

Minutes of the Regular
Scheduled Meeting
Troup City Council
August 27, 2013

A Regular Scheduled Meeting of the Troup City Council was held Tuesday August 27, 2013 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, Joe Carlyle, Gary Salyer, Chip Richardson, and Mayor Pro Tem Carole Wilson. Also present were City Administrator Gene Cottle and City Secretary Buffie Deason.

Guests attending were John Phillips, Linda Chevalier, Robert Haberle, Lanny Buck 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 the exception of Councilperson Jeff Hale.

Mayor Whitsell – Led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 3 Consider approval of minutes for the Regular Scheduled Meeting for July 23, 2013 and a Budget Workshop on August 6, 2013. Council person Joe Carlyle made the motion to approve minutes. Council person Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 4 Citizen comments concerning non-agenda items. Ms. Linda Chevalier commented that she was concerned about the time that trash carts could be put out the night before pick up, when daylight savings time changes and it will be dark earlier. Mr. Cottle advised her that this would be taken into consideration.

Mayor Whitsell - Item 5 Review and consider the City financial report for the month of July 2013. City Administrator Gene Cottle explained the report and advised Council that the Property tax revenue had dropped as expected for this time of year, but over all by department heads saving money and the purchase order system have been beneficial to the City's finances. Council person Joe Carlyle made to motion to approve the financial report for the month of July 2013. Council person Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 6 Comments, questions, or input from the City Administrator's written report. City Administrator Gene Cottle advised council that the City is at 83.33 percent of the budget. He also advised that administrative departments are already starting to prepare for the upcoming audit. Mr. Cottle also told council that the trash ordinance has went very well and that only two violations had been given out and now with the help of code enforcement the City will begin to enforce the Junk Vehicle Ordinance. He also advised that two pumps had to be replaced at two lift stations and that Colle Street has been repaired. He also advised that he is working with Century link and Codered to ensure the accuracy of our Codered system.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 7 Discuss and consider selecting a finalist for an engineering firm for the City of Troup. Council person Joe Carlyle made the motion to select Brannon Corp. as a finalist for an engineering firm for the City of Troup. Council person Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of 3-1.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 8 Discuss and consider a request from Linda Chevalier, 406 W. Calvert, Troup, Texas 75789 to reimburse her insurance deductible due to tree damage to her fence. Ms. Chevalier advised that trees in the City alley have fallen and she is afraid more will fall. Ms. Chevalier said she only wants the City pay the portion of \$220.80 due to the City already making fence repairs. Council person Carole Wilson made the motion to approve reimbursement of \$220.80 to Ms. Chevalier. Council person Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 9 Consider authorizing the Mayor to execute a renewal agreement with Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool as participating member for employee health insurance at the same rate and a renewal of the Continuation of Coverage Agreement (Cobra). Council person Chip Richardson made the motion authorizing the Mayor to execute a renewal agreement with Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool. Council person Joe Carlyle seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 10 Discuss and consider final pay request to Capps-Capco Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$12,155.55 for RAS station telescoping valves at the wastewater treatment plant. Council person Carole Wilson made the motion to pay the final pay request to Capps-Capco Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$12,155.55. Council person Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 11 At 7:12 the Council convened to a Public Hearing concerning the Youth Curfew Ordinance. No public comments were made.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 12 The Public Hearing closed at 7:13.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 13 Discuss and consider the results of the Youth Curfew Ordinance Hearing and adopt Youth Curfew Ordinance No. 2013-0827-01. Council person Chip Richardson made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-0827-01 The Youth Curfew Ordinance. Council person Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 14 Discuss approval of the Smith County 911 District's 2014 budget. Council person Joe Carlyle made the motion to approve the Smith County 911 District's 2014 budget. Council person Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 15 Confirmation of TCDC's nominee Donna Dowdy to serve a two year term on the Board of the Cooperation. Council person Carole Wilson made the motion to approve TCDC's nomination of Donna Dowdy. Council person Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 16 Discuss and consider Troup Police Department 2013-2014 Memorandum of Understanding for the School Resource Officer. City Administrator Cottle told council that he and Chief Hendrix agreed with the memorandum submitted by the Troup ISD. Council person Chip Richardson made the motion to approve the Troup Police Department 2013-2014 Memorandum of Understanding for the School Resource Officer. Council person Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 17 Consider authorizing the Mayor to execute a renewal agreement with Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool as participating members for workers compensation, property, and liability coverage at the new rate. Council person Joe Carlyle made the motion for the Mayor to execute a renewal agreement with Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool. Council person Carole Wilson seconded the motion and motion carried unanimously.

Item 18-21 Postponed.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 22 Discuss and consider approving the 2013-2014 proposed budget for Troup Community Development Cooperation. Council person Joe Carlyle made the motion to approve the 2013-2014 budget for Troup Community Development Cooperation. Council person Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 23 Comments and input from Council, Mayor, or City Administrator concerning items of interest or items for a future agenda. Council person Gary Salyer said he thought a Board application would be good, but he should be kept simple and not ask for education background. Mr. Cottle told him to submit the application and he would present it to Council.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 24 Adjourn at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Buffie Deason/City Secretary