

City of Archer City
Special Called Meeting
Thursday, January 24, 2019, 7:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Archer City, met for a Special Called Meeting on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 116 S. Sycamore, Archer City, Texas.

Call to Order

Mayor Kelvin Green called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Green led the Pledge of Allegiance for the United States and Texas flags and gave the invocation.

The following Council members were present for roll call:

Mayor	Kelvin Green
Council Members	Paula Bradley
	Zac Beck - absent
	Debra Haehn
	Ben Tucker
	Leslie Hash

Staff present: City Manager – George Huffman, City Secretary - Kim Whitsitt

Guests Present – Mike Whalen, Saul Hernandez, Juan Moreno, Mitzi King, Tracey Jennings, Archer County News

Public Comments

None

NEW BUSINESS

Municipal Judge Appointment

Mayor Green addressed Council concerning the appointment of a municipal judge and stated there were three (3) applicants for the position and all were in attendance. Mayor Green addressed the applicants and invited them to address Council individually and for Council to respond with questions for the applicants. Interviews ensued with Tracey Jennings of Bowie, Texas, Mitzi King of Archer City, TX and Mike Whalen of Wichita Falls, TX. No action taken.

Oncor Easement

George Huffman addressed Council concerning an easement and right of way with Oncor at the new Water Plant site. Paula Bradley made the motion to approve the easement and right of way. Ben Tucker seconded the motion. All members present voted “Aye”.

Water Treatment Plant – Government Shutdown

Kim Whitsitt addressed Council concerning the effect of the government shutdown on the new water treatment plant and stated M.H. Civil had continued construction; however, the City had been unable to pay for work completed in December and January due to the inability to obtain funds from USDA to make the construction payments. Saul Hernandez and Juan Moreno with M.H. Civil addressed Council and stated one of three options would soon be necessary without payment; shut down construction, continue to use the M.H. Civil line of credit or the City obtain a short-term loan for construction payments. After further discussion, Debra Haehn made the motion to authorize the City Secretary to obtain legal advice to see if a short-term loan was in violation of the USDA contracts. Leslie Hash seconded the motion. All members present voted “Aye”.

Executive Session: Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters

Mayor Green requested Council convene into executive session at 7:34 p.m. to deliberate the appointment of the Municipal Judge.

Open Session

Following discussion held in executive session, Mayor Green brought Council back into open session at 7:56 p.m. Paula Bradley made the motion to appoint Mike Whalen, Municipal Judge. Debra Haehn seconded the motion. Voting was as follows: Paula Bradley – Yes, Ben Tucker – Yes, Debra Haehn – Yes, Leslie Hash - No

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Ben Tucker moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Debra Haehn seconded the motion. All members present voted “Aye”.

Kim Whitsitt, City Secretary

Kelvin Green, Mayor