

TOWN COUNCIL TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

July 19, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Argyle Town Hall, 308 Denton Street, Argyle, Texas

MINUTES**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Livingston called the regular meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. with the following council members present:

Mayor Bryan Livingston
Mayor Pro Tem Ronald Schmidt
Councilmember Sherri Myers
Councilmember Cynthia Hermann
Councilmember Rick Bradford

INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Schmidt provided the invocation

OPEN FORUM

Pam Minick - 418 FM 407 W - spoke in opposition of Item 12

STAFF REPORT

(Staff Reports are for discussion only. No action may be taken on items listed under this portion of the agenda, other than to provide general direction to Staff or to direct Staff to place such items of a future agenda for action.)

Community Representative

1. Presentation from Brandon Board with the Community Storehouse

Mr. Brandon Board provided an overview to the Council on the purpose and background of the Community Storehouse and the assistance they provide the Argyle Independent School District.

Town Administrator

2. Presentation and discussion on the current status of the Town of Argyle Strategic Plan.

Mr. Olson provided a brief overview of the current status of the strategic plan. Councilmembers expressed their appreciation for the work done by Staff to handle assigned tasks.

3. Presentation and discussion on qualification submittals received for Town Engineer.

Mr. Olson informed Council the Town received three submittals for Town Engineer, with two of those being firms the Town has dealt with in the past. Mayor Livingston advised he would like the firms to provide a presentation to Council prior to action being taken on choosing a new town engineer. Mr. Olson stated his goal was to have a firm in place by September 1st.

4. Presentation and discussion on the Town hosting an annual 4th of July event.

Mr. Olson stated he has been asked to task the new position of Communications Coordinator to create an annual Town event such as a 4th of July fest. Councilmembers suggested a different time of year since many other neighboring cities already celebrate the 4th of July. Mayor Livingston suggested creating a special events committee comprised of residents and Staff that can bring forth ideas to the Council on events they feel will benefit the Town and provide an enhanced sense of community.

Communications Coordinator

Mrs. Julia Falcon, Communications Coordinator, provided an update to Council on work she is doing to relaunch the Argyle Business Association through meetings, social media updates, and research. Mrs. Falcon has met with the Municipal Development District to gather feedback on their priorities for the upcoming year and create a shop local campaign and events. The goal is to spread awareness of businesses in the Town and the ETJ, including home-based businesses.

5. Presentation and discussion on the Argyle Business Association.
6. Presentation and discussion on a proposed Shop Local campaign for the Town.

CONSENT AGENDA

Any Council member may request an item on the Consent Agenda to be taken up for individual consideration.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented made by Councilmember Hermann,
Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Schmidt.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Schmidt, Councilmember Myers, Councilmember Hermann,
Councilmember Bradford

7. Consider approval of the June 21, 2021 Regular Town Council meeting minutes as recorded.
8. Consider approval of Resolution 2021-37 casting a vote for the appointment of Sue Tejml to the DENCO Area 9-1-1 District Board of Managers.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

9. Discussion on findings from a facility study.

Mr. Olson and a representative from Freese and Nicholas provided an update to Council on the facility study that was conducted. The study analyzed the current use of Town Hall and the Police Department and made recommended needs moving forward with the projected staff numbers. Mayor Livingston suggested Staff get an official appraisal of the police department building and provide that information to Council at a later date. Councilmember suggested looking at the possibility of moving the police department to Town Hall with necessary renovations or possibly look at using the Public Works facility for a relocation of the police department.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

10. Hold a public hearing to consider and take appropriate action on Ordinance 2021-16 to amending the Town Development Standards by approving an ordinance amendment (TDS-21-005) to Article III, Zoning, of the Town of Argyle Town Development Standards regarding various amendments to solar energy system requirements and other alternative energy system regulations in the Town Development Standards:

The public hearing was open and closed at 8:05 p.m. with no comments from the public made.

Council instructed staff to work with the Town Attorney to make suggested changes to the ordinance and bring it back for approval at the next regular meeting.

Motion to table the item until the August 2nd regular council meeting made by Mayor Pro Tem Schmidt, Seconded by Councilmember Myers.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Schmidt, Councilmember Myers, Councilmember Hermann, Councilmember Bradford

ACTION ITEMS

11. Discuss and consider appropriate action on a Site Plan (SP-21-003) for the Avalon Amenity Center, being 0.786 acres situated in the F.W. Thorton Survey, Abstract No. 1244, Denton County, Texas; being located in Avalon at Argyle Phase One, Lot 1X, Block D; located in the Town of Argyle south of FM 407 and east of IH-35W.

Motion made by Councilmember Hermann, Seconded by Councilmember Bradford.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Schmidt, Councilmember Myers, Councilmember Hermann, Councilmember Bradford

12. Discuss and consider appropriate action on a variance request to Section 8.02.003.C.6.B Noise of the Code of ordinances of the Town of Argyle for concrete pouring related to the Well Community Church project.

Motion to deny the variance request made by Councilmember Bradford, Seconded by Councilmember Myers.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Schmidt, Councilmember Myers, Councilmember Hermann, Councilmember Bradford

13. Discuss and consider approval of Ordinance 2021-17 amending Appendix A Fee Schedule of the Town of Argyle Code of Ordinances by adopting Article A 5.500 "Wastewater System Fee (Denton System)" applicable to certain subdivisions within the Town subject to contractual third-party system charges.

Motion to approve the ordinance as presented made by Mayor Pro Tem Schmidt, Seconded by Councilmember Hermann.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Schmidt, Councilmember Myers, Councilmember Hermann, Councilmember Bradford

14. Discuss and consider approval of Resolution 2021-36 with recommended amendments to the board appointment policy approved by Resolution 2021-28.

Councilmember Schmidt suggested in the section pertaining to Mid-Term Appointments be amended to state applications for vacancies will be accepted for a minimum of two weeks. This amendment would allow for the application process to be extended if qualifying applications have not been received during the minimum two-week period. The same correction was requested to be made to the Filling of Vacancy - Council Member section.

In both sections will be amended to state the Council will interview applicants in closed session at the next available Town Council meeting.

Motion to approve the resolution with recommended changes made by Mayor Pro Tem Schmidt, Seconded by Councilmember Myers.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Schmidt, Councilmember Myers, Councilmember Hermann, Councilmember Bradford

15. Discuss and consider approval of the purchase of a cloud-based sales tax analytic platform through ZacTax.

Motion to approve the purchase made by Councilmember Bradford, Seconded by Councilmember Myers.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Schmidt, Councilmember Myers, Councilmember Hermann, Councilmember Bradford

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Annotated, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Texas Open Meetings Act (the "Act"), Town Council will recess into Executive Session (closed meeting) to discuss the following:

At 9:06 p.m., the Town Council adjourned into executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code, Annotated, Chapter 551, Subchapter D to discuss the following:

Consultation with Attorney

§551.071(1),(2): Consultation with attorney regarding pending or anticipated litigation, or a settlement offer; or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter:

16. Argyle Independent School District

Personnel Matters

§551.074: Personnel matters (to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee):

17. Councilmember Place 1
18. Town Secretary/Town Treasurer

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551, the Town Council will reconvene into Open Session and consider action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session.

At 10:38 p.m., the Town Council reconvened into open session.

Motion to nominate and approve Joan Delashaw to serve in the vacant Councilmember Place 1 seat until the May 2022 election made by Mayor Pro Tem Schmidt, Seconded by Councilmember Myers.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Schmidt, Councilmember Myers, Councilmember Hermann, Councilmember Bradford

RECEIVE REQUESTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS/STAFF FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON NEXT MEETING AGENDA

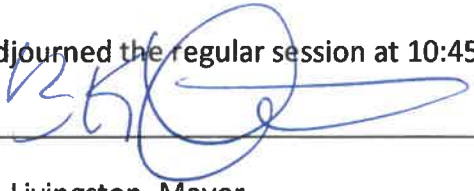
Discussion under this section must be limited to whether or not the Council wishes to include a potential item on a future agenda.

Councilmember Schmidt requested Staff bring back information to Council on the process staff follows for the permit applications received by the Town.

Councilmember Bradford asked Staff to provide an update on the current status of the Tree Preservation Ordinance.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor Livingston adjourned the regular session at 10:45 p.m.



Bryan Livingston, Mayor



Erika McComis, Town Secretary

