

Minutes of the Regular
Scheduled Meeting
Troup City Council
December 18, 2017

A Scheduled Meeting of the Troup City Council was held Monday December 18, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Cameron J-Jarvis Troup Municipal Library located at 102 S. Georgia, Troup, Texas. Councilpersons were: Mayor Joe Carlyle, Jeff Hale, Nelson Darden, Chip Richardson, and Carole Wilson. Also present were City Manager Gene Cottle and City Secretary Buffie Deason.

Mayor Pro tem Carole Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. noting all Council members were present with the exception of Mayor Joe Carlyle.

Jeff Hale led the invocation.

Jeff Hale led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro tem Carole Wilson – Item 4 Consider approval of the minutes from the Regular Scheduled Meeting of October 16, 2017 and November 20, 2017. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Councilperson Nelson Darden seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro tem Carole Wilson – Item 5 Citizen Comments- Brief Comments concerning non-Agenda items. No comments made.

Mayor Pro tem Carole Wilson – Item 6 Review and consider the city financial report for the month of November 2017. City Manager Gene Cottle presented Council with the financial reports. Councilperson Nelson Darden made the motion to accept the financial report. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro tem Carole Wilson – Item 7 Comments, questions or input from City Manager's written report. City Manager Gene Cottle presented Council with his monthly report and also the police report. No comments or questions were noted.

Mayor Pro tem Carole Wilson – Item 8 Presentation of \$500.00 from Republic Service Representative Gene Keenon to be presented to Troup ISD for recycling fees.

Mayor Pro tem Carole Wilson – Item 9 Discuss and consider an agenda request from Della Johnson regarding the placement of a streetlight at the corner of S. Athena and E. Long. City Manager Gene Cottle provided Council with a map of street lights showing that the area did not have a street light. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve the placement of a streetlight at the corner of S. Athena and E. Long. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro tem Carole Wilson – Item 10 Discuss and consider the re-appointment of Troup Community Development Cooperation nominees Gary Salyer, Cindy Steele, and Donna Dowdy with a two year term expiring January 1, 2020. TCDC President Gary Salyer told Council that the named members had agreed to serve another two years. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion for the appointment of the named board members. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro tem Carole Wilson – Item 11 Discuss and consider the appointment of Troup Community Development Cooperation nominee Connie Switzer with a term expiring January 1, 2021. TCDC President Gary Salyer told Council that Connie Switzer had agreed to fill the board member position of Robbie Switzer. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion for the appointment of Connie Switzer. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro tem Carole Wilson – Item 12 Discuss and consider adopting City of Troup Tax Abatement Policy that would effective from September 13, 2017 through September 12, 2019. City Manager Gene Cottle told Council that this was a routine procedure that was done every two years. Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion to adopt City of Troup Tax Abatement Policy. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro tem Carole Wilson – Item 13 Discuss and consider approving Resolution No. R2017-1218-01 A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROUP, TEXAS, DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES FOR CONTRACTUAL DOCUMENTS AND DOCUMENTS FOR REQUESTING FUNDS PERTAINING TO THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM CONTRACT NUMBER 7217469. Councilperson Nelson Darden made the motion to approve Resolution No. r2017-1218-01. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro tem Carole Wilson – Item 14 Discuss and consider appointing Stacy Schaff as the Fair Standards Officer for the City of Troup. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to appoint Stacy Schaff as the Fair Standards Officer for the City of Troup. Councilperson Nelson Darden seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro tem Carole Wilson – Item 15 Discuss and consider a Proclamation, Proclaiming February as Fair Housing Month for the City of Troup. Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion proclaiming February as Fair Housing Month for the City of Troup. Councilperson Nelson Darden seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro tem Carole Wilson – Item 16 Discuss and consider appointing City Manager Gene Cottle as the Civil Rights Officer for the City of Troup. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to appoint Gene Cottle as the Civil Rights Officer for the City of Troup. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro tem Carole Wilson – Item 17 Discuss and consider approving Resolution No. R2017-1218-02 REGARDING CIVIL RIGHTS FOR THE CITY OF TROUP. Councilperson Nelson Darden made the motion to approve Resolution No. R2017-1218-02. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro tem Carole Wilson – Item 18 Discuss and consider approving Resolution No. R2017-1218-03 A RESOLUTION ABANDONING A PORTION OF THE CITY OF TROUP'S RIGHT OF WAY ON VIRGINIA STREET SITUATED IN THE CITY OF TROUP, TEXAS ADJACENT TO AND ON THE EAST SIDE OF LOT 10, BLOCK 11 OF THE EASON GEE SURVEY, A-10, LOCATED IN TROUP, SMITH COUNTY, TEXAS. Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion to approve Resolution No. R2017-1218-03. Councilperson Nelson Darden seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro tem Carole Wilson – Item 19 Comments and input from Council, Mayor or City Manager concerning items of interest or items for a future agenda.

Mayor Pro tem Carole Wilson – Item 20 Adjourn at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Buffie Deason/City Secretary