

Minutes of the Regular
Scheduled Meeting
Troup City Council
December 9, 2014

A Scheduled Meeting of the Troup City Council was held Tuesday December 9, 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, Jeff Hale, Joe Carlyle, Gary Salyer, and Chip Richardson. Also present were City Administrator Gene Cottle and City Secretary Buffie Deason.

Guests present were Suzanne Loudamy, Kelley Holcomb, Brian Sims, Larry Tschirhart, and others not signed in.

Mayor Bill Lacy called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. noting all Council Persons were present with the exception of Carole Wilson.

Councilperson Jeff Hale 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 Meeting of November 11, 2014. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 5 Citizen Comments- Brief Comments concerning non-Agenda items. During this time Gene Keenon with Allied Waste presented the City of Troup a \$500.00 check to give to Troup I.S.D. for recycling projects by the school. Mayor Bill Lacy accepted the check and thanks Mr. Keenon for all that Allied does for the City of Troup. Mr. Cottle noted that the Cities income was more than expenditures.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 6 Review and consider the city financial report for the month of November 2014. City Manager Gene Cottle provided Council with financial statements. Mr. Cottle told Council that the City was up \$78,000.00 compared to the previous year. He also told Council that all risk insurance had been paid for the year. Councilperson Gary Salyer made the motion to accept the November 2014 financial statements as presented. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 7 Comments, questions, or input from the City Manager's written report. Mr. Cottle told Council at this date the Sales tax numbers had not been released. He also said that the property tax collections were \$30258.16 less than the previous year at this time. Mr. Cottle reported that TCEQ had inspected the wastewater treatment plant and had found two issues, but that the issues were corrected and information sent to TCEQ. Mr. Cottle let Council know that he is still trying to resolve problems with the telephone bill. He also encouraged Council members to attend the 31st Annual Economic Outlook. Mr. Cottle said that the fiscal audit was near completion. And he thanked the Carlyle's and Barbara Barton for such a wonderful Christmas Party for the employees.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 8 Presentation from Angelina Neches River Authority concerning continued participation in the Lake Columbia Project. Mr. Kelley Holcomb with ANRA gave a presentation about the continued participation in the Lake Columbia Project. Mr. Holcomb said that due to proof of demand for need and cost involved in being able to get water from the Lake Columbia Project that smaller cities would not be able to afford to do so. Mr. Holcomb told Council that the Dallas was interested in buying the rights from participating Cities if they could get the percentage that they wanted and would make each City whole by refunding the amount already paid in and take on the existing debt. Mr. Holcomb said they would need a letter of intent from the City if they wanted to participate in the buyout. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the statement that the infrastructure just to get the water would be a very large fee. Mr. Hale ask if what the City already have vested would be worth more than just the buyout price. Mr. Holcomb said that Dallas would not pay more than the vested amount. Mr. Hale then ask if the City could buyout at 100% with option to buy back in at 1% if needed. Mr. Holcomb said that would not be an option. The Mayor said that the City might even have to option to buy water from Tyler if needed at a smaller cost. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion that in regards to the document dated November 12, 2012 from ANRA, the letter of intent between ANRA and the City of Troup, under Section 2 selecting option "A" MAKE AVAILABLE FOR BUYOUT BY A THIRD PARTY 100% OF THE CITY'S CURRENT 5.0% (FIVE PERCENT) PRO RATA SHARE INTEREST IN THE PROJECT. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with Councilperson Gary Salyer abstaining.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 9 Discuss and consider awarding the bid submitted by Government Capital Corporation to TCDC for financing the purchase of 25.688 acres described as Tract 6S80 Lot South Athena, Troup, Texas. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to award the bid to Government Capital Corporation to TCDC for financing the purchase of 25.688 acres described as Tract 6S80 Lot South Athena, Troup, Texas. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 10 Discuss and consider approving the spending of \$42,000.00 for drainage repair under the building located at 109 W. Duval. City Manager Gene Cottle brought slides of the drainage problem at 109 W. Duval. Mr. Cottle said that he had sought legal advice and this could be health hazard. Mr. Cottle told Council that this may be reimbursed by TCDC. Councilperson Gary Salyer made the motion that the City of Troup declare a health and safety emergency and authorize the expenditure up to \$42,120.00 and all engineering fees for the drainage study of the property located at 109 W. Duval and also that the TCDC be ask to fund this project being that it is a drainage project and reimburse the City of Troup General Fund. Councilperson Joe Carlyle seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 11 Comments and input from Council, Mayor, Or City Manager concerning items of interest or items for a future agenda. Jeff Hale ask about downtown survey being conducted by TCDC.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 12 Adjourn. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. Councilperson Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Buffie Deason City Secretary