

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

A Scheduled Meeting of the Troup City Council was held Tuesday March 10, 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, Gary Salyer, Carole Wilson and Chip Richardson. Also present were City Administrator Gene Cottle and City Secretary Buffie Deason.

Guests present were John Phillips and Johnny Cameron

Mayor Bill Lacy called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. noting all Council Persons were present with the exception of Joe Carlyle

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 February 10, 2015. 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. No comments.

Mayor Bill Lacy presented the Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle 2015 Platinum Award to the City Council.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 7 Review and consider the city financial report for the month of February 2015. City Manager Gene Cottle presented Council the financial reports. Mr. Cottle told Council that the City is about \$60,000.00 ahead of where it was the year before. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve the February 2015 financial report. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 8 Comments, questions, or input from City Manager's written report. City Manager Gene Cottle presented Council with a written report and a police report. Mr. Cottle told Council that we are 41.66 % of the budget. He also noted the property tax were ahead of what they were in previous years. Mr. Cottle had a chart that explained how a drought will affect water revenue. Mr. Cottle told Council that he had attended water system management training. He said that the public works department will be fixing two major fire hydrant leaks. Council was also presented a summary of TCEQ inspection of the water system.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 9 Discuss and consider the approval on second 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 made the motion to approve the second reading and that TCDC reimburse the City of Troup for the amount noted for the drainage repairs at 109 W. Duval. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 10 Consider allowing the Mayor to execute an ORDER OF CANCELLATION by Ordinance No. 20150310-01 for the scheduled election for May 9, 2015, ordering the candidates as unopposed and hereby elected. (Section 2.051-2.053 Texas Election Code). Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion to allow the Mayor to execute an Order of Cancellation by Ordinance NO. 20150310-01. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 11 Discuss and consider approving the City of Troup Investment Policy. City Manager Gene Cottle said he had sent the Investment Policy to Government Treasures Organization had reviewed and seemed that the policy looked good, but that Council would have to approve. Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion that any previous investment policy for the City of Troup, are hereby rescinded and the draft investment policy certified by the

Government Treasures Organization of Texas and presented at tonight Council meeting be adopted as the official Investment Policy for the City of Troup. Councilperson Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 12 Discuss the funding of moving water lines from underneath Tiger Drive at the request of Troup Independent School District. City Manager Gene Cottle advised Council that TCDC had approved this as a project. Mr. Cottle advised that the School will pay for this up front and that the City will reimburse the school out of three separate budget years. Mr. Cottle said that this item is for information only.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 13 Discuss suggested ordinance updates for Animal Control and Code Enforcement. Animal Control Officer Johnny Cameron address the Council about animal concerns that he had for the City of Troup. Mr. Cottle told council that at the time the City does not have an Ordinance about maintaining livestock, the odors of the livestock, and the noise. Mr. Cottle presented Council with some other City Ordinances for review for Code and Animal enforcement.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 14 Discuss and consider paving Ross Street with an approximate cost of \$31,000.00. City Manager Gene Cottle advised Council that Lynn Energy had agreed to pay for part of the cost and that Smith County had agreed to pave the street free of charge except for the cost of material. Councilperson Carole Wilson made the motion to pave Ross Street for the bid cost of \$31,000.00 with the help of Lynn Energy and Smith County. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 15 Discuss and consider the use of Court Technology funds to purchase a new computer for Administrative department in the amount of \$650.00. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve the use of Court Technology funds to purchase a new computer for Administrative department. Councilperson Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 16 Discuss and consider allowing the City Manager to spend up to \$20,000.00 to repair or replace the pump located at the Brandon Street Well as per TCEQ requirements. City Manager Gene Cottle advised that this was be in compliance with TCEQ. Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion to allow the City Manager to spend \$20,000.00 to repair or replace the pump located at the Brandon Street Well as per TCEQ requirements. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 17 Discuss and consider Ordinance No. 20150310-02 “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROUP, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.” Regarding the property located at 801 W. Duval described as Tract 1 0.245 Acres of the William George Survey A – 1099 of the Eason Gee Survey A-10 City of Troup, Smith County, Texas. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 20150310-02. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 18 Discuss and consider a Proposed Water Line Easement (10.00' Wide, 5.00' Each Side of Centerline) for the property located at 806 N. Jarvis, legal description known as Eason Gee Survey A-10, City of Troup, Smith County, Texas. Councilperson Gary Salyer made the motion to approve the proposed water line easement for the property located at 806 N. Jarvis. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

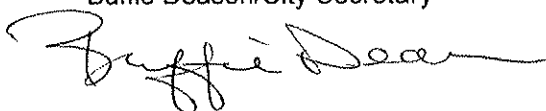
Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 19 Discuss goals of the City Council for the upcoming budget for the 2016 fiscal year. Mayor Bill Lacy said that he wanted to write down goals for the up coming budget. The Council decided that the upcoming goals would be:

1. Street Improvements - It was agreed upon that all non- paved roads within Troup would be surfaced. Existing streets will be improved and maintained to extend their useful life.
2. Code Enforcement - A \$5,000.00 budget increase was discussed. This increase is to improve code enforcement options for Troup's Code Enforcement Officer.
3. The unused water tower will be removed by the end of 2015.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 20 Comments and input from Council, Mayor, Or City Manager concerning items of interest or items for a future agenda. Mayor Bill Lacy announced the Carlyle Homes would be participating in building a home for a veteran.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 21 Adjourn. Councilperson Gary Salyer made the motion to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Buffie Deason/City Secretary

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