

Minutes of the Regular  
Scheduled Meeting  
Troup City Council  
August 12, 2014

A Scheduled Meeting of the Troup City Council was held Tuesday August 12, 2014 at 6:30 pm at the Cameron J-Jarvis Troup Municipal Library located at 102 S. Georgia, Troup, Texas. Councilpersons present were: Mayor Bill Lacy, Joe Carlyle, Gary Salyer, Chip Richardson, and Mayor Pro Tem Carole Wilson. Also present were City Administrator Gene Cottle and City Secretary Buffie Deason.

Guest present were John Phillips, Kyle Stowers, Jim Carlyle, and others not signed in.

Mayor Bill Lacy called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. noting all Council Persons were present with the exception of Jeff Hale.

Councilperson Gary Salyer led the invocation.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 4 Consider approval of the minutes from the Regular Scheduled Meetings of July 8, 2014 and July 29, 2014. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 5 Citizen Comments- Brief Comments concerning non-Agenda items. No Comments made.

Mayor Bill Lacy- Item 6 Review and consider the city financial report for the month of July 2014. City Manager Gene Cottle told Council the main thing to look at was the cash comparison report. He said the City has paid out many expenses and also has paid out money due to home grant program that will be refunded. He told council that he also included a balance sheet. Councilperson Gary Salyer made the motion to approve the city financial report for the month of July 2014. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 7 Comments, questions, or input from City Manager's written report. City Manager Gene Cottle told Council that he had been working vacant lots and substandard properties and it has caused the Attorney bill to be higher. Mr. Cottle said that code enforcement has been trying to get these areas cleaned up. Mr. Cottle said that we are 83% of budget. Mr. Cottle said that the police department had did a streetlight inventory and that he had submitted lights that are out to Oncor. Mr. Cottle said that the August sales tax payment was up 9.3% from previous years. He told Council that the semi-annual debt service payment had been made. Mr. Cottle said that the phone system for city hall had been replaced and post office air conditioner had been replaced.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 8 Discuss and consider approving Ordinance No.2014-0812-01 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 20130917 "MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF TROUP FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2013 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014, 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 2013-2014 FISCAL YEAR." City Manager Gene Cottle said this amendment was for post office air conditioner, City Hall's new phone system, the broker fees for the post office, and also the public works truck replacement. This adjustment will come from reserves from the previous year. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2014-0812-01 as presented. Councilperson Joe Carlyle seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 9 Discuss and consider approving the Smith County 911 District Budget for 2014-2015 Fiscal year. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to approve. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy- Item 10 Discuss and consider allowing the City Manager to publish the Notice of the 2014 Tax Year Proposed Property Tax Rate in the newspaper. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made to motion to approve. Councilperson

Carole Wilson seconded the motion. City manager Gene Cottle ask for discussion. Mr. Cottle told council that the proposed published tax rate will be at the effective tax rate. Motion carried unanimously.

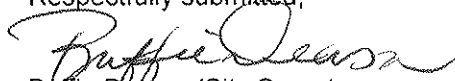
Mayor Bill Lacy- Item 11 Discuss and consider setting a date for Budget Public Hearing and dates for approving the budget and setting the tax rate for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year budget. City Manager Gene Cottle said that he would like to have the budget hearing on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Councilperson Carole Wilson said that she would be out of town, Mr. Cottle said that would be fine as long as the Council had a quorum. Mr. Cottle said he would then like to meet on September 23, 2014 approve the budget and set the tax rate. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to set the budget public hearing date for September 9, 2014 at the regular City Council meeting and set the Tax rate and approve the budget on September 23, 2014. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 12 Discuss and consider approving a preliminary re-plat of the Edwards Place Addition, lots 5-6 and 45-50 for Shane Jasper. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to approve the re-plat. Councilperson Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 13 Comments and input from Council, Mayor, Or City Manager concerning items of interest or items for a future agenda. Gary Salyer ask about trees on Cross Street that needed to be cut. Chip Richardson ask about old houses on property. Mayor Bill Lacy thanked the Police department for allowing him to ride along.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 14 Adjourn. Councilperson Gary Salyer made to motion to adjoin the meeting at 7:19 p.m. Councilperson Joe Carlyle seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Buffie Deason/City Secretary