

Minutes of the Regular  
Scheduled Meeting  
Troup City Council  
March 26, 2013

A Regular Scheduled Meeting of the Troup City Council was held Tuesday March 26, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Troup Independent School District Administration Building. Councilpersons present were: Mayor John Whitsell, Joe Carlyle, Chip Richardson and Mayor Pro Tem Carole Wilson. Also present were City Administrator Gene Cottle and City Secretary Buffie Deason.

Guests attending were Greg Fleck, Public Works Director John Phillips and others not signed in.

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

Mayor Whitsell – Led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 3 Consider approval of minutes from the Regular Scheduled Meeting of March 12, 2013. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting of March 12, 2013. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell - Item 4 Citizen comments concerning non-agenda items. No Comments made.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 5 Discuss and consider an ordinance abandoning the portion of David Street extending east from Joy Street between Lot 7, Block 4 of the I.E. Tackett Addition and Lot 12, Block 9, being a section approximately 50 feet in width and approximately 144 feet in length. Mr. Greg Fleck explained that this undeveloped street is going in between the property lots that New Creation Foundation is trying to plat. City Administrator Gene Cottle explained that New Creation had already purchased the land behind their existing lots already. Mayor Whitsell asked if abandoning would cause any lots to be land locked. Mr. Cottle explained that it would not. Mayor Whitsell then asked if the City of Troup owned the land, Mr. Cottle told him that the City did not own the property. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to approve an ordinance of the City of Troup, Texas, authorizing the abandonment of unopened and undeveloped street right-of-way regarding portions of David Street extending east from Joy Street between Lot 7, Block 4 of the I.E. Tackett Addition and Lot 12, Block 9, Ordinance Number 20130326-01 as evidence with plat attached as Exhibit A. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 6 Discuss and consider a recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission granting a waiver from any requirement for Jimmy Jackson to prepare a subdivision plat for the property located in the William Miller Survey, Abstract 638, Smith County, Texas J1577 located in Smith County in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Troup. City Administrator Gene Cottle explained to Council that since Mr. Jackson is located in the City of Troup's extraterritorial jurisdiction that either the City or Smith County could require Mr. Jackson to subdivide the property since it is more than 5 acres, but Mr. Jackson is not planning on building more than one house on the property so he does not want to subdivide the plat. Mr. Cottle also advised that Smith County had contacted the City and asked that the City of Troup grant Mr. Jackson a waiver so Smith County would not have to require him to subdivide the property as well. Ms. Cleo Pace addressed the Council and told them that she is the property owner that is selling the property to Mr. Jackson and they have no intentions of having more than one house on the property. Mayor Whitsell read Resolution Number 20130326-R01. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve Resolution Number 20130326-R01 as read granting a waiver from any requirement for Jimmy Jackson to prepare a subdivision plat for the property located in the William Miller Survey, Abstract 638, Smith County, Texas J1577 located in Smith County in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Troup. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

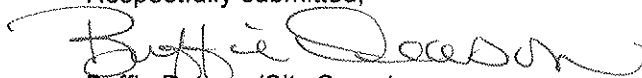
Mayor Whitsell – Item 7 Discuss and consider payment request #1 to Caldwell Tanks, Inc. in the amount of \$145,065.00 for Rehabilitation of the Ground Storage Tank at Well #2 (Brandon Street) once funds are received from the Troup Community Development Corporation. Councilperson Joe Carlyle ask if this was the total amount of the project, Public Works Director John Phillips told him that this amount did not reflect the retainer fee. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to approve payment request #1 to Caldwell Tanks, Inc. in the amount of \$145,065.00 for Rehabilitation of the Ground Storage Tank at Well #2 (Brandon Street) once funds are received from the Troup Community Development Corporation. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 8 Comments and input from Council, Mayor, or City Administrator concerning items of interest or items for a future agenda. City Administrator Gene Cottle presented the Council a packet that had a comparison of tax rates for the cities and schools in the Smith County area. Mr. Cottle also advised of an upcoming TML meeting.

Councilperson Chip Richardson asked why our house values were so low. Mr. Cottle explained that many houses in Troup were older and had a lower value. Councilperson Carole Wilson asked if building permits had been bought for houses being built on North Jarvis, it was confirmed that one building permit had been issued. Councilperson Joe Carlyle asks about a horse being in a backyard on E. Bryant Street and asks if this was allowed.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 9 meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Buffie Deason". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Buffie Deason/City Secretary