

Minutes of the Regular
Scheduled Meeting
Troup City Council
February 10, 2015

A Scheduled Meeting of the Troup City Council was held Tuesday January 13, 2015 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, Carole Wilson and Chip Richardson. Also present were City Administrator Gene Cottle and City Secretary Buffie Deason.

Guests present were Suzanne Loudamy, Shawn Murry, Gavin Green, 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 Jeff Hale and Joe Carlyle

Councilperson Chip Richardson led the invocation.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Bill Lacy presented a donation to Troup ISD from the City of Troup provided by Allied Waste for the use in recycling projects. Mr. Stuart Bird accepted the donation for Troup ISD.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 4 Consider approval of the minutes from the Regular Scheduled Meeting of January 13, 2015. 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 were made.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 6 Review and consider the city financial report for the month of January 2015. City Manager Gene Cottle provided council with copies of the city financial reports. Mr. Cottle told council the City was in a better financial position than the prior two years. Mr. Cottle said that expense wise the City is right in line. Councilperson Carole Wilson made the motion to approve the January 2015 financial report. Councilperson Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 8 Comments, questions, or input from City Manager's written report. Mr. Cottle told council that the City was at 33% of budget, he also stated that February sales tax totals had not been posted yet. Mr. Cottle gave a report on the TCEQ inspection and that the Public Works had sent a reply to TCEQ with corrections on problems. Mr. Cottle also advised he had sent investment policy for approval. And that recycled asphalt donated by TXDOT had been used to fix many streets. Mr. Cottle provided a report from Chief Hendrix regarding texting and driving and the problems that is causes.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 9 Presentation regarding the Troup Senior Apartments by Corey Farmer, Rural Housing Developers, LLC. Mr. Farmer made a presentation to Council regarding this project and grants involved.

Councilperson Joe Carlyle joined the meeting.

Mayor Bill Lacy- Item 10 Discuss and consider Resolution # 2015-02-10-01R, A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE PROMOTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THE CITIZENS OF TROUP, TEXAS. Councilperson Carole Wilson made the motion to approve the Resolution as read. Councilperson Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 11 Discuss and consider Resolution # 2015-02-10-02R, A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THAT TROUP, TEXAS HAS MORE THAN TWICE THE STATE AVERAGE OF UNITS PER CAPITA SUPPORTED BY HOUSING TAX CREDITS OF PRIVATE ACTIVITY BONDS AND APPROVES OF THE PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE TROUP SENIOR APARTMENTS. Councilperson Gary Salyer made the motion to approve the Resolution as read. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 12 Discuss and consider acceptance of the Audit of the City of Troup finances for the Fiscal Year 2014 prepared by the CPA firm of Acker and Company following presentation of the audit. Mr. Lynn Acker with Acker and Company presented Council with a written copy of the audit along with a presentation. Mr. Acker reported that City seemed to be in good shape financial wise and that the audit went well due to City cooperation. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to approve the audit. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 13 Discuss and consider moving water lines from underneath Tiger Drive at the request of Troup Independent School District. Mayor Bill Lacy advised that this was only an informational item. Mr. Cottle advised Council that the City water lines are running underneath the school driveway and that the school wants to concrete their drive. Mr. Cottle said that he thinks it will in the City's best interest to use the same contractor and engineer. Mr. Cottle advised that the cost to the City is approximately \$73000.00. Mr. Cottle said he is asking the Council for direction. Councilperson Joe Carlyle said he would like for Mr. Cottle to bring back payment options and at least one not to include TCDC paying for this project.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 14 Discuss and consider the addition of a second School Resource Officer position at the request of Troup Independent School District. City Manager Gene Cottle advised this was only an information item. Mr. Cottle said that Chief Hendrix said that the school is asking for this extra officer due to having separate campuses. Lieutenant Shawn Murry then gave a presentation to Council on the reasoning for a second School Resource Officer. Lt. Murry said this officer would not only be at the Elementary School but would also be at the AEP building. Mr. Cottle advised Council that the school would pay 75% of this officer's salary and expenses. Lt. Murry said that this officer will also help fill in extra shifts and as backup.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 15 Discuss and consider approving the recommendation from Troup Planning and Zoning regarding a line revision of the plat for South Church Street Addition Lots 11-D & 13 of the Eason Gee Survey, A-10 City of Troup, Texas. City Manager advised Council that this was the property that Rite Trac is located on and that the owner wants to expand his store. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to approve the preliminary plat contingent on the changes that the City Inspector had requested to be made to the final plat. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 16 Discuss and consider approving recommendation from Troup Planning and Zoning regarding the plans for the façade of the front of the building located at 127 W. Duval for Historical purposes. City Manager Gene Cottle said that Planning and Zoning had recommended approval of the plans. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to accept the recommendation of Planning and Zoning and approve the plans for the façade of the front of the building located at 127 W. Duval. Councilperson Gary Salyer seconded the motion and motion carried with Councilperson Joe Carlyle abstaining.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 17 Discuss and consider the proposed donation of land at 102 Thomas Street, "Oakcrest Community Park" to be used and maintained as a City of Troup Park. City Manager Gene Cottle advised Council that the property owner wants to donate this land to the City. Mr. Cottle said the land would only need to be kept as a park only if the owner request that. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion for the City Attorney to draft a Gift Deed for the named property with no restriction on how the property will be used. Councilperson Joe Carlyle seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 18 Discuss and consider the approval of a Project by the Troup Community Development Corporation to purchase 0.139 acres of land located on S. Athena, legal description ABST A1101 E Gee Tract, for taxes owed on the property not to exceed \$5000.00. City Manager Gene Cottle advised that TCDC did approve this item and

had held a public hearing. Councilperson Carole Wilson made the motion to approve the project by TCDC to purchase the land listed. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 19 Discuss and consider the approval on first reading of a project by the Troup Community Development Corporation to fund the reimbursement of the City of Troup for \$42122.00 for drainage repairs and \$1131.90 for engineering fees for the property located at 109 W. Duval. City Manager Gene Cottle said this project will require two reading due to state law. Mr. Cottle also advised that TCDC had approved the project and held a hearing. Mr. Cottle stated that the City of Troup had already expended this money. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to approve the first reading of a project by the Troup Community Development Corporation to fund the reimbursement of the City of Troup for \$42122.00 for drainage repairs and \$1131.90 for engineering fees for the property located at 109 W. Duval. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 20 Comments and input from Council, Mayor, Or City Manager concerning items of interest or items for a future agenda. Councilperson Carole Wilson announced that the Troup Library made \$1019.00 with the Souper Sunday Fundraiser. Councilperson Gary Salyer ask Mr. Cottle about the junk car ordinance. Mr. Cottle advised that the City Code Enforcement Officer will check on this for him. Mayor Bill Lacy about setting goals for the budget year, Mr. Cottle said this information needs to given to as soon as possible.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 21 Adjourn. Councilperson Gary Salyer made the motion to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. Councilperson Joe Carlyle seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Buffie Deason/City Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Buffie Deason", written in a cursive style.