miller that it be **RESOLVED THAT THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE ANNA CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 6, 2019 BE ADJOURNED AT 7:28 P.M.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline. voted yea. Nay – none. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.