

Minutes of the Regular
Scheduled Meeting
Troup City Council
July 8, 2014

A Scheduled Meeting of the Troup City Council was held Tuesday July 8, 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 Mayor Pro Tem Carole Wilson. Also present were City Administrator Gene Cottle and City Secretary Buffie Deason.

Guest present were John Phillips, Suzanne Loudamy, and others not signed in.

Mayor Bill Lacy called the meeting to order at 6:3 p.m. noting all Council Persons were present with the exception of Chip Richardson.

Councilperson Joe Carlyle led the invocation.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Consider approval of the minutes from Regular Scheduled Meeting of June 24, 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 Brief comments concerning non-agenda items. No comments made.

Presentation made to Council by Raquel Espinoza – Director of Public Affairs with Union Pacific Railroad regarding the blockage of the railroad tracks.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 7 Review and consider the city financial report for the month of May 2014. City Manager Gene Cottle presented council with cash totals and income reports. Mr. Cottle told Council that cash totals were up from the previous month. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to approve the June 2014 financial report. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy- Item 8 Comments, questions, or input from City Manager's report. City Manager Gene Cottle reported that we are at 75% of the budget year. Mr. Cottle also reported that the City's engineering firm was going to quote the city an estimate about correcting the discolored water. Mr. Cottle also included a report for TCEQ regarding a citizen complaint about the water. Councilperson Joe Carlyle ask if there is a solution to clearing the water. Mr. Cottle said he thought that the iron levels are causing the discoloration. Mr. Cottle also reported that he and the Mayor attended TXDOT meeting.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 9 Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to table this item. Councilperson Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion to table carried.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 10 Discuss and consider Ordinance No. 2014-0708-01 "AN ORDINANCE ALTERING THE PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS ESTABLISHED FOR VEHICLES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 6701D, VERNON'S TEXAS CIVIL STATUTES, UPON THE BASIS OF AN ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC INVESTIGATION, UPON CERTAIN STREETS AND HIGHWAYS, OR PARTS THEREOF, WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF TROUP AS SET OUT IN THIS ORDINANCE; REPEALING ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH; CONTAINING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY; AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF." Chief of Police Pat Hendrix told Council that this was to slow the traffic coming into Troup from New Summerfield at the "S" curve and that TXDOT lowered the speed limit to 40 mph. Councilperson Joe Carlyle made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2014-0708-01. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Councilperson Joe Carlyle then amended his motion to approve section 4 of Ordinance no. 2014-0708-01 assessing a fee not to exceed \$500.00. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 11 Discuss and consider the City of Troup’s participation in the Lake Columbia Project with the ANRA. City Manager Gene Cottle said that ANRA has contacted the City letting them know that an unannounced entity is wanting to join the ANRA Lake Columbia Project but the entity is wanting a bigger percentage than is available. Mr. Cottle told Council that the City is at 5% investment and that he believes this percentage could be reduced and the fees to stay invested would not equal the need for the population of Troup. Mr. Cottle said that Council needs to consider if they want to stay involved with this project and the percentage to stay in. Mr. Cottle also told Council that this entity would make the City whole and refund the portion that the City has invested and that the ANRA has records of that amount paid. Mr. Cottle also advised that if other Cities decide to leave this project, that City of Troup would be responsible for all fees for the transmission of the water, which will be south of Hwy 79. Mr. Cottle said that all talk is preliminary but Council needs to consider what may be on the table. Councilmembers agreed that this should be considered by a community meeting letting the citizens have a say so in the matter. Council did not take action on this item to be reviewed after the 2015 budget is finished.


Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 12 Discuss and consider lease purchase or declare a budget emergency and provide for the cash purchase of a heating/air conditioning system for the property leased to the USPS. City administrator Gene Cottle advised Council that the air conditioning unit at the post office was failing and that money had not been budgeted to replace this and that the best solution would be to declare an emergency and amend the budget in the amount of \$13375.00 instead using a lease purchase that would cost the city extra funds. Mr. Cottle advised that he had gotten three bids but chose to go with person that has been fixing the A/C unit already. Councilperson Jeff Hale ask if TCDC could pay this, and Mr. Cottle advised him they could not. Councilperson Carole Wilson made the motion to declare an emergency to amend the 2014 Fiscal budget and to allow the City Manager to negotiate a contract in the amount of \$13375.00 and to create an ordinance to amend the said budget. Councilperson Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 13 Preliminary discussion on 2014-2015 Budget. City Manager Gene Cottle presented Council with a power point presentation and a detailed preliminary first draft of the 2015 fiscal budget. Councilmembers agreed to meet again on July 29, 2014 to further discuss the 2015 budget.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 14 Comments and input from Council, Mayor, Or City Manager concerning items of interest or items for a future agenda. Mayor Bill Lacy said that he did a ride along with the police department. Mayor Lacy also said he would like to have a joint meeting with Troup I.S.D.

Mayor Bill Lacy – Item 15 Adjourn. Councilperson Gary Salyer made to motion to adjoin the meeting. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Buffie Deason/City Secretary