

Minutes of the Regular
Scheduled Meeting
Troup City Council
January 13, 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, Gary Salyer, Carole Wilson and Chip Richardson. Also present were City Administrator Gene Cottle and City Secretary Buffie Deason.

Guests present were Suzanne Loudamy, Mabel Tabor, Maryann Brabrec, Kevin McElroy, Cary Nix, Marnie McElroy, Chloe McElroy, and others not signed in.

Mayor Bill Lacy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. noting all Council Persons were present with the exception of Jeff Hale and Joe Carlyle

Councilperson Gary Salyer 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 December 9, 2014. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Councilperson Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 5 Citizen Comments- Brief Comments concerning non-Agenda items. Commissioner Cary Nix introduced himself and said if the city needed anything from the county to contact him.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 6 Review and consider the city financial report for the month of December 2014. City Manager Gene Cottle provided council with copies of the city financial reports. Mr. Cottle told council the total balances at the end December compared to previous years were higher and that the City was looking good for the budget year. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to accept the December 2014 financial statements as presented. Councilperson Carole Wilson 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 25% of the budget and that January Sales tax was the second largest in Troup's history. Mr. Cottle said that TCEQ had made their annual inspections of the treatment plants and they found minor problems but the problems have been addressed. Mr. Cottle said he is still dealing with the telephone company over the bill. Mr. Cottle also told council that the City insurance had paid to replace the phone system due to a lighten strike. Mr. Cottle also said the TXDot donated street material that they are unable to use anymore for free to the city. Mr. Cottle told Council that the fiscal audit should be completed soon. Mr. Cottle said that he had submitted a draft to the Government Treasure's Organization for the City's investment policy review. Mr. Cottle also announced that Legislature is wanting to change the percentage that a city would have to have an election if the city were to increase taxes by 4% or more.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Open public hearing at 6:45pm about a Zoning Change request for the property located at Tract 15 Abst A 1099 of the Williams George Survey Map (703 W. Ross). The request is to change the Zoning from Single Family Residential 1 to Manufactured Home Zoning. Ms. Mabel Tabor addressed council regarding this request. After her presentation Council members and City Attorney Blake Armstong made recommendations that would help Ms. Tabor with a recommendation for a future request that could be presented back to Council.

Public Hearing Closed at 7:04 pm; Council Meeting reconvened at 7:04 pm.

Mayor Bill Lacy- Item 11 Consider any actions resulting from the public hearing. Councilperson Gary Salyer made the motion that the zoning request for the property located at Tract 15 Abst A1099 of the Williams George Survey Map not be allowed to change from Single Family Residential 1 to Manufactured Home Zoning. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Open Board of Adjustments Appeals and Codes at 7:06 pm.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 13 Kevin McElroy, McElroy Plastics requests a waiver of all Texas and Troup commercial building code requirements, including but not limited to, Troup Planning and Zoning requirements, 2006 International Building Code, 2006 International Plumbing Code, 2006 International Mechanical Code, 2006 International Energy Conservation Code; 2006 Existing Building Code, 2006 International Property Maintenance Code, and the 2005 International Electrical Code, as well as all provisions of the Texas Accessibility Standards, the Texas State Board of Engineering Act and any other local, state or federal building standards. City Attorney Blake Armstong informed Kevin McElroy that due to not having 75% of the members of the Board of Adjustments present, that the Board would not be able to make a decision on his request. Mr. McElroy decided to go ahead and make a presentation to the Board members present. No action taken.

Adjourn meeting of Board of Adjustments at 7:52 pm and reconvened council meeting at 7:52 pm.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 16 Consider calling a Municipal Election to be held on the uniform Election Day, Saturday May 9, 2015 Election to be held for: Council Position I, Council Position III, and Council Position IV. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to call a Municipal Election to be held on the uniform Election Day of May 9, 2015. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 17 Consider authorizing the Mayor to execute an inter-local agreement for a joint Municipal and TISD Board election and for this joint election to be administered by the Smith County Elections Administrator. Councilperson Carole Wilson made the motion to authorize the Mayor to execute an inter-local agreement for a joint Municipal and TISD Board election and for this joint election to be administered by the Smith County Elections Administrator. Councilperson Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 18 Discuss goals for the City of Troup. Mayor Bill Lacy said he would like to put a questionnaire on the water bills for citizen input. Mr. Lacy told council members that we need to get the goals set to help with budgeting for the next year. City Administrator said he would like the goals by May 6th to help with budgeting. No action taken.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 19 Discuss and consider approving Resolution No. 2015-01-13-01R to approve the sale of struck off tax property Cause No. 24,259-C. Councilperson Carole Wilson made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-01-13-01R. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 20 Discuss and consider approving Resolution No. 2015-01-13-02R to approve the sale of struck off tax property Cause No. 22,208-B. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-01-13-02R. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 21 Discuss and consider posting details of the City's debt information on the City's webpage to produce more transparency into local spending and debt obligations when calling for bond elections. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to post details of the City's debt information on the City's webpage to produce more transparency into local spending and debt obligations when calling for bond elections. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 22 Comments and input from Council, Mayor, Or City Manager concerning items of interest or items for a future agenda.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 23 Adjourn. Councilperson Gary Salyer made the motion to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Buffie Deason/City Secretary

