

Minutes of the Regular  
Scheduled Meeting  
Troup City Council  
April 8, 2014

A Scheduled Meeting of the Troup City Council was held Tuesday April 8, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the T.I.S.D. Administration Building located at 201 N. Carolina, Troup, Texas. Councilpersons present were: Mayor John Whitsell, Jeff Hale, 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 Doug Southern, Ray Bouman, Gene Keenon, Becky Cain, Sarah Druper and others not signed in.

Mayor John Whitsell called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. noting all Council Persons were present with exception of Joe Carlyle.

Mayor Whitsell – Led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 3 Discuss and consider approving the minutes of March 11, 2014 and March 25, 2014 Troup City Council Meetings. Council person Jeff Hale made the motion to approve the minutes of March 11, 2014 and March 25, 2014 Troup City Council Meetings. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Whitsell – Announced that the City of Troup had received the Platinum Award for Financial Transparency from the Texas State Comptroller's Office.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 5 Discuss and consider approving the March 2014 Financial Report. City Manager Gene Cottle announced that the City is ahead \$78,000 compared to last year. Mr. Cottle explained that grant expenditures are complete washes in budget. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve the March 2014 financial report. Councilperson Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 6 Discuss the City Manager's written report. City Manager Gene Cottle said he would like for the Council to pay close attention to police report. Mr. Cottle also said that we are right in line with our budget percentages. Mr. Cottle reported that the work on the waste water treatment plant was complete. Mr. Cottle that discolored water would continue at least until the end of April until the well is finished. Mr. Cottle reported the second meeting of the Downtown Steering Project would be April 29.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 7 Discuss and consider appointing members of the Troup Board of Adjustments. The Mayor told Council that in the past the Council had been the board of adjustment due to lack of interest of citizens. Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion the Council for the City of Troup would serve also as the Board of Adjustments. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell Item 8 Conduct the Annual Meeting of the Troup Board of Adjustments. Mayor John Whitsell said at this time they will need to appoint officers for the Board of Adjustments. City Manager Gene Cottle advised they will need a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. Gary Salyer nominated Chip Richardson as Vice Chair. Carole Wilson accepted the Secretary Position, and Jeff Hale accepted the Chair position. Councilperson Gary Salyer made the motion to approve the nomination of Jeff Hale as Chair, Chip Richardson as Vice Chair, and Carole Wilson as Secretary. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell Item 9 Discuss and consider approving Resolution No. 2014-0408 R "A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROUP, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A REQUEST TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE HOME RESERVATION PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACT AS THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM". Mayor John Whitsell advised Council that this is the grant program that helps

rebuild houses that are dilapidated. Councilperson Carole Wilson made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-0408 R. Councilperson Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell Item 10 Discuss and consider a recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Troup to change the Zoning at 105 S. Beulah legal description Block 4 lot 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, and 50 of the Edwards Place Unit from Residential to Two Family Residential (Duplex) District. City Manager Gene Cottle told council that in the last motion approved the type of Residential was not specified and that the owner wants to put duplexes on the property. Councilperson Carole Wilson made the motion to accept the motion by the Planning and Zoning Commission to change the Zoning at 105 S. Beulah to Two Family Residential (Duplex) District. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell Item 11 Discuss and consider a Solid Waste contractor for the City of Troup. City Manager told Council that reviewed the two offers from waste contractors, Mr. Cottle said his recommendation was to extend the contract with Allied Solid Waste. Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion to extend the contract with Allied Waste for 3 years with the rates as presented. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

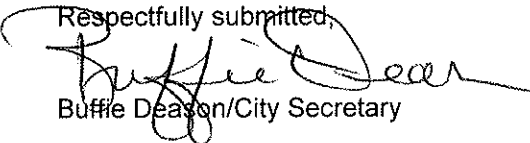
At 7:03 Convene to executive session to discuss: Government Code LGC 253.009The Lease of Municipal Property.

At 7:16 Reconvened from executive session.

Mayor Whitsell Item 14 Discuss and consider an action on items discussed in the Executive Session. Mayor John Whitsell said there would be no action taken from items discussed.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 15 Comments and input from Council, Mayor, Or City Manager concerning items of interest or items for a future agenda. Councilperson Chip Richardson ask if anything could be done about the corner of N. Ponsard and Arp Dr., Mr. Richardson said that the area looks very unsightly and cluttered. Mr. Cottle told council that Code Enforcement Officer Randy Loftin is involved and trying to get the area cleaned up.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 16 Adjourn at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Buffie Deason/City Secretary