

# Minutes

Village of Bailey's Prairie  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen  
December 21, 2017  
6:30pm

The Village of Bailey's Prairie Board of Aldermen conducted its regular meeting on Thursday, December 21, 2017, at 6:30 pm, at Village Hall, 1680 Jimmy Phillips Blvd., Angleton, Texas, within the limits of the Village of Bailey's Prairie.

## **The following persons were in attendance:**

Jo Mapel, Mayor  
Michelle Powless, Mayor Pro Tem  
Oscar Greek, Alderman  
Cheryl McBeth, Alderman  
John Ontiveros, Alderman

A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order by Jo Mapel, Mayor at 6:30pm.

## **Public Comments:**

JD Ponton spoke in opposition of the amount of money budgeted for EMS and Fire Protection. He stated, since his email, he would like to continue gathering information regarding emergency services for the Village.

## **Approval of the minutes:**

A motion to approve the meeting minutes for October 19, 2017 and November 18, 2017 was made by John Ontiveros, Alderman – seconded by Michelle Powless, Mayor Pro Tem. All in favor, motion passed.

## **Approval of accounts payable:**

A motion was made by Oscar Greek, Alderman to approve the accounts payable as presented for November 2017 and December 2017. The motion was seconded by John Ontiveros, Alderman. All in favor, motion passed.

## **Approval of financial report:**

A motion was made by Oscar Greek, Alderman - seconded by Michelle Powless, Mayor Pro Tem, to approve the financial report for November 2017. All in favor, motion passed.

## **Discussion and possible action engaging new CPA, Curtis Craig for 2016-217 financial audit:**

An annual financial audit is a statutory requirement for municipalities. The board had previously approved a letter of intent with Gary Gratzner, CPA for the 2016-2017 audit.

Mr. Gratzer has notified the Mayor that he has retired and will be unable to provide audit services for the Village. Mr. Gratzer has recommended Mr. Curtis Craig for the audit. Mr. Craig's estimated cost for the audit is \$5,000. Oscar Greek, Alderman made a motion to sign a letter of intent for Mr. Craig to perform the audit for the fiscal year 2016-2017. The motion was seconded by Michelle Powless, Mayor Pro Tem. All in favor, motion passed.

**Discussion and possible action on an Ordinance revising the 2017 – 2018 budget:**

Due to the increase in cost of the annual audit, a revised budget was presented. Motion to accept Ordinance 2017-8 revising the 2017 – 2018 budget was made by Michelle Powless, Mayor Pro Tem. The motion was seconded by a by Oscar Greek, Alderman. All in favor, motion passed.

**Acceptance of letter of resignation from Judith McElya as an Alderman for the Village of Bailey's Prairie:**

A motion to accept the letter of resignation from Judith McElya was made by Oscar Greek, Alderman - seconded by Michelle Powless, Mayor Pro Tem. All in favor, motion passed.

**Discussion and possible action on an Ordinance calling for a general election in May 2018 of a Mayor and two Aldermen:**

A motion was made by Oscar Greek, Alderman, to approve Ordinance 2017-9 calling for the election of a mayor and two Aldermen. The motion was seconded by Cheryl McBeth, Alderman. All in favor, motion passed.

**Acknowledgement of the email from JD Ponton:**

The board reviewed a copy of the email from JD Ponton stating he does not wish to lead or serve on a committee regarding the payment for emergency services. After hearing Mr. Ponton's comments during the public comments, the mayor asked if he now wished to rescind the email and proceed with gathering information regarding emergency services. Mr. Ponton stated he did.

**Discussion and possible action on an Ordinance adopting the final budget for 2016 – 2017 budget year:**

Michelle Powless, Mayor Pro Tem, made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-10. Seconded by Cheryl McBeth, Alderman, all in favor, motion passed.

**Discussion of placement of FEMA Temporary Housing for victims of Harvey:**

Currently 5 temporary trailers have been placed in Bailey's Prairie. FEMA has not consulted the village with regard to placement of the trailers or the recipients. In addition FEMA is not required to meet the elevation requirements

**Discussion and possible action on an Inter-local agreement with Brazoria County:**

A motion to enter into an Inter-local agreement with Brazoria County was made by Michelle Powless, Mayor Pro Tem, Seconded by a by Oscar Greek, Alderman, all in favor, motion passed.

**Adjourned:**

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:16pm pm on a motion by Michelle Powless. Seconded by a by Cheryl McBeth, Alderman, all in favor, motion passed.**

**REPORTS:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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Mayor, Jo Mapel

**ATTEST:**

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Donna Dues, Village Secretary