

Minutes of the Regular  
Scheduled Meeting  
Troup City Council  
September 18, 2017

A Scheduled Meeting of the Troup City Council was held Monday September 18, 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 Police Chief Pat Hendrix, Lt. Shawn Murry, Sgt. Kyle Stowers, K-9 Officer Luke and Dale Lowery.

Gary Salyer led the invocation.

Gary Salyer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 4 Consider approval of the minutes from the Regular Scheduled Meeting of August 21, 2017 and September 11, 2017. Councilperson Nelson Darden made the motion to approve the minutes of August 21, 2017 and September 11, 2017. Councilperson Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 5 Citizen Comments- Brief Comments concerning non-Agenda items. No comments made.

Mayor Joe Carlyle- Item 6 Review and consider the city financial report for the month of August 2017. City Manager Gene Cottle presented Council with the monthly financial reports. Councilperson Carole Wilson made the motion to approve the August financial reports. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 7 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 8 Recognition of Troup Police Officers Lt. Shawn Murry and Sgt. Kyle Stowers for their volunteer work during the aftermath flooding of Hurricane Harvey. Chief Pat Hendrix presented Lt. Murry and Sgt. Stowers with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 9 Discuss and consider an agenda request from Dale Lowery requesting a refund from the City for an Electrical Inspection. Mr. Dale Lowery came before Council to request and permit fee refund. He told Council that he had purchased the permit thinking that he would be able to have a power pole installed for a camper. After he found out that due to City Ordinance he was not going to be able to have a power pole and requested his money back. City Manager Gene Cottle recommended to Council that they approve this refund. Councilperson Jeff Hale made to motion to refund the permit fee back to Mr. Lowery. Councilperson Nelson Darden seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 10 Discuss and consider approving Ordinance No. 2017-0918-01 “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TROUP, TEXAS. REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2015-0922-04; ESTABLISHING WATER AND SEWER RATES AND FEES; PROVIDING WASTE WATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT RATES AND FEES; SAVING AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OR THE ORDINANCE” City Manager told Council that this was the discussed rates that had been budget for the upcoming Fiscal Year. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve Discuss and consider approving Ordinance No. 2017-0918-01 “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TROUP, TEXAS. REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2015-0922-04; ESTABLISHING WATER AND SEWER RATES AND FEES; PROVIDING WASTE WATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT RATES AND FEES; SAVING AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR

THE PUBLICATION OR THE ORDINANCE". Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. No. 35

Mayor Joe Carlyle– Item 11 Discuss and consider a variance request from Agnes Healy concerning her fence located at 1203 Wilkinson Drive. City Manager Gene Cottle told Council that Mrs. Healy was requesting a variance for the height of her front fence. Mr. Cottle said Mrs. Healy requested this due to a family member having a medical condition and might wander away from home. Mr. Cottle also stated that her insurance company required the fence and that the City Inspector sent a statement of approval. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve the variance. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 12 Discuss and consider the retirement of Police Canine Luke on October 1, 2017 and upon retirement, the City of Troup relinquishing all rights of ownership of Luke to Sgt. Kyle Stowers. Chief Pat Hendrix told Council that due to K-9 Officer Luke age and health conditions that he will need to be retired and that his caretaker Sgt. Stowers would like to become his owner. Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion to accept the resignation of K-9 Luke and to relinquish all rights of ownership by the City of Troup. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 13 Discuss and consider approving Ordinance Number 2017-0918-02 "AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF TROUP FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2017 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018, APPROPRIATING MONEY TO A SINKING FUND TO PAY INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL DUE ON THE CITY'S INDEBTEDNESS; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE GENERAL OPERATING FUND AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF TROUP FOR THE YEAR 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR." City Manager Gene Cottle told Council that this was the same Budget that had been reviewed. Councilperson Gary Salyer made the motion to approve Ordinance Number 2017-0918-02 "AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF TROUP FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2017 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018, APPROPRIATING MONEY TO A SINKING FUND TO PAY INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL DUE ON THE CITY'S INDEBTEDNESS; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE GENERAL OPERATING FUND AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF TROUP FOR THE YEAR 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR." Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Council voted as follows:

Councilperson Jeff Hale: Aye  
Councilperson Nelson Darden Jr.: Aye  
Councilperson Gary Salyer: Aye  
Councilperson Chip Richardson: Aye  
Councilperson Carole Wilson: Aye  
Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 14 Discuss and consider ratifying the property tax rate increase reflected in the 2017-2018 fiscal year budget. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to ratify the property tax rate increase reflected in the 2017-2018 fiscal budget year. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 15 Discuss and consider approving Ordinance Number 2017-0918-03 "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROUP, TEXAS; LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF TROUP FOR THE 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING FOR APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; AND, PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID." Councilperson Nelson Darden made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-0918-03 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TROUP, TEXAS; LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF TROUP FOR THE 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING FOR APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; AND, PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID. AND I further move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.912933, which is effectively a 1.9612 percent increase in tax rate. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Council voted as follows:

Councilperson Jeff Hale: Aye  
Councilperson Nelson Darden Jr.: Aye  
Councilperson Gary Salyer: Aye

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Councilperson Carole Wilson: Aye  
Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 16 Discuss and consider approving Ordinance No.2017-0918-04 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2016-0912-02 “MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF TROUP FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017, APPROPRIATING MONEY TO A SINKING FUND TO PAY INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL DUE ON THE CITY'S INDEBTEDNESS; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE GENERAL OPERATING FUND AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF TROUP FOR THE YEAR 2016-2017 FISCAL YEAR.” City Manager said to Council that this end of year budget adjustment. Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2017-0918-04. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 17 Discuss and consider making nominations to the Cherokee County Appraisal District Board of Directors. No action was taken on this item.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 18 Comments and input from Council, Mayor or City Manager concerning items of interest or items for a future agenda. Councilperson Gary Salyer told Council that he will be resigning from Council since we will be moving.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 19 Adjourn at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Buffie Deason/City Secretary