

JULY 25, 2022

SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF ARGYLE, TEXAS, HELD ON THIS DATE WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR	BRYAN LIVINGSTON
MAYOR PRO TEM PLACE 5	RICK BRADFORD
COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE 1	GORDON BAETHGE
COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE 2	RONALD SCHMIDT
COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE 3	SHERRI MYERS
COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE 4	CYNTHIA HERMANN

TOWN ATTORNEY	BRENDA MCDONALD
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INTERIM TOWN ADMIN./TOWN SECRETARY	ERIKA MCCOMIS
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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Livingston called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

OPEN FORUM

No speakers

ACTION ITEMS

1. Discuss and consider approval of Ordinance 2022-13 amending to Chapter 1 "General Provisions," Article 1.03.034, Meetings Generally: Types of Meetings to amend procedures for requesting and calling a special meeting of the Town of Argyle Town Council.

Council discussed the proposed ordinance and the purpose of it being brought forward at this time. Changes were discussed and members asked the last of Section 2 be removed. The proposed change to 1.03.034 (b) discussed as determined during the meeting and stated after clarification by the Town Attorney was:

"The Mayor or three (3) members of the Council may call a special meeting by giving notice to the Town Secretary of the nature of the meeting and the items for consideration. The Town Secretary shall post the agenda for the special meeting to occur on the first date, prior to the date of the next regular meeting, excluding weekends, at which a quorum of the Town Council can attend and shall notify each member of the Council of the time of such meeting and purpose thereof."

ACTION: Item 1**APPROVED**

Councilmember Hermann moved to approve Ordinance 2022-13 with changes discussed. Councilmember Schmidt seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Town Attorney McDonald asked that the council adjourn into executive session prior to discussion of action items 2 and 3. Mayor Pro Tem Bradford motioned to adjourn into executive session with Councilmember Baethge as the second. The motion passed 4-1 with Councilmember Myers opposed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:23 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:

Action items 2 and 3

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 6:51 p.m., the Town Council reconvened into open session. No action taken from executive session.

2. Discuss and consider necessary action regarding an agreement between the Town of Argyle and Laura Calcote to resolve a claim and request for reimbursement.

ACTION: Item 2**NO ACTION TAKEN**

3. Discuss and consider appropriate action to investigate staff morale and interactions with the Mayor and Council including interactions occurring on or around June 2, 2022.

ACTION: Item 3**APPROVED**

Councilmember Hermann moved to request an investigation regarding the incident at Town Hall on the morning of June 2nd and any other incidents leading to the resignation of recent town employees and in the interest of complete transparency allow the Town Administrator to work with the Town Attorney to retain a third-party investigator. Councilmember Schmidt seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor Livingston adjourned the special session at 6:53 p.m.



Bryan Livingston, Mayor



Erika McComis, Town Secretary

