

Minutes of the Regular
Scheduled Meeting
Troup City Council
March 11, 2014

A Scheduled Meeting of the Troup City Council was held Tuesday March 11, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the T.I.S.D. Administration Building located at 201 N. Carolina, Troup, Texas. Councilpersons present were: Mayor John Whitsell, Jeff Hale, Gary Salyer, and Mayor Pro Tem Carole Wilson. Also present were City Administrator Gene Cottle and City Secretary Buffie Deason.

Guest present were Suzanne Loudamy, and others not signed in.

Mayor John Whitsell called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. noting all Council Persons were present with exception of Chip Richardson.

Mayor Whitsell – Led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 3 Discuss and consider approving the minutes of the February 18, 2014 Troup City Council Meeting. Council person Joe Carlyle made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 4 Brief comments concerning non-agenda items. No comments noted.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 9 Discuss and consider acceptance of the Audit of the City of Troup finances for Fiscal Year 2013 prepared by the CPA Firm of Acker and Company. Mr. Lynn Acker with the CPA firm gave a presentation to the Council about the Fiscal Audit, Mr. Acker said that the audit went very well, the financial records looked in order and the staff cooperated. Mr. Acker said that adjustments were made to represent general accounting rules. Mr. Acker presented the auditor report to Council. Mr. Acker told the Council that the overall cash in the City had increased. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to accept the 2013 Fiscal year audit for the City of Troup prepared by CPA firm Acker and Company. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 5 Discuss and consider approving the February 2014 Financial Report. City Manager Gene Cottle presented Council with a written financial report. Mr. Cottle reported that most of all property tax had already been received. Councilperson Gary Salyer ask about the Community Development line. Mr. Cottle said the line item was a transfer account that was a journal entry. Councilperson Gary Salyer made a motion to approve the February 2014 financial report. Councilperson Joe Carlyle seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell - Item 6 Discuss the City Manager's report. City Administrator Gene Cottle presented Council with tables that represented the City's financial status over the past four years. Mr. Cottle said that the financial position of the City has improved. Councilperson Joe Carlyle ask if this was due to new management. Mr. Cottle told him it was due to better planning and money management. Mr. Cottle said that the air conditioner at the Post Office was having problems and instead of replacing, it will only be repaired since it was an un-budgeted item. He also advised that the Post Office is wanting to negotiate a new lease with the City. Mr. Cottle advised that next Monday would be the first Downtown Steering Committee. He advised of a new game room opening downtown and since was in the Historic District it would not need a specific use permit.

Mayor Whitsell- Item 12 Discuss and consider extender the proposed contract with Allied Waste or consider rebidding the Garbage Collection Contract for the City of Troup. City Manager told Council that they had the option to extend with Allied, or wait until September until contract is up, or Bid the contract out. Mayor John Whitsell ask if the Troup Baseball Association was suppose the being supplied a dumpster through the City. Mr. Cottle told him that the City does not supply them a dumpster. Mr. Gene Keenan with Allied Waste and Mr. Clayton Vickers with Ameritex both gave a presentation to the Council regarding the Garbage contract. Mr. Keenan ask that the City extend the Contract with Allied. Mr. Vickers ask if the Council would consider bidding the contract so he would be able to bid. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to allow City Manager Gene Cottle review a proposal from Allied and Ameritex and report back to Council at the April Council Meeting. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Cottle stated that he would like the proposals to be presented to him by March 25th.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 7 Discuss and consider awarding the Dredging of Race Track Basin TBC Project No. 14015 bid to Dredgit Environmental Corporation, the low bidder in the amount of \$58,300.00. Mayor Whitsell said this was a good bid but why was it so much lower. Mr. Cottle explained that the other bids included extra equipment that was not required. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to award the Dredging of Race Track Basin TBC Project No. 14015 bid to

Dredgit Environmental Corporation, the low bidder in the amount of \$58,300.00. Councilperson Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 8 Discuss and consider approving Resolution No. 2014-0311-01R Appointing Judge James Meredith as the Troup Municipal Court Judge for term of (4) years. City Manager told Council that the Judge must be appointed and he had not been since 2006. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to appoint Judge James Meredith by Resolution for a four year term. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 10 Discuss and consider approving the final re-plat of Lot 10 and 11 of Block 5 of the William George Survey A-1099 (located in the 1100 block of W. Paschal). Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to approve the final re-plat of Lot 10 and 11 of Block 5 of the William George Survey A-1099. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 11 Discuss and consider approving the final re-plat of Lots 1-10 of Block 9 of the I.E. Tackett Addition (located on the corner of Joy St./ S. Railroad). Councilperson Carole Wilson made the motion to approve the final re-plat. Councilperson Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 13 Discuss and consider allowing TCDC to purchase property for the Troup Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$3500.00 and pay all legal expenses and closing cost for the transfer of all properties purchased from the Troup Volunteer Fire Department not to exceed \$5000.00. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to allow TCDC to purchase the property from Troup Volunteer Fire Department and pay all closing cost and legal expenses no exceeding \$5000.00. Councilperson Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 14 Discuss and consider allowing The Fellowship to use both Patriot Park and Zack Taylor Park for an Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2014. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to allow The Fellowship to use both Patriot Park and Zack Taylor Park. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion. Councilperson Gary Salyer ask for discussion. City Manager Gene Cottle explained that this was only an Easter egg hunt and did not involve closing streets. The motion carried unanimously.

7:35 Pm Convene to Executive Session to discuss; Personnel under Government Code 551.074: Deliberations concerning employment of City Attorney as a Municipal Officer.

8:21 PM Reconvene from Executive Session

Mayor Whitsell – Item 17 Discuss and consider contract with the City Attorney. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to accept the revised rate schedule from Attorney Blake Armstrong with Birdsong and Armstrong. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 18 Comments and input from Council, Mayor, Or City Manager concerning items of interest or items for a future agenda.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 19 Adjourn at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Buffie Deason/City Secretary