# *Open Forum:*

#  *Please complete form before 6:55PM* ***if you wish to speak on a particular subject.*** *(Citizens limited to*

# *3 minutes each.)*

# ***CITY COUNCIL***

# ***CITY OF EAST TAWAKONI, TEXAS***

***TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH, 2017 @ 7:00pm***

***NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EAST TAWAKONI CITY COUNCIL ON TUESDAY, JULY 18TH, 2017 @ 7:00PM IN THE CIVIC CENTER OF EAST TAWAKONI, AT WHICH MEETING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF BUSINESS WILL BE CONSIDERED, TO-WIT:***

*The City Council of the East Tawakoni reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time to discuss any of the matters listed below, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations Regarding Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations Regarding Prospective Gifts), 551.074(Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations Regarding Security Devices) and 551.087 (Economic Development***).**

**MINUTES**

*Mayor Johnnie LaPrade called the City Council Meeting to order at 7pm.*

*City Secretary Elinka Harper called the roll. All were present.*

*Mayor LaPrade led the pledges to the US and TX flags.*

*Mayor LaPrade gave the invocation.*

*Pam Patterson made a motion to accept the Consent Items as presented. Lynn Wallace seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.*

*Mayor LaPrade gave the Oath of Office for ratification of Officer Steven Prock. He was welcomed by all Council Members as our newest Officer. Chief Rick South stated he was doing a great job and we are glad to have him as an Officer for the City.*

*Mayor LaPrade announced we had the bid opening for the Storm Shelter on August 9th. We had two bids submitted for this project. She then introduced Mike Donnan from Hayter Engineering as our Engineering Consultant for the shelter project. Mr. Donnan stated they had taken the information from the bids and checked each bidders qualifications and bid bonds. Mr. Donnan recommends we award the bid to JPJ General contractors for the amount of $416,727.00. He then stated the Environmental Review was still in process and should be completed in the next few days. Pam Patterson made the motion to award the bid to JPJ Construction in the amount of $416,727.00 contingent on the TDA environmental approval. Chris Roberts seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

*A proposal to pass a resolution was submitted by East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) for our region to become an independent 9-1-1 district and transitioning from a State administered and controlled 9-1-1 Program to an independent 9-1-1 District. Pam Patterson made the motion to approve the resolution. Lynn Wallace seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

*Republic Services Inc sent a Price Increase Notice to go into effect as of August 1, 2017. Pam Patterson asked if the City would absorb the cost of the price increase or would raise the rates to for the citizens. She stated she thought the City should go out for RFP bids at the first of the year as we have had this contract in place and it has been allowed to auto-renew with the rates increasing each year. All Council members agreed we should place an RFP bid out and give Republic notice that we will be going out for bids. Pam Patterson made the motion to approve the price increase and not increase the cost for the citizens but to go out for bids before the contract auto-renews. Gary Reeves seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.*

*Ben Hart gave the water report.*

*Chief Rick South gave the police report.*

*Terri Rose gave the fire department report.*

*No one was present to give an EDC report.*

*Robin McPeters said there was no report for Planning & Zoning.*

*Robin McPeters gave the Spirit of East Tawakoni report. She also stated they had a meeting and the Halloween Carnival would be on October 31st and they are looking for donations and volunteers. The Christmas Parade is scheduled for December 9th from 10am to noon.*

*Gary Mulrooney signed up to speak in Open Forum. He discussed wanting to handle animal control for the Cities of East Tawakoni, Point, and Emory as well as Rains County. He stated that he has almost completed his certification to be an Animal Control Officer. He stated this has to be a paid position. Mayor LaPrade told Mr. Mulrooney that the City had just completed their proposed budget and that we have no room in the budget the rest of this year or for the year of 2018.*

*Lynn Wallace made the motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.*

**APPROVE: ATTEST:**

JOHNNIE LAPRADE, MAYOR ELINKA M. HARPER, CITY SECRETARY

## CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the preceding Notice of the Regular Meeting, City Council of East Tawakoni with scheduled Agenda is a true and correct copy of said notice; and that same Notice and Agenda was posted August 11th, 2017 @ 5pm in the glass notice case outside of City Hall which is convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of meeting.

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