

Minutes of the Regular
Scheduled Meeting
Troup City Council
May 19, 2015

A Scheduled Meeting of the Troup City Council was held Tuesday May 19, 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, Carole Wilson and Chip Richardson. Also present were City Manager Gene Cottle, City Secretary Buffie Deason and City Attorney Blake Armstrong.

Mayor Pro-Tem Carole Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. noting all Council Persons were present. Guest present were Suzanne Loudamy, Carol Pianta, Jimmie Iron Cloud III, pat Hendrix and others not signed in.

Rev. Chris Cliborn led the invocation.

Mayor Pro-tem Carole Wilson– Led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro-tem Carole Wilson presented a plaque to Lacy family in Honor of Mayor Bill Lacy for his service and dedication as Mayor.

Mayor Pro-tem Carole Wilson – Item 5 Consider approval of the minutes from the Regular Scheduled Meeting of April 14, 2015. Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-tem Carole Wilson – Item 6 Citizen Comments- Brief Comments concerning non-Agenda items. No comments.

Mayor Pro-tem Carole Wilson – Item 7 Review and consider the city financial report for April 2015. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to approve the financial reports for April 2015. Councilperson Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-tem Carole Wilson – Item 8 Comments, questions or input from City Manager's monthly report. Police Chief Pat Hendrix presented Council with the Police Department monthly report. Mr. Hendrix announced that CPL. Stowers and K9 Luke had attended training and had finished in 11th place nationally. Mr. Hendrix also said that Lt. Murry spoke at a financial fair. He also announced that Sgt. Lanny Becker would be retiring. City Manager Gene Cottle told Council that we are at 58.33% of the budget year and finances looked good. He said the sales tax was \$29816.35 for May. Mr. Cottle said the problems with TCEQ are being addressed. Mr. Cottle also reported that City Secretary Buffie Deason had attended classes in Atlanta. And the preliminary tax evaluations had been received.

Mayor Pro-tem Carole Wilson – Item 9 Presentation by Carol Pianta with the Smith County Appraisal District about the upcoming Proposed budget for Smith County Appraisal District. Mrs. Pianta told Council that the Appraisal District is needing to expand to accommodate the needs of the Appraisal District office and parking. Ms. Pianta said that the share that the City of Troup would have is \$217 annually. Ms. Pianta said that the proposal would have to be approved by the taxing districts in order to move forward.

Mayor Pro-tem Carole Wilson – Item 10 Discuss and consider approving Resolution No. 2015-0519-01R "A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR SMITH COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT PROPERTY." Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-0519-01R "A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR SMITH COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT PROPERTY." Councilperson Joe Carlyle seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

Mayor Pro-tem Carole Wilson – Item 11 Consider authorizing the Mayor Pro-Tem to adopt a Proclamation declaring May as Motorcycle Awareness Month for the City of Troup. Mayor Pro-tem Carole Wilson read the proclamation. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to adopt the Proclamation. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-tem Carole Wilson – Item 12 Issue Certificate of Election to unopposed Councilpersons.

Place I – Jeff Hale (unopposed)
Place III – Gary Salyer (Unopposed)
Place IV – Chip Richardson (Unopposed)
Complete Statement of Elected Officer.

Administer Oath of Office to unopposed Councilpersons.

City Secretary Buffie Deason administered Oath of Office and Certificate of Election to Jeff Hale, Gary Salyer, and Chip Richardson.

Mayor Pro-tem Carole Wilson – Item 13 Discuss and consider the approval of the bid submitted for the repainting of the ground storage tank #2 located on Brandon Street. City Manager Gene Cottle advised Council that the bids came in at a higher amount than anticipated, but the TCEQ was requiring that the tank be repaired. Councilperson Gary Salyer made the motion to accept the low bid from Pittsburg Tank and Tower Maintenance Company to repaint ground storage tank #2 in the amount of \$35,840.00. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-tem Carole Wilson – Item 14 Discuss and consider action on the bid submitted for the demolition of the elevated water storage tower. City Manager Gene Cottle told Council that only one bid was received and it was for \$106,000.00, which was higher than expected, so recommended to decline the bid at this time. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to decline the bid submitted to demolish the elevated water storage tower. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-tem Carole Wilson - Item 15 Discuss and consider the approval on second reading of a project by the Troup Community Development Corporation to fund the moving of water lines at the request of the Troup Independent School District from Tiger Drive at the engineer's estimated cost of \$74,041.00. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to approve the second reading of the TCDC project. Councilperson Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-tem Carole Wilson - Item 16 Discuss and consider Council Action on the position of Mayor. Mayor Pro-tem Carol Wilson said that she could be Mayor if needed, but that she would rather not. City Attorney Blake Armstrong told Council that they had several options for appointing a Mayor. 1. Appoint a person from the public that meet the criteria for Mayor. 2. Appoint a Councilmember as Mayor and fill that position. 3. Mayor Pro-tem could fill in as Mayor. 4. Not appoint anyone and call a special election, but that could not be held until November. Mr. Armstrong told Council that he did not think it was a good idea to leave a position vacant. Councilperson Jeff Hale said that considering Joe Carlyle's experience with serving on other boards, he made the motion to appoint Joe Carlyle to serve as Mayor the unexpired term of Mayor Bill Lacy until May 2016 the next election. Councilperson Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. With Joe Carlyle abstaining.

City Secretary Buffie Deason then swore Joe Carlyle as the Mayor.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 15 Comments and input from Council, Mayor, Or City Manager concerning items of interest for a future agenda. Mayor Carlyle said that he would like to appoint another Councilmember next month.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 8 Adjourn. Mayor Carlyle adjourned the meeting at 7:25

Respectfully submitted,
Buffie Deason/City Secretary

