

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION  
OF THE ANNA CITY COUNCIL  
December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

The Anna City Council met in regular session at Anna City Hall at 5:01 p.m. on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021. 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 Martha Ann Webb and Mayor Steve Hartline. Commissioner Bryan Miller was absent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryan and seconded by Commissioner Webb that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 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 Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Nay – none. Commissioner Miller was absent. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

Members of the Union County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development were present to discuss the upcoming 2022 Annabelle Festival. In attendance was Tracey Smith, Tanya Loveless and Stephanie Cox. Ms. Smith addressed the council and said they were requesting support from the City of Anna for the upcoming Annabelle Festival, support has never been requested of the City in the past. Ms. Smith complimented the City on ColorFest and said they would like to host an event identical for Annabelle Festival. An application has been filled out and Ms. Smith asked if there were any questions. Commissioner Bigler asked if it would be at the park and Tracey Smith said that no, it would be the same location as ColorFest. Mayor Hartline asked if they were asking for a donation. Stephanie Cox said that yes, they are asking for financial support and for the city to co-sponsor. Commissioner Bryan asked what they were asking for. Commissioner Bigler asked if they wanted the City of Anna to co-sponsor. Ms. Smith said it would be amazing if the City co-sponsored the festival. Mayor Hartline said that the council would love to review their application. He also inquired if they were requesting liquor to be served. Ms. Smith said yes, just like Colorfest. Mayor Hartline addressed City Attorney John Foley and asked if that would be possible. City Attorney Foley said the city would have to co-sponsor or modify the rules. Mayor Hartline asked if they were just here to inform the council and if they would be turning in an application for the council to review. Ms. Cox said yes. Mayor Hartline told Commissioner Webb that he would like to

assign her to follow up along with the City Administrator. He then addressed Ms. Cox, Ms. Loveless and Ms. Smith thanking them. Commissioner Webb stated that having it downtown includes everyone, which is nice. Commissioner Bigler said that they have always done a good job on throwing the festival. Commissioner Bryan stated that just so they know, unless the city co-sponsors, you can't have liquor in the streets. Ms. Smith said that they are trying to incorporate all of the businesses and more of Main Street this year. They will be having a pet parade up Main Street and in the Moose parking lot.

City Administrator Dori Bigler submitted project updates to the council. (1) The City has been working on a water project since March 2019, which predates this council. This project is through the Public Water Supply Loan Program and is finally off the ground. A bid opening has been scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup> at 10AM. The project includes repainting our water tower, fencing our ground storage tank, upgrading 1700 feet of watermain and replacing 10 hydrants and valves. (2) The planning for the FY23 budget is underway. An item of revenue for the council to consider is charging a video gaming terminal fee. We are allowed to charge \$250 per terminal per year. If the council is interested, Ms. Bigler will get an ordinance on the next agenda. The Council discussed and agreed that they would be interested in having this fee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Webb and seconded by Commissioner Bryan that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE TO PAY THE BILLS.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Nay – none. Commissioner Miller was absent. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

The request for a water tap at 445 Tollgate Road has been cancelled.

Mayor Hartline requested that Ms. Bigler walk him through what is going on. City Administrator Bigler reported that due to the retirement of Steve Kelley, the bid sheets were posted according to the union contract for the full-time laborer position. All of the full-time/part-time employees signed the bid sheet. Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Webb and Gary Dahmer made up the committee to interview public works employees over the last year. Since all of the full-time/part-time employees were interviewed a few times recently, the committee agreed to not interview and just make a recommendation to the City

Council. They unanimously agree to recommend hiring Roy Turner as a full-time laborer.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryan and seconded by Commissioner Webb that it be **RESOLVED TO AUTHORIZE THE HIRE OF ROY TURNER AS FULL-TIME LABORER EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 26, 2021.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Nay – none. Commissioner Miller was absent. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

Administrator Bigler explained that previously the council authorized up to \$50,000 for a new gas and water service truck. We spent a little over \$30,000 and are requesting to spend up to \$13,500 for a used truck. This vehicle will be for the part-time employees who are currently driving an old squad car.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryan and seconded by Commissioner Webb that it be **RESOLVED TO AUTHORIZE TO SPEND UP TO \$13,500 FROM THE GAS AND WATER CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Nay – none. Commissioner Miller was absent. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

Administrator Bigler reported that they are asking for authorization to hire Cody Hand as a full-time patrolman. He will be able to get into the academy in January. Mayor Hartline emphasized that Mr. Hand will be working under a uniformed officer until after the completion of the academy. Commissioner Bigler asked if this was in response to a job posting. Administrator Bigler explained that a job posted ran in the Gazette, on Facebook and on the City's website and no applications were received by PTI certified officers. Mayor Hartline commented that it is sad and unfortunate that the amount of people wanting to go into law enforcement is so low. The Mayor added for Chief Watkins to inform Mr. Hand that even off duty, he is a law enforcement officer. Chief Watkins stated that that discussion had already been had.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryan and seconded by Commissioner Webb that it be **RESOLVED TO AUTHORIZE TO EMPLOY CODY HAND AS A FULL-TIME PATROLMAN WITH SIGNED AGREEMENT FOR TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT.** A vote

was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Nay – none. Commissioner Miller was absent. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

City Administrator Dori Bigler explained that for 2022 there are no conflicts with the regularly scheduled meeting times.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bigler and seconded by Commissioner Webb that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2021-44; ESTABLISHING MEETING TIMES OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2022.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Nay – none. Commissioner Miller was absent. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

Administrator Bigler reported that the following ordinance came from Bernardi Securities and includes all of the language required for the bond issuance with the Economic Development Grant.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryan and seconded by Commissioner Webb that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2021-28; AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ANNA TO ISSUE WATER AND SEWER REVENUE BONDS.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Nay – none. Commissioner Miller was absent. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

Mayor Hartline acknowledged Commissioner Webb for the wonderful article in The Southern regarding Honor Wreaths and congratulated her. Commissioner Webb stated that Wreaths Across America sold more wreaths this year than ever before. They hope to cover the country cemeteries next year as well. Commissioner Webb said a word of thanks for those who helped lay wreaths and to Gary Dahmer, Dori Bigler and Tracee Foley for their help.

Mayor Hartline asked the council if they had anything to report.

Mayor Hartline wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Christ filled Christmas. He thanked everyone for their devotion.

A motion was made by Mayor Hartline and seconded by Commissioner Bigler that it be **RESOLVED TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL AT 5:28 PM.** 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 Bryan that it be **RESOLVED TO EXIT CLOSED SESSION AT 6:49 PM.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Nay – none. Commissioner Miller was absent. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Webb and seconded by Commissioner Bryan that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF DECEMBER 21, 2021 AS PREVIOUSLY READ AS THE OFFICIAL CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF SAID MEETING.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Nay – none. Commissioner Miller was absent. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Webb and seconded by Commissioner Bigler that it be **RESOLVED THAT THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE ANNA CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 21, 2021 BE ADJOURNED AT 6:51 PM.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Nay – none. Commissioner Miller was absent. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.