

Minutes of the Regular
Scheduled Meeting
Troup City Council
February 20, 2017

A Scheduled Meeting of the Troup City Council was held Monday February 20, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Cameron J-Jarvis Troup Municipal Library located at 102 S. Georgia, Troup, Texas. Councilpersons present were: Mayor Joe Carlyle, Jeff Hale, Nelson Darden, Gary Salyer, Chip Richardson, and Carole Wilson. Also present were City Manager Gene Cottle and City Secretary Buffie Deason.

Mayor Joe Carlyle called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. noting all Council members were present. Guest present included Lynn Acker, DeeAnn Berryhill, Suzanne Loudamy, MJ Ghene, Vadeah Akmel, Kyle Stowers, and Kyndal Brown.

Nelson Darden led the invocation.

Nelson Darden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 4 Consider approval of the minutes from the Regular Scheduled Meeting of January 9, 2017. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve the minutes for January 9, 2017. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 5 Citizen Comments- Brief Comments concerning non-Agenda items.

Presentation of a Donation of money raised by Troup High School Student Vadeah Akmel during a National Honor Society Project to Officer Kyndal Brown.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 6 Review and consider the city financial report for the month of January 2017. City Manager Gene Cottle presented Council with the financial reports. Councilperson Gary Salyer made the motion to accept the December 2016 financial report. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 7 Comments, questions or input from City Manager's written report. City Manager Gene Cottle presented Council with his monthly report and also the police report. No comments or questions were noted.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 8 Discuss and consider acceptance of the Audit of the City of Troup finances for Fiscal Year 2016 prepared by the CPA firm of Acker and Company following presentation of the Audit. Mr. Lynn Acker with Acker and Company presented Council with the 2015-2016 Fiscal Audit. Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion to accept the 2015-2016 Fiscal Audit as presented for the City of Troup. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 9 Discuss and consider allowing the Troup Police Department request PSAP grant funding in the amount of \$7809.00 from Smith County 9-1-1 Emergency Communications to purchase 2 new hand-held radios and 22 radio batteries. City Manager Gene Cottle explained to Council in order for the Police Department to ask for this grant they would need Council approval. Councilperson Carole Wilson made the motion to allow the Troup Police Department request PSAP grant funding in the amount of \$7809.00 from Smith County 9-1-1 Emergency Communications to purchase 2 new hand-held radios and 22 radio batteries. Councilperson Nelson Darden seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

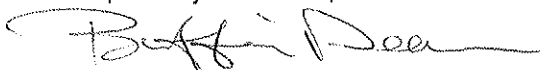
Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 10 Discuss and consider the expenditure of up to \$48,500 for decorative historic lighting in downtown Troup. This expenditure is not a part of the 2015 Downtown Revitalization grant funding. Mayor Joe Carlyle said this project was to go along with the repair of the sidewalks to make the downtown area look more attractive. Mr. Cottle said that this is not the exact quote because he is still getting quotes for this project. Mayor Carlyle said that Oncor and designed the fixtures with LED lighting. Councilperson Jeff Hale how this total price compares to using the old style post that was originally there. Mayor Carlyle said it would be less. Mr. Hale said he is concerned about the

spending of that much money for light poles. Mr. Cottle said that he still trying to get cheaper quotes. Mr. Gary Salyer said he thought this would be good for the appearance for downtown. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve the expenditure up to \$48,500.00 for decorative historic lighting in downtown Troup. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion. Mr. Salyer ask about the motion and where the funds could come from. Mr. Hale where beside from the City that the funds could come from. Mr. Salyer said that grants or TCDC could pay for this. Mr. Hale ask to amend the motion and Mr. Richardson accepted. Mr. Hale amended the motion to approve the expenditure up to \$48500.00 for decorative historic lighting in downtown Troup assuming that the project will not be paid for by the City of Troup General Funds. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the amended motion. City Manager Gene Cottle said he is afraid the City will get into a situation where the funds may be needed quickly and not be assessable. He said if the funds came from TCDC it could take more than 60 days. Mr. Hale said that TCDC was not a guaranteed payment source. Mayor Carlyle said the fixtures will probably have to paid for when purchased. Mayor Carlyle ask if the Mr. Hale wanted to withdraw his amended motion. Mr. Hale said that he could not justify this purchase for lights out of the general fund. Councilperson Jeff Hale withdrew his amended motion. Council then voted for the original motion and the motion passed with Councilperson Jeff Hale voting against this motion.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 11 Comments and input from Council, Mayor or City Manager concerning items of interest or items for a future agenda. Mayor Carlyle said thank you to the Troup NHS for the interest in the community and help.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 12 Adjourn at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Buffie Deason". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Buffie Deason/City Secretary