

THE BARTONVILLE TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 9th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2022, AT 1941 E. JETER ROAD, BARTONVILLE, TEXAS 6:30 P.M.

The Town Council met in a work session with the following members present:

Jaclyn Carrington, Mayor Pro Tem
Jim Roberts, Councilmember Place 1 (*arrived at 6:33 p.m.*)
Clay Sams, Councilmember Place 3
Bridget Melson, Councilmember Place 4
Josh Phillips, Councilmember Place 5

with the following member absent: Bill Scherer, Mayor

constituting a quorum with the following members of the Town Staff participating Cori Reaume, Interim Town Administrator; Tammy Dixon, Town Secretary; and Ed Voss, Town Attorney.

A. CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Carrington called the work session to order at 6:31 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Carrington led the pledge of allegiance.

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Pro Tem Carrington asked if anyone would like to speak on anything other than the work session item.

There were none

D. WORK SESSION ITEMS

1. Discussion on proposed amendments to the Town of Bartonville Zoning Ordinance related to equestrian center regulations, including private and commercial stables and related matters.

Mayor Pro Tem Carrington thanked everyone for attending and called upon those in the audience that signed up to speak.

The following addressed the council regarding their concerns and questions on the proposed amendments to the equestrian center regulations:

Siobhan O'Brien, 875 Porter Road
Jim Langford, 1044 E. Jeter Road
Stacey Smith, 601 McMakin Road
Brenda Latham, 630 Badminton
Greg McMillen, 1310 Gibbons Road S.

Jim Walsh, 857 E. Jeter Road
Rachel Neese, 1667 Broome Road
Kristen New, 1519 Broome Road
Tina Coleman, 1440 E. Jeter Road

A collective summary of the concerns addressed were as follows:

- A lack of understanding that the proposal would be a change to the Town’s Zoning Ordinance, which would only apply prospectively. Any existing equestrian centers that would not comply with the updated regulations would be deemed legally nonconforming.
- Additionally, any properties which have received conditional use permits (CUPs) for approval would still hold the CUP. It was explained a CUP is a zoning action, which stays with the property even through ownership changes.
- Hours of operation (pointing out how some actions that would be necessary for animal safety/welfare) could result in an ordinance violation if they occurred after the established hours of operation in the ordinance.
- Hours of operation related to riding and working early or late to avoid the heat of Texas summers.
- The limit of five stalls allowed without transitioning to a “commercial” classification, and other details about the definition of commercial equestrian center.
- The requirement and meaning of a “dust free” arena.
- The reequipment to screen horse trailers from view.

At the request of Mayor Pro Tem Carrington, Town Attorney, Ed Voss, provided the background regarding the establishment of the Equestrian Center Committee and the process used by the committee for their review.

Mayor Pro Tem Carrington thanked everyone for attending the meeting and providing their valuable input. She stated she did not believe it was the intent of the Town Council to take any action on this item at the February 15th regular meeting as the Council was committed to gathering and reviewing the input received from the residents on this matter.

Councilmember Roberts stated the review of the regulations did not derive out of complaints; it was to clarify the regulations.

Councilmember Phillips stated the intent of the review was to assist with clarification of the regulations and was not meant to punish anyone. He also thanked everyone for their feedback.

Councilmember Sams also stated the intent was to clarify the regulations. He further stated the concerns he had received were related to lighting and he too, appreciated the feedback received.

Councilmember Melson stated she served on the committee and realizes the equine community’s input was missed and she appreciated their comments. She further suggested members of the equine community be added to the committee to further review of the regulations.

Mayor Pro Tem Carrington thanked the audience again and stated if there were any other concerns to please email and/or call the Town Councilmembers.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Carrington declared the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

APPROVED this the 15th day of February 2022.



Attest:



Tammy Dixon, Town Secretary

Approved:



Bill Scherer, Mayor