

# MINUTES

## Algood City Council Meeting

### Tuesday, March 12, 2024

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

Invocation by Mr. McDonald  
Pledge of Allegiance by Fire Chief Judd

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

**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,

#### Agenda and Minutes:

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

Motion was made by Councilman Bilbrey 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. **Those voting Nye: None**

#### Old Business:

Motion was made by Councilman Graves to reject all bids for Dog Park fencing and allow city to purchase up to \$15,000 of material to build dog park of 200 ft X 200ft in house. Second was voiced by Councilman Bilbrey. **Motion Carried. Those voting Aye:** Mayor Fowler, Councilman Bilbrey, Councilman Graves, Councilwoman Hawkins. **Those voting Nye: None**

#### New Business:

Motion was made by Councilman Bilbrey to suspend the reading of Ordinance 707-24 and 708-24. Second was voiced by Councilwoman Hawkins. **Motion Carried. Those voting Aye:** Mayor Fowler, Councilman Bilbrey, Councilman Graves, Councilwoman Hawkins. **Those voting Nye: None**

\*Council Meeting was suspended to open floor for public hearing regarding Ordinance 707-24-audio available online\*

Director Walt Bradshaw: Spoke against ordinance

Buck Fowler: Spoke against ordinance

Mr. McDonald: Spoke for ordinance

Lori Pyle: Spoke against ordinance

Roger Williams: Spoke against ordinance

Chris Randolph: Spoke against ordinance

Bob Lane: Spoke against ordinance

Councilman Graves: responds to comments

Motion was made by Councilman Graves to approve Ordinance 707-24 adopting 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

Motion was made by Councilman Bilbrey to approve first reading of Ordinance 708-24 to amend the FY 23-24 Budget. Second was voiced by Councilwoman Hawkins. **Motion Carried. Those voting Aye:** Mayor Fowler, Councilman Bilbrey, Councilman Graves, Councilwoman Hawkins, **Those voting Nye: None**

Motion was made by Mayor Fowler to approve the purchase of credit card readers from LGC and transition to CITISEN. Second was voiced by Councilman Bilbrey. **Motion Carried. Those voting Aye:** Mayor Fowler, Councilman Bilbrey, Councilman Graves, Councilwoman Hawkins, **Those voting Nye: None**

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**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Director Phipps: April 6<sup>th</sup> Easter Event from 11 a.m. -1 p.m. sponsored by First National Bank. Quilt Festival will be April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>  
Chief Armour: May 22<sup>nd</sup> – seminar on retail theft, inviting business alliance; will have speaker from Knoxville Police Dept; also having an advanced DUI training on April 9<sup>th</sup>  
Director Bradshaw: spoke about passing ordinance  
Chief Judd: Still have smoke detectors available for the public, call fire dept if interested. Current firefighters have 450 hours of training combined

**HEARING OF CITIZENS AND/OR DELEGATIONS:**

Mr. Willoughby: having issues with neighbor behind him not obeying city codes, would “like for you people to come check it out”.

Motion was made by Mayor Fowler to adjourn meeting. Second was voiced by Councilwoman Hawkins. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm

Lisa Chapman-Fowler  
Mayor

Attest: Anna L Walker  
City Recorder