

Minutes of the Regular
Scheduled Meeting
Troup City Council
October 8, 2013

A Regular Scheduled Meeting of the Troup City Council was held Monday October 8, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cameron J-Jarvis Troup Municipal Library, 102 S. Georgia, Troup, Texas. Councilpersons present were: Mayor John Whitsell, Joe Carlyle, Gary Salyer, and Mayor Pro Tem Carole Wilson. Also present were City Administrator Gene Cottle and City Secretary Buffie Deason.

No guest present.

Mayor John Whitsell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. noting all Council Persons were present with the exception of Jeff Hale and Chip Richardson.

Mayor Whitsell – Led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 3 Discuss and consider approving the minutes of the September 17 and 23, 2013 council meetings. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to approve the minutes for September 17 and 23, 2013. Councilperson Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 4 Brief comments concerning non-agenda items. No comments made.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 5 Discuss and consider approving the September 2013 Financial Report. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to approve the September 2013 Financial Report. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell - Item 6 Discuss the City Administrator's written report. City Administrator Gene Cottle advised council that the computer server would soon be put into City Hall. Mr. Cottle said that Code Enforcement Officer Randy Loftin will begin to move forward with enforcing the junk vehicle ordinance. He also advised council that a clarifier at the sewer plant had went down. Mr. Cottle told council there had been a billing problem with the compound meters and that those customers were adjusted due to this problem. He also advised that commercial customers were not billed last month for garbage and that those customers will be billed double this upcoming month. The police report was included in this packet along with police promotions. Mr. Cottle also told council that he will begin to work on zoning issues.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 7 Discuss and consider approving the Adopted Budget for 2014 for Cherokee County Appraisal District. Councilperson Carole Wilson made the motion to approve the Adopted Budget for 2014 for Cherokee County Appraisal District. Councilperson Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 8 Discuss and consider allowing the City Administrator to purchase Internet Service as needed when traveling. City Administrator Gene Cottle told council that he will be going on vacation soon and that he would like to have internet access to so that he can still attend to City Business. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to allow the City Administrator to purchase internet service as needed during travel. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 9 Discuss and consider granting Roy and Irene Daniels a variance allowing the house located at 105 S. Carolina to be moved to 1118 E. Bryant. Councilperson Carole Wilson made the motion to grant Roy and Irene Daniels a variance allowing the house from 105 S. Carolina to be moved to 1118 E. Bryant, not requiring The Daniels to brick the house. Councilperson Joe Carlyle seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 10 Discuss and consider granting a variance for no covered parking to homeowners that are part of the Home Grant Program. This will include the following addresses: 105 W. Hollis, 114 N. Price, 804 S. Athena, 207 N. Railroad, and 836 Arp Dr. City Administrator Gene Cottle presented a presentation showing Council members the houses that the home grant would improve and rebuild new houses, but that the Home Grant only had limited funds and that there is not enough funds to build garages on the houses. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to grant a variance allowing the addresses that are part of the Home Grant Program to not be required to build covered parking. Those addresses include 105 W. Hollis, 114 N. Price, 836 Arp Drive, 804 S. Athena, and 207 N. Railroad. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 11 Discuss and consider approving Ordinance # 2013-1008-01 An Ordinance changing the City Administrator's Title to City Manager. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to adopt Ordinance #2013-1008-01. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 12 Discuss and consider adopting Ordinance #2013-1008-02, an Ordinance that will include the entire City limits of Troup if a burn ban is issued by either the Mayor, Cherokee County, or Smith County to be effective on publication. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to adopt Ordinance # 2013-1008-02. Councilperson Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 13 Discuss and consider a final payment to Caldwell Tanks, Inc. in the amount of \$7635.00 for the rehabilitation of Brandon Street Well following the completion of deficient items. Councilperson Gary Salyer made the motion to approve final payment upon the contingency that all deficient items are fixed to the approval of City Manager Gene Cottle. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 14 Discuss and consider nominating for reappointment to the Smith County 911 Communications District Board of Managers for a two year term, Ron Shaffer, as a representative for the Cities of Smith County and authorizing the Mayor to cast Troup's vote for Mr. Shafer. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to nominate Ron Shaffer and authorize the Mayor to cast the vote for Mr. Shafer. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Comments and input from City Administrator, Council or Mayor concerning items for future agendas. No comments were made.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 24 Adjourn at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Buffie Deason/City Secretary