

Minutes of the Regular  
Scheduled Meeting  
Troup City Council  
August 21, 2017

A Scheduled Meeting of the Troup City Council was held Monday August 21, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Cameron J-Jarvis Troup Municipal Library located at 102 S. Georgia, Troup, Texas. Councilpersons present were: Mayor Joe Carlyle, Jeff Hale, Nelson Darden Jr., Gary Salyer, Chip Richardson and Carole Wilson. Also present were City Manager Gene Cottle and City Secretary Buffie Deason.

Mayor Joe Carlyle called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. noting all Council members were present. Guest present were Suzanne Loudamy, Connie Shafer, Jeff Sammons, Glen Collier, Dr. Larry Unruh.

Nelson Darden led the invocation.

Nelson Darden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 4 Consider approval of the minutes from the Regular Scheduled Meeting of July 17, 2017. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve the minutes of July 17, 2017. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 5 Citizen Comments- Brief Comments concerning non-Agenda items. Mayor Joe Carlyle presented Suzanne Loudamy with a plaque of appreciation from the City of Troup.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 6 Conduct first public hearing on the proposed City of Troup tax rate for 2017-2018. Meeting convened to public hearing at 6:36 p.m. No comments were made.

Closed Public Hearing at 6:37 p.m.

Mayor Joe Carlyle- Item 8 Review and consider the city financial report for the month of July 2017. City Manager Gene Cottle presented Council with the monthly financial reports. Councilperson Nelson Darden made the motion to approve the July financial reports. Councilperson Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 9 Comments, questions or input from City Manager's written report. City Manager Gene Cottle presented Council with his monthly report and Chief Pat Hendrix presented his monthly police report. No comments or questions were noted.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 10 Discuss and consider approving the Smith County 911 budget for 2017-2018 fiscal year. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve the Smith County 911 budget for 2017-2018 fiscal year. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Joe Carlyle– Item 11 Discuss and consider authorizing the City Manager to sign a letter of engagement with Acker & Company for audit of City of Troup's finances for the twelve month budget period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017 as per Government Code Chapter 2254.003. Councilperson Carole Wilson made the motion to authorize the City Manager to sign a letter of engagement with Acker & Company for the upcoming financial audit. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 12 Discuss and consider approving the Cherokee County Appraisal District 2018 Budget. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve the Cherokee County Appraisal District 2018 Budget. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 13 Discuss and consider the donation of 3 unused Brothers 403 ticket printers to the Arp Police Department as recommended by Chief Pat Hendrix. Chief Pat Hendrix said the department had received the ticket printers but they did not conform to the system that our court system uses, he said that the City of Arp would be able to

use them. Councilperson Gary Salyer made the motion to donate the 3 unused Brothers 403 ticket printers to the Arp Police Department. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 14 Discuss and consider approving Resolution No. 2017-0821-01R “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROUP, TEXAS, ACCEPTING THE DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS UNDER THE CITY’S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (TXCDBG) TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TDA CONTRACT NO. 7215252, AND AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT TO CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES GROUP, LLC.” Councilperson Carole Wilson made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-0821-01R A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROUP, TEXAS, ACCEPTING THE DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS UNDER THE CITY’S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (TXCDBG) TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TDA CONTRACT NO. 7215252, AND AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT TO CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES GROUP, LLC. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 15 Discuss and consider issuing a Request for Proposal for Banking Services. Councilperson Gary Salyer made the motion to allow the City Manager to issue a request for proposal for Banking Services. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 16 Set a date and time for the Public Hearing on the 2017-2018 City of Troup Budget. City Manager Gene Cottle told Council that he would like to have the hearing September 11, 2017, so if there were any problems with the budget he would have time to adjust it. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to set the Public Hearing for the 2017-2018 City of Troup Budget on September 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 17 Discuss and consider ORDINANCE NUMBER 2017-0821-01 “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TROUP, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING THE REAL PROPERTY UTILIZED BY AMERICAN PLANT FOOD CORPORATION AS A MUNICIPAL SETTING DESIGNATION; PROHIBITING THE USE OF DESIGNATED GROUNDWATER FROM BENEATH SAID REAL PROPERTY AS POTABLE WATER; ESTABLISHING A PENALTY OF UP TO \$500.00 PER OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; SEVERABILITY; PUBLICATION; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE..” Dr. Larry Unrah with American Plant Food Corporation address Council with the reason for this Ordinance. He said that after the West explosion at the fertilizer plant, that their insurance company required them to do Environmental Testing. Dr. Unrah said the Troup Plant did have elevated levels of nitrate, so this Ordinance would need to be passed to in order for TCEQ to issue a MSD. Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion to pass ORDINANCE NUMBER 2017-0821-01 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TROUP, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING THE REAL PROPERTY UTILIZED BY AMERICAN PLANT FOOD CORPORATION AS A MUNICIPAL SETTING DESIGNATION; PROHIBITING THE USE OF DESIGNATED GROUNDWATER FROM BENEATH SAID REAL PROPERTY AS POTABLE WATER; ESTABLISHING A PENALTY OF UP TO \$500.00 PER OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; SEVERABILITY; PUBLICATION; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Councilperson Nelson Darden seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 18 Discuss and consider Blending and Extending the City’s existing contract with TXU for electrical services. Ms. Connie Shaffer with TXU address the Council regarding the City’s current contract with TXU and how the City would save money by Blending and Extending the contract. Ms. Shaffer explained many different plans to the Council. Councilperson Gary Salyer made the motion to Blend and Extend the City’s existing contract with TXU for electrical services for a 72 month period at the proposed rates. Councilperson Nelson Darden seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 19 Discuss and consider approving the Troup Community Development Corporation Budget for 2017-2018. City Manager Gene Cottle presented Council with the 2017-2018 TCDC Budget. President Gary Salyer said the TCDC Budget was approved by the TCDC Board. Councilperson Nelson Darden made the motion to approve the Troup Community Development Corporation Budget for 2017-2018. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 20 Discuss and consider the proposed City of Troup Budget for fiscal year 2017-2018. This item was for discussion only

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 21 Discuss and consider authorizing the publication the Notice of Tax Revenue Increase form 50-198. Councilperson Nelson Darden made the motion to authorize the City Manager to publish the Notice of Tax Revenue Increase form 50-198. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 22 Comments and input from Council, Mayor or City Manager concerning items of interest or items for a future agenda.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 23 Adjourn at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Buffie Deason", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Buffie Deason/City Secretary