

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

A Scheduled Meeting of the Troup City Council was held Tuesday November 11, 2014 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, Joe Carlyle, Gary Salyer, and Carole Wilson. Also present were City Administrator Gene Cottle and City Secretary Buffie Deason.

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

Mayor Bill Lacy called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. noting all Council Persons were present with the exception of Chip Richardson and Joe Carlyle.

Councilperson Carole Wilson led the invocation.

Mayor Bill Lacy announced the names of City Employees that are Veterans, those employees being Officer Kyle Stowers, Police Chief Pat Hendrix, Officer Lanny Beckar, and Public Works employee Kelly Johnston.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 4 Consider approval of the minutes from the Regular Scheduled Meeting of October 14, 2014. Councilperson Jeff Hale 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 made.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 6 Review and consider the city financial report for the month of October 2014. City Manager Gene Cottle provided Council with financial statements. Mr. Cottle told Council that cash funds looked different this month due to the City having three payrolls hit in one month. Mr. Cottle also told Council that the City's account payables were lower due to paying bills faster than usual. Mr. Cottle told Council that property tax money was starting to come in. Joe Carlyle joined the meeting at 6:41 p.m. Councilperson Gary Salyer made the motion to accept the City financial report for the month of October 2014. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 7 Comments, questions, or input from the City Manager's written report. City Manager told Council that he had made an application for people to apply to be on boards or committees. Mayor Bill Lacy told Council that Planning and Zoning has board positions open. Council told Mr. Cottle that thought the application was appropriate and to move forward with posting on the City website. City Manager Gene Cottle told Council that the City is at 8.33% of the budget year and that the City had paid the three pay periods for the month of October. He announced that the Sales tax was \$30096.64 the second largest November payment in sales tax history. Mr. Cottle also stated that TCEQ had inspected the wastewater plant with no significant concerns. Mr. Cottle said that the City is in progress of getting rid of phone lines that are not in use to reduce the phone bill. He also said that the administrative and police department had shredded 1600 lbs of records that according to records retention were ready to be shredded. He also told Council that the City is paying the same for fuel as Smith County. Mr. Cottle announced that all risk insurance had been paid. He said that now all ACH transferred had to be viewed by two people just like our check writing procedure. Mr. Cottle said that Water Meter note was paid early saving \$180.00. He had also attend a meeting with TxDot concerning the railroad and the City's annual audit is underway and doing well.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 8 Discuss and consider adopting resolution #2014-1111-01R a resolution adopting the Smith County 2015 Holiday Schedule excluding the Administrative Day. Mr. Cottle told Council that last year was the first time the City had done this and the Council had decided to do this yearly by resolution. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to adopt Resolution 2014-1111-01R as resolution adopting the Smith County 2015 Holiday Schedule excluding the administrative day. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 9 Discuss and consider the reappointment of Gene Cottle or the nomination of a new appointee. To serve a two year term as a Board Member for the Smith County 9-1-1 Communications District. Councilperson Joe

Carlyle made the motion to approve the reappointment of Gene Cottle. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 10 Discuss and consider allowing TCDC contracting with A Circle of Ten, Inc. program for the amount of \$36000.00. TCDC President Gary Salyer told Council that this was passed by TCDC and they had a public hearing so now that would like to have to approval from the Council to spend this amount for this item. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to allow TCDC to contract with A Circle of Ten, Inc. program in the amount of \$36000.00 as recommended by TCDC. Councilperson Jeff Hale ask if TCDC would be getting grant funds that would exceed the \$36000.00 from A Circle of Ten, Inc. Gary Salyer said yes that program focuses on many areas of the City. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 11. Discuss and consider allowing TCDC to purchase land described at Tract 6S80 Lot S. Athena in the amount of \$90000.00. TCDC President Gary Salyer described where the land is located and said it was 25 acres. Mr. Salyer said that TCDC was getting it for a good price and that would be good land to develop or sale in the future. Mr. Salyer said that TCDC has the funds to purchase or finance this land. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to allow TCDC to purchase land described at Tract 6S80 Lot S. Athena in the amount of \$90000.00. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 12 Discuss and consider allowing TCDC to pledge to NETRMA for the Union Pacific Right of Way in the amount of \$25000.00. TCDC President Gary Salyer told Council that this an opportunity to get the Railroad right of way between Troup and Whitehouse, and that this expenditure is contingent on other surrounding towns to pay the same amount of money. Councilperson Jeff Hale ask what the intentions are to do with the land. Mr. Salyer said that larger towns had made bike trails or walking trails. Mr. Cottle said this could also serve as a utility right of way. Councilperson Joe Carlyle said that this is a good opportunity to get land that may never be available again and that Troup being on the very end of line that Troup would benefit the most. Councilperson Carole Wilson made the motion to allow TCDC to pledge to NETRMA for the Union Pacific Right of Way in the amount of \$25000.00. Councilperson Jeff Hale said he owned property along this right of way so he chooses to abstain from this vote. Councilperson Joe Carlyle seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy - Item 13 Discuss and consider allowing TCDC to match funds for the downtown businesses to advertise for the “Christmas in the Country” in the amount of \$1000.00. TCDC President Gary Salyer told Council that this was to help the downtown business to advertise for the event. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to approve this item. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 14 Discuss and consider the reappointment of TCDC nominees David Sutton, David Wilson, and John Whitsell with a two year term expiring January 1, 2017. TCDC President Gary Salyer said that these three members had agreed to serve another two year term. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to approve the nominees. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 15 Discuss and consider awarding the bid contract to Traylor and Associates, Inc. for the Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance under the Home Reservation Program. City Manager Gene Cottle explained to Council that this was the same grant program that the City had participated in the last few years to rehabilitate homes. Mr. Cottle told Council that Traylor and Associates were the only bidders and that he recommended that the City award the bid to them. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to award the bid contract to Traylor and Associates, Inc. for the Home Reservation Program. Councilperson Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 16 Discuss and consider awarding the bid for purchase of the Code Enforcement vehicle a 2002 Chevrolet VIN# 1GCED14W92Z191420. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to accept the bid for the 2002

Chevrolet VIN# 1GCE14W92Z191420 to high bidder Steven Oaks in the amount of \$610.00. Councilperson Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 17 Discuss and consider approving the Racial Profiling Report of the Troup Police Department. City Manager Gene Cottle told Council this is annual report that the Police Department is required to provide. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to approve the Racial Profiling Report. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Council convened to Executive session at 7:18 to Discuss; Personnel under Government Code 551.074 Annual Evaluation of City Manager.

Remained in Executive session to discuss; Personnel under Government Code 551.074 Annual Evaluation of City Secretary.

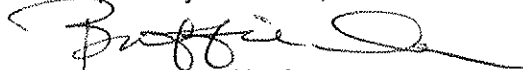
Reconvened from Executive Session at 7:30

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 20 Take action on items discussed in Executive Session. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion accept the evaluations for the City Manager Gene Cottle and City Secretary Buffie Deason performed by the Mayor and City Council. Councilperson Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 21 Comments and input from Council, Mayor, Or City Manager concerning items of interest or items for a future agenda. TCDC President Gary Salyer told Council that TCDC appreciated them approving there projects. Mayor Bill Lacy reminded Council about downtown "Holiday in the Country" this upcoming Monday. Mr. Lacy also noted that on the Troup Clean Up day 22 people showed up and also the Salvation Army will be ringing the bell in front of the Troup Brookshire's and they are still needing volunteers. Mayor Lacy also said that Meals on Wheels are also needing volunteers also. Mayor Lacy said he would also like to see the Council to start setting goals.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 22 Adjourn. Councilperson Gary Salyer made the motion to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. Councilperson Joe Carlyle seconded the motion and the

Respectfully submitted,



Buffie Deason/City Secretary