# CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLARENDON, TEXAS REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 10, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Sandy Skelton at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Sandy Skelton

Alderman Jacob Fangman
Alderman John Lockhart
Alderman Larry Jeffers
Alderman Terri Floyd
Alderman Eulaine McIntosh
Administrator David Dockery
City Secretary Machiel Covey

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Alexia Criswell, David Criswell, Richard Naylor, Carol Braddock,

Samantha Hill, James Johnson, David Hill, Denise Foster, and

Ronda Haynes

INVOCATION: Alderman Floyd

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Richard Naylor is an attorney and represents Linda Naylor Lewis. He is present to see if help shorten and come to an agreement with the house problem that has been going on since 2014. He knows there is an agenda item tonight that involves accepting a bid and becoming contractually bound to tear down the house she has here in Clarendon. He would like to see if there was a way to avoid that and making it longer. He distributed material to the mayor to show plans of progress that are happening including a roofing bid for \$29,000. Mrs. Lewis wants to put up good faith to show this will happen. If they can get some time and visit with City Attorney Jim Shelton. He proposes council table action and not get into a binding contract to tear the house down and face possible future litigation. He said he did not want to get into a faceoff with the City of Clarendon. He also wanted to point out from the survey the city had done, things that were requested to be done are not actually on the property Linda owns. Mrs. Lewis hired her own surveyor and they confirmed things not in compliance were not on her property. He believes it would be adventitious to take a pause and table the action so no one is contractually obligated to tear it down next week and no litigation action take place to last 2-4 years at the courthouse. They would like to resolve the issue that works for everybody.

#### **AUTHORIZATIONS BY CITY COUNCIL:**

## 21-045

 Discussion and possible action on accepting the Financial Statement and Independent Auditor's Report for the year ending September 30, 2021.

A motion was made by Alderman McIntosh and seconded by Alderman Jeffers to accept the Financial Statement and Independent Auditor's Report for the year ending September 30, 2021, as presented. With each Alderman voting AYE, the motion carried.

# <u>21-046</u>

 Discussion and possible action on approving the bid for demolition of Dangerous and Substandard structure located at 602 S. Bugbee Street.

Mayor Skelton opened sealed bid with results as follows.

David Hill	\$48,840.57
Shepherd Earth Works	\$36,960.00
Making Property Great, LLC	\$43,518.00
Koetting Enterprises, LLC	\$23,000.00

The Clarendon City Council will go into closed session at 7:31 p.m., pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, section 551.071, consultation with counsel on legal matters:

The Clarendon City Council reconvened into open session at 8:05 p.m.

No action taken by Council.

#### 21-047

3. <u>Discussion and possible action on authorizing O.J.D. engineering to initiate the bidding process for street repairs to W. 7th Street and S. Koogle street.</u>

A motion was made by Alderman Jeffers and seconded by Alderman Lockhart to authorize O.J.D. engineering to initiate the bidding process for street repairs to W. 7th Street and S. Koogle street. With each Alderman voting AYE, the motion carried.

## <u>21-048</u>

4. <u>Discussion and possible action on approving a Resolution, declaring the listed properties as "Public Nuisance "as defined in Article 6.02 Weeds and Rubbish of the City of Clarendon Code of Ordinances."</u>

915 W. 6th Street 518 S. Sims Street

A motion was made by Alderman Jeffers and seconded by Alderman Lockhart to approve a Resolution, declaring the listed properties as "Public Nuisance" as defined in Article 6.02 Weeds and Rubbish of the City of Clarendon Code of Ordinances. With each Alderman voting AYE, the motion carried.

#### 21-049

- 5. Discussion and possible action on the Consent Agenda.
  - Meeting Minutes for Regular Meeting January 13, 2022
  - Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department Report
  - Donley County Commissioners Report
  - Burton Memorial Library Report
  - Clarendon Municipal Court Report

A motion was made by Alderman Lockhart and seconded by Alderman Fangman to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. With each Alderman voting AYE, the motion carried.

#### 21-050

Discussion and possible action on the Council Report (List of Bills).

A motion was made by Alderman McIntosh and seconded by Alderman Floyd to approve the Council Report as presented. With each Alderman voting AYE, the motion carried.

#### 21-051

Discussion and possible action on the Statement of Revenue and Expense.

A motion was made by Alderman Fangman and seconded by Alderman McIntosh to approve the Statement of Revenue and Expense as presented. With each Alderman voting AYE, the motion carried.

# 21-052

8. <u>Discussion and possible action on approving a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Clarendon, Texas, calling the May 7, 2022, General Election of three Aldermen.</u>

A motion was made by Alderman Fangman and seconded by Alderman Jeffers to approve a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Clarendon, Texas, calling the May 7, 2022, General Election of three Alderman. With each Alderman voting AYE, the motion carried.

#### 21-053

- 9. <u>Discussion and possible action on the City Administrators Report.</u>
  - Update on Employees
  - USDA Project Update
  - Aquatic Center Update

MAYOR COMMENTS: Mayor Skelton informed council of the Downtown Sidewalk Committee meeting on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at the Steakhouse, to go over the Downtown Revitalization Project with Che Shadle who will possibly be doing the project. It will be for business owners in the Mulkey area, so that they know what it means to accept the money, what it means for the store owners and possible disruptions during the project.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Alderman Fangman is excited for how the budget is going and that the incumbents are re-running and hopes all goes well, and glad to see how well everything is going. Alderman Lockhart said he will have to repaint all his signs. Alderman Jeffers said he was so impressed with all the work going on at the park. He goes by there daily and the workers are always working hard cutting and trimming trees and grass. He wants them to know he appreciates them! Alderman McIntosh said she wishes COVID would go away so that we could just be normal. Alderman Floyd said that she is very thankful that there is new streetlight on Main Street.

# Adjournment:

There being no further business on the agenda, a motion was made by Alderman Jeffers and seconded by Alderman McIntosh to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m., with each Alderman voting AYE, the motion carried.

Sandy Skelton, Mayor

Attest:

Machiel Covey, City Secretar