

Minutes of the Regular  
Scheduled Meeting  
Troup City Council  
November 12, 2013

A Regular Scheduled Meeting of the Troup City Council was held Tuesday November 12, 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, Jeff Hale, Joe Carlyle, Gary Salyer, Chip Richardson and Mayor Pro Tem Carole Wilson. Also present were City Administrator Gene Cottle and City Secretary Buffie Deason.

Guest present were John Phillips.

Mayor John Whitsell called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. noting all Council Persons were present with the exception of Joe Carlyle.

Mayor Whitsell – Led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 3 Discuss and consider approving the minutes of the October 8, 2013 council meeting. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve the minutes for October 8, 2013. Councilperson Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Joe Carlyle joined Council Meeting at 6:35.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 5 Discuss and consider approving the September 2013 Financial Report. Councilperson Carole Wilson made the motion to approve the October 2013 Financial Report. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell - Item 6 Discuss the City Manager's report. City manager Gene Cottle explained to Council that the City has a water line that running across private property without an easement. Mr. Cottle also told Council about clarifier problems at the sewer plant. Mr. Cottle also told the Council that TCEQ is evaluating the discolored water. Mayor Whitsell ask about the lowered sales tax. Mr. Cottle said that he had not been able to reach the state comptroller.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 17 Discuss and consider allowing Troup Community Development Cooperation to fund as a project a parking study and related items with Butler Planning Services in the amount of \$44,021.00. Mayor Whitsell told Council that this had already been approved by TCDC. Mr. Christopher Butler gave a presentation to the Council about the project that he would be providing to TCDC. Council person Joe Carlyle made the motion to allow TCDC to fund as a project a parking study and related items in the amount of \$44021.00 with Butler Planning Services. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 9 Discuss and consider approving Cameron J-Jarvis Troup Municipal Library Board Nominee John Nelson for a two year term replacing Board Member Deborah Burkett. Councilperson Gary Salyer made the motion to approve Nominee John Nelson to fill a two year term as a Library Board Member. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 10 Discuss and consider approving the use of Court Technology funds in the amount of \$1269.00 to purchase two new computers for the Troup Municipal Court. Councilperson Joe Carlyle asked if this in the approved budget, City Manager Gene Cottle explained that this fund was from fines collected and that Council had to approve expenditures of this fund. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to use Court Technology Funds in the amount of \$1269.00 to purchase two new computers for the Troup Municipal Court. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 11 Discuss and consider salvaging the 2001 Chevrolet S-10 truck VIN # 1GCCS145X1K139044 that was used in the Parks Department. City Manager Gene Cottle explained to Council that this vehicle is not sellable do to hazards and that the truck would be sold for scrap metal. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to salvage the 2001 Chevrolet S-10 Vin # 1GCCS145X1K139044. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 12 Discuss and consider the re-appointment of Troup Community Development Cooperation Nominees David Wilson, David Sutton, and John Whitsell with a two year term expiring 2015 and also the re-appointment

of Gary Salyer, Cindy Steele, and Donna Dowdy with a two year term expiring 2016. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to approve this item. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 13 Discuss and consider a Resolution to cast votes for the Board of Directors for the Cherokee County Appraisal District (CCAD). Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion to approve a Resolution to cast votes for the Board of Directors for the Cherokee County Appraisal District. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 14 Discuss and consider allowing the Mayor to vote for Ginger Sims to serve a two year term on the Smith County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to allow the mayor to vote for Ginger Sims. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 15 Discuss and consider amending section 9.02 Holidays in the City of Troup Employee Handbook to read “The City observes paid holidays as adopted by The City Council by Resolution annually in November for the following year”. City Manager Gene Cottle explained to Council that the handbook outlined only certain holidays and the City employees would like to have the day after Christmas like Smith County and would also like to have Veteran’s Day off. Mr. Cottle stated that adopting the Holiday Resolution would be better for the City. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to amend section 9.02 Holidays in the City of Troup Employee Handbook to read “The City observes paid holidays as adopted by The City Council by Resolution annually in November for the following year”. Councilperson Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 16 Discuss and consider adopting Resolution # 2013-1108-01R, a resolution adopting the Smith County 2014 Holiday Schedule excluding the Administrative Day. Councilperson Gary Salyer made the motion adopt Resolution # 2013-1108-01R, a resolution adopting the Smith County 2014 Holiday Schedule excluding the Administrative Day. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 18 Discuss and consider approving the Racial Profiling Report of the Troup Police Department. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve the Racial Profiling Report of the Troup Police Department. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 19 removed from agenda.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 20 Discuss and consider rescheduling the City Council Meeting scheduled for December 10, 2013 to December 17, 2013. City Manager Gene Cottle explained that due to City Secretary Buffie Deason being out of town for election school the financial reports would not be ready for the Council Meeting. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to reschedule the City Council Meeting scheduled for December 10, 2013 to December 17, 2013. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 21 Discuss and consider entering into an Engineering Agreement with The C.T. Brannon Corporation. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to enter into an Engineering Agreement with The C.T. Brannon Corporation. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Council convened at 7:40 for executive session to discuss: Personnel under Government Code 551.074.  
Council re-convened at 7:51 from executive session.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 8 Reconvene into Regular Meeting and take action if desired on items discussed in Executive Session. Councilperson Gary Salyer made the motion to approve an unpaid leave of absence for David Heath Pierce, allowing Mr. Pierce personally pay for his City Insurance. Councilperson Joe Carlyle seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Whitsell – Comments and input from Council, Mayor, Or City Manager concerning items of interest or items for a future agenda. Councilperson Jeff Hale commented about annexing the Country Club and adding to City Sewer. John Phillips advised they would have to put in a lift station. City Secretary Buffie Deason advised Council of that the Salvation Army would need bell ringers for the Troup Brookshire’s location.

Mayor Whitsell – Item 22 Adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Buffie Deason/City Secretary