

Minutes of the Regular
Scheduled Meeting
Troup City Council
October 14, 2014

A Scheduled Meeting of the Troup City Council was held Tuesday October 14, 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, Joe Carlyle, Gary Salyer, and Carole Wilson. Also present were City Administrator Gene Cottle and City Secretary Buffie Deason.

Guests present were David Patterson, Cindy Duffey, Suzanne Loudamy, and others not signed in.

Mayor Bill Lacy called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. noting all Council Persons were present with the exception of Jeff Hale and Chip Richardson.

Councilperson Gary Salyer 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 September 23, 2014. Councilperson Joe Carlyle 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 12 Discuss and consider approving Resolution No. 2014-10-14R "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROUP, TEXAS, SUPPORTING THE APPOINTMENT OF A FEDERAL JUDGE TO FILL THE JUDICIAL VACANCY IN THE TYLER DIVISION OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS; AND FINDING AND DETERMINING THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED TO BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW." Mike Patterson then spoke with Council about this resolution and the reason it is so important to get the judicial vacancy filled with an appointed Federal Judge to avoid the courts from being backed up with cases. Councilperson Gary Salyer made the motion the approve Resolution No. 2014-10-14R as written. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 10 Discuss and consider the Electrical Provider Contract for the City of Troup. Cathy Duffey with TXU spoke to the Council. City Manager Gene Cottle explained to Council that the City's contract did not expired until October of 2015 but for the sake of budgeting it would be better to go ahead and set a new electrical contract early and at this time the electrical rates are low. Mr. Cottle said that he has sought contracts from several electrical providers. Mr. Cottle advised council that the best rate he found was with TXU. Ms. Cindy Duffey explained the proposed TXU contract for the City of Troup. Ms. Duffey also said they will offer the energy efficiency rebate dollars projects that the city does to save energy. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion that the City of Troup enter into a contract with TXU for the 44 month period that has the commodity charge of .0497500. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 6 Review and consider the city financial report for the month of September 2014. City Manager Gene Cottle provided Council with financial statements. Mr. Cottle noted that the City was ahead \$130,000.00 more than the previous year. Mr. Cottle also advised that the City had paid many bills that were usually held until a later date. Councilperson Carole Wilson made the motion to accept the financial reports for the month of September 2014. Councilperson Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 7 Comments, questions, or input from the City Manager's written report. Mr. Cottle presented Council with his written report. He told Council he has revised the City of Troup's investment policy but was having it reviewed by Government Treasures Office of the State of Texas. He said the monthly sales tax figures were in and they were the second largest tax amount received in October history. Mr. Cottle advised that the City Engineering Company is still working on the discoloring of the water in Well #1. Mr. Cottle told Council that the payment on the water meters will be in 2015 in the amount of \$30,000.00 and after this he plans to start allotting this amount of funds for water improvements.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 8 Discuss and consider the City of Troup participation in the Lake Columbia Project. City Manager Gene Cottle told Council at this point, if they are made whole for their past contributions, it is unlikely that any of the nearby participating entities are likely to continue their participation in the Lake Columbia Project. Mr. Cottle provided Council with a spreadsheet that broke down the fees that the City would have to charge if water were to come from Lake Columbia. Mr. Cottle told Council that it would be better and more cost efficient to drill a new well that to join this project. Councilperson Carole Wilson made the motion that in regards to the City of Troup’s participation in the Lake Columbia Project, and if all the cities to the north of Troup decide not to participate, the City of Troup will not participate as well. Councilperson Joe Carlyle seconded the motion. Councilperson Carole Wilson and Councilperson Joe Carlyle voted yea. Councilperson Gary Salyer abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 9 Discuss and consider the disposal of the Code Enforcement vehicle a 2002 Chevrolet truck Vin# 1GCED14W92Z191420. City Manager Gene Cottle told Council that the Heater does not function and the starter is going out. Mr. Cottle said the scrap value for the truck is \$350.00 and ad to publish the bid notice is \$150.00, therefore the City must at least recover \$500.00. Councilperson Carole Wilson made the motion to authorize the City Manager to publish a notice to accept bids for the Code Enforcement vehicle and that bids will be discussed at the next Council meeting. Councilperson Joe Carlyle seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 11. No action taken.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 13 Skipped.

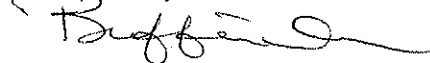
Mayor Bill Lacy - Item 14 Skipped.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 15 No action taken.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 16 Comments and input from Council, Mayor, Or City Manager concerning items of interest or items for a future agenda. Councilperson Joe Carlyle ask if the City had a smoking ordinance due to the game rooms in Troup. Councilperson Gary Salyer had concerns about the gaming rooms in Troup. Mayor Lacy announced that Troup was having a city wide cleanup on the 18th.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 17 Adjourn. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made to motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Buffie Deason/City Secretary