

Minutes of the Regular  
Scheduled Meeting  
Troup City Council  
August 9, 2016

A Scheduled Meeting of the Troup City Council was held Tuesday August 9, 2016 at 6:31 pm at the Cameron J-Jarvis Troup Municipal Library located at 102 S. Georgia, Troup, Texas. Councilpersons present were: Jeff Hale, Gary Salyer, Chip Richardson, and Carole Wilson. Also present were City Manager Gene Cottle and City Secretary Buffie Deason.

Mayor Pro-Tem Carole Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. noting all Council members were present with the exception of Mayor Joe Carlyle and Nelson Darden. Guest included Lola Franklin.

Chip Richardson led the invocation.

Chip Richardson – Led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro-Tem Carole Wilson – Item 4 Consider approval of the minutes from the Regular Scheduled Meeting of July 19, 2016. No action taken minutes were not ready.

Mayor Pro-Tem Carole Wilson – Item 5 Citizen Comments- Brief Comments concerning non-Agenda items. No comments made.

Mayor Pro-Tem Carole Wilson – Item 6 Review and consider the city financial report for the month of July 2016. City Manager Gene Cottle presented Council with a financial report. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve the financials for the month of June. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Carole Wilson – Item 7 Comments, questions or input from City Manager's written report. City Manager Gene Cottle presented Council with his monthly report.

Mayor Pro-Tem Carole Wilson – Item 8 Agenda request from Lola Franklin requesting for a City Street light to be placed between S. Alabama and Brown Street. City Manager Gene Cottle said that Ms. Franklin is wanting a street light again since the review from the year before by Oncor did not help the lighting on the street. Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion to approve a light being placed on the existing pole in front of Ms. Franklin's House. Councilperson Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Carole Wilson – Item 9 Discuss and consider approving Resolution # 20160809-01R authorizing the submission of a 2016 TxCDBG Community Enhancement Grant Application to the Texas Department of Agriculture. Mark Taylor with Traylor and Associates provided information about the Grant to Council, Mr. Taylor said the City would be able to apply for the grant for solar panels. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve Resolution # 20160809-01R. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Carole Wilson – Item 10 Discuss and consider authorizing the City Manager to sign a letter of engagement with Acker & Company for audit of City of Troup's finances for the twelve month budget period of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016 as per Government Code Chapter 2254-003. Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion to allow the City Manager to sign a letter of engagement with Acker and Company for the 2015-2016 fiscal audit. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-tem Carole Wilson - Item 11 Preliminary discussion on 2016-2017 Budget and presentation of proposed Budget Calendar. City Manager presented Council with a preliminary budget for review. No action taken.

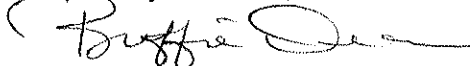
Mayor Pro-Tem Carole Wilson- Item 12 Discuss and consider allowing the City Manager to publish the Notice of the 2016 Tax Year Proposed Property Tax Rate in the newspaper. City Manager Gene Cottle said that he was able to balance the upcoming budget with the effective tax rate. Mr. Cottle said that he was comfortable publishing this rate. Councilperson

Gary Salyer made the motion to publish the 2016 tax year proposed rate at \$0.909881 which is the effective tax rate. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Carole Wilson – Item 13 Comments and input from Council, Mayor or City Manager concerning items of interest or items for a future agenda. Councilperson Jeff Hale about the open position for the police department, Mr. Cottle said an officer had resigned. Councilperson Gary Salyer said that the Troup Sr. Apartment were fixing to get refurbished.

Mayor Pro-Tem Carole Wilson – Item 14 Adjourn at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Buffie Deason". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B" and a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Buffie Deason/City Secretary