

Minutes of the Regular
Scheduled Meeting
Troup City Council
June 23, 2015

A Scheduled Meeting of the Troup City Council was held Tuesday June 23, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the Cameron J-Jarvis Troup Municipal Library located at 102 S. Georgia, Troup, Texas. Councilpersons present were: Jeff Hale, Joe Carlyle, Gary Salyer, and Carole Wilson. Also present were City Manager Gene Cottle and City Secretary Buffie Deason.

Mayor Joe Carlyle called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. noting all Council Persons were present with the exception of Chip Richardson. Guest present were David Rutherford, Nathan Brown, and others not signed in.

Jeff Hale led the invocation.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 4 Consider approval of the minutes from the Regular Scheduled Meeting of May 19, 2015. Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Councilperson Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 5 Citizen Comments- Brief Comments concerning non-Agenda items. No comments.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 6 Discuss the appointment of a Councilperson to fill the unexpired term of Council Place II. Councilperson Jeff Hale said that several names had been mentioned for filling the position and that Nelson Darden Jr. had showed interest. Councilperson Gary Salyer said that he agreed that Mr. Darden would be a good choice. Councilperson Gary Salyer made the motion to appoint Nelson Darden, Jr. to fill Council position II until the unexpired term in May 2016. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

City Secretary Buffie Deason swore in Nelson Darden, Jr. as Councilperson II.

Mr. Darden then took his seat at Council Set II.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 7 Review and consider the city financial report for April 2015. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to approve the financial reports for May 2015. Councilperson Carole Wilson made the motion to approve the May 2015 financial reports. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 8 Comments, questions or input from City Manager's monthly report. City Manager Gene Cottle told Council that the city is at 2/3 of the budget year and that there are no significant variances. Mr. Cottle also told council that TCEQ had three items with the water system that must be addressed 1. The city needed two operators with class C or higher license. 2. Replace the leaking pump at Well #2. And 3. The ground storage tank on Brandon Street would need repainted. Mr. Cottle also told Council that he got an easement for the property by the water tower that needed to be taken down, reducing the price of demolition to \$15700.00. Mr. Cottle also presented Council with the monthly police report.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 9 Discuss and consider request from Lola Franklin concerning the placement of City Streetlights on E. Wilkinson. Ms. Lola Franklin addressed Council and said that she lived at 721 E. Wilkinson Dr. and that there are no street lights from the corner of Alabama Street to Brown Street and that this was a safety concern for her. Mr. Cottle said upon review he noticed that there is a street light that was burnt out, but it is being blocked by a tree. Mr. Cottle said that he had talked to TXDOT about removing the tree. Mr. Cottle also said placement of streetlights are causing issues also. Mr. Cottle also said that he spoke to Tom Trimble with Oncor about having his engineer coming to Troup and moving some of the lights. Councilperson Darden ask Officer Brown if this would benefit the Police Officers if more lights were present. Officer Brown responded that it would benefit the police department during the summer. Councilperson Carole Wilson made the motion for the City Manager to speak to Oncor about getting more street lights in the area of 721 E. Wilkinson. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 10 Discuss and consider entering an Inter-local agreement with Smith County for street repair. No Action Taken.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 11 Discuss and consider adopting Ordinance No. 2015-0623-01 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL DESIGNATING AN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE CITY OF TROUP FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015. Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-0623-01 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL DESIGNATING AN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE CITY OF TROUP FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015. Councilperson Nelson Darden, Jr. seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 12 Consider authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for employee health insurance at the re-rated fees for 2015-2016 and a renewal of the Continuation of Coverage Agreement (COBRA). City Manager Cottle said that in previous years with TML we had not had an increase, but this year the City was looking at an increase in premiums due to increased claims. Mr. Cottle said that he did get a quote from Blue Cross Blue Shield, but TML still had lower premiums and better benefits for the employees. Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion to authorize the Mayor to execute and agreement with TML for employee health insurance at the re-rated fees for 2015-2016 and a renewal of the Continuation of Coverage Agreement (COBRA) at the current plan. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 13 Discuss and consider Library Board Recommendations for appointment of Board Member positions for odd years with terms expiring in 2017 for appointees John Nelson, Shannon Capps, David Wilson, and Gene Whitsell, and terms of service for the Cameron-J. Jarvis Troup Municipal Library. Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion to accept the Library Board Recommendation for appoint of the above listed board members. Councilperson Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 14 Discuss and consider the recommendation of Troup Planning and Zoning Commission regarding a business sign being placed in the Historical District at 127 W. Duval. City Manager Gene Cottle explained that Planning and Zoning must approve signs for the Historical District and that a new restaurant had made two proposals for a business sign. But Planning and Zoning only recommended approval of one proposal. Councilperson Carole Wilson made the motion to approve the recommendation for approval of Sign Option A with the addition of the business phone number by Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilperson Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Joe Carlyle - Item 15 Preliminary discussion of 2015-2016 Budget and presentation of proposed Budget Calendar. City Manager presented Council with a preliminary presentation of the Budget.

Council Convened to Executive Session to discuss; Personnel under Government Code 551.074 Annual Evaluation for City Manager and City Secretary at 7:44 p.m.

Council Reconvened from Executive Session at 8:18 p.m.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 18 Take action if desired on items discussed in Executive Session. Mayor Joe Carlyle on behalf of the Council made the recommendation for City Manager Gene Cottle during budgeting for the upcoming year to increase the salary of the City Manager and the City Secretary as discussed in Executive Session.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 19 Comments and input from Council, Mayor, Or City Manager concerning items of interest for a future agenda. Councilperson Jeff Hale ask about the Angelina Neches water situation. Mr. Cottle replied that since Dallas had received so much rain that they were not as eager to contract at the time. Councilperson Gary Salyer said that he was glad the Mr. Darden was able to serve on Council.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 20 Adjourn. Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion to adjourn. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Buffie Deason/City Secretary

