MINUTES Algood City Council Meeting Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Fowler 6:00 pm

Invocation by Rev. Richard Bond Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Fowler

Roll call: Honorable Mayor Fowler, Honorable Councilman Bill Bilbrey, Honorable Councilman Ron Graves, Honorable Councilwoman Ruby Hawkins. Honorable Vice Mayor Luke Hill

Others Present: City Administrator Keith Morrison, City Attorney Daniel Rader IV, City Recorder Anna Walker, Police Chief Dale Armour, Parks & Recreation Director Roy Phipps, Public Works Director Walt Bradshaw, Building Inspector Bob Lane, Herald Citizen, Fire Chief David Judd, Deputy Chief Bryant Swallows, Stonecom Radio

Agenda and Minutes:

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Hill to approve the agenda. Second was voice by Councilman Bill Bilbrey. Motion Carried. Those voting Aye: Mayor Fowler, Councilman Bilbrey, Councilman Graves, Councilwoman Hawkins, Vice Mayor Hill. Those voting Nye: None

Motion was made by Councilman Graves to approve the minutes from council meeting held on January 9, 2024. Second was voiced by Councilwoman Hawkins. Motion Carried. Those voting Aye: Mayor Fowler, Councilman Bilbrey, Councilman Graves, Councilwoman Hawkins, Vice Mayor Hill. Those voting Nye: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Motion was made by Councilman Bilbrey to suspend the reading of Ordinance 705-24, 707-24 and Resolution 362-24 and 363-24. Second was voiced by Councilwoman Hawkins. **Motion Carried. Those voting Aye:** Mayor Fowler, Councilman Bilbrey, Councilman Graves, Councilwoman Hawkins, Vice Mayor Hill. **Those voting Nye: None**

Motion was made by Mayor Fowler to approve second reading of Ordinance 705-24 to amend Municipal Code Title 3, Chapter 2, Section 3-202 allowing the Judge purge citations 10 years and older. Second was voiced by Councilman Bilbrey. **Motion Carried. Those voting Aye:** Mayor Fowler, Councilman Bilbrey, Councilman Graves, Councilwoman Hawkins, Vice Mayor Hill. **Those voting Nye: None**

Motion was made by Councilman Graves to approve the first reading of Ordinance 707-24 to adopt procedures for the appointment of Department Directors. Second was voiced by Councilwoman Hawkins. **Motion Carried. Those voting Aye:** Councilman Bilbrey, Councilman Graves, Councilwoman Hawkins. **Those voting Nye:** Mayor Fowler, Vice Mayor Hill

Motion was made by Councilman Graves to approve award for the Sidewalk Repair to Affordable Driveways. Second was voiced by Councilman Bilbrey. **Motion Carried. Those voting Aye:** Mayor Fowler, Councilman Bilbrey, Councilman Graves, Councilwoman Hawkins, Vice Mayor Hill. **Those voting Nye: None.**

Motion was made Vice Mayor Hill to award bid for the Pressure Relief Valve on Mirandy Rd to Wascon in the amount of \$17,427. Second was voiced by Councilman Bilbrey. Motion Carried. Those voting Aye: Mayor Fowler, Councilman Bilbrey, Councilman Graves, Councilwoman Hawkins, Vice Mayor Hill. Those voting Nye: None

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Hill to **TABLE** the Dog Park Fencing award for a month to look at prices for cost of building ourselves. Second was voice by Councilman Bilbrey. **Motion Carried. Those voting Aye:** Mayor Fowler, Councilman Bilbrey, Councilman Graves, Councilwoman Hawkins, Vice Mayor Hill. **Those voting Nye: None**

Motion was made by Councilman Bilbrey to approve the surplus a 2016 Dodge Ram Truck unit 7368 and a 2018 Dodge Charger unit 3745 to trade in on new vehicles. Second was voiced by Vice Mayor Hill. **Motion Carried. Those voting Aye:** Mayor Fowler, Councilman Bilbrey, Councilman Graves, Councilwoman Hawkins, Vice Mayor Hill. **Those voting Nye: None**

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Hill to approve Resolution 362-24 to apply for a 2024 Community Facilities Grant for police cars. Second was voiced by Mayor Fowler. **Motion Carried. Those voting Aye:** Mayor Fowler, Councilman Bilbrey, Councilman Graves, Councilwoman Hawkins, Vice Mayor Hill. **Those voting Nye: None**

Motion was made by Councilman Graves to approve Resolution 363-24 mandating annual performance reviews for the City Administrator. Second was voiced by Councilwoman Hawkins. **Motion Carried. Those voting Aye:** Councilman Graves, Councilwoman Hawkins **Those voting Nye:** Mayor Fowler, Councilman Bilbrey, Vice Mayor Hill **RESOLUTION FAILED**

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Hill to approve the agreement with AXON for additional bodycams under current plan. Second was voiced by Mayor Fowler. Motion Carried. Those voting Aye: Mayor Fowler, Councilman Bilbrey, Councilman Graves, Councilwoman Hawkins, Vice Mayor Hill. Those voting Nye: None

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Hill to approve Blankenship PCA for the FY 24 audit. Second was voiced by Mayor Fowler. Motion Carried. Those voting Aye: Mayor Fowler, Councilman Bilbrey, Councilman Graves, Councilwoman Hawkins, Vice Mayor Hill. Those voting Nye: None

Motion was made by Mayor Fowler to approve the purchase of Turnout gear and equipment in the amount of \$15,062.37 to Lose Equipment for the fire department. Second was voiced by Councilwoman Hawkins. **Motion Carried. Those voting Aye:** Mayor Fowler, Councilman Bilbrey, Councilman Graves, Councilwoman Hawkins, Vice Mayor Hill. **Those voting Nye: None**

Motion was made by Mayor Fowler to approve the agreement for the State Fire Marshals Office Fire Department Grant. Second was voiced by Councilman Bilbrey. **Motion Carried. Those voting Aye:** Mayor Fowler, Councilman Bilbrey, Councilman Graves, Councilwoman Hawkins, Vice Mayor Hill. **Those voting Nye: None**

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Hill to authorize the city attorney to file a lawsuit for property located at 164 W Main St. Second was voiced by Mayor Fowler. **Motion Carried. Those voting Aye:** Mayor Fowler, Councilman Bilbrey, Councilman Graves, Councilwoman Hawkins, Vice Mayor Hill. **Those voting Nye: None**

Motion was made by Mayor Fowler to approve an agreement with Marks Pops for fireworks in the amount of \$10,000. Second was voiced by Councilwoman Hawkins. **Motion Carried. Those voting Aye:** Mayor Fowler, Councilman Bilbrey, Councilman Graves, Councilwoman Hawkins, Vice Mayor Hill. **Those voting Nye: None**

CITY ADMINISTATOR'S REPORT:

City Hall closed on March 21st and 22nd for our software conversion. We will not be able to access the software to take payments.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Chief Armour- City Admin obtained electronic billboards at a greatly reduced price and will be operation soon. Completed a basic DUI school in preparation for an advanced DUI school coming up in March.

HEARING OF CITIZENS AND/OR DELEGATIONS:

Richard Wood: Interested in City attorney's perspective regarding Ordinance 707-24. What is the liability to the city about a nominee not selected with the highest ranking? What will we do to not see an EEOC issue?

Buck Fowler: Ordinance 707-24 commented on all the praise of Keith from the council, wants to know "what the button is here". Comment made that this is about people on the council not getting their way, pointing out 3 council members telling them to stay in their own lane and let people do their jobs.

Mr. McDonald: There are 5 elected council members by the citizens of the town. Praising Keith's work with the oversight of the council, was impressed by the council, but they need to do what they have been elected to do.

Mr. Bond: Stated he always had to participate in annual reviews where he worked and reported to a board for his checks and balances. Never hear anything from the department heads and would like to know what is going on in the city. Stated the sidewalks are beautiful but are crumbling, and to "try to walk on them".

Motion was made by Mayor Fowler to adjourn meeting. Second was voiced by Vice Mayor Hill. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

Attest:

City Recorder