

Minutes of the Regular
Scheduled Meeting
Troup City Council
May 13, 2014

A Scheduled Meeting of the Troup City Council was held Monday May 13, 2014 at 6:30 pm at the Cameron J-Jarvis Troup Municipal Library located at 102 S. Georgia, Troup, Texas. Councilpersons present were: Mayor John Whitsell, 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 Suzanne Loudamy, Kyle Stowers, Nathan Brown, John Phillips, Brenda Daniels, Shawn Murry, and others not signed in.

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

Mayor John Whitsell – Led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor John Whitsell – Item 3 Discuss and consider approving the minutes from the Regular Scheduled Meeting of April 8, 2014. Councilperson Gary Salyer made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2014 Council Meeting. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor John Whitsell - Item 4 Canvass of vote was not performed due to provisional voting. City Secretary Buffie Deason administered Oath of Office to Mayor Elect Bill Lacy, Unopposed Councilperson V Carole Wilson. Mayor Lacy and Councilperson Wilson also completed statement of Elected Office.

Mayor John Whitsell – Item 5 Citizen Comments – Brief citizen comments concerning non-agenda items. No comments made.

Mayor John Whitsell – Item 6 Review and consider the city financial report for the month of April 2014. City Manager Gene Cottle advised Council that the City has paid out \$60,000.00 for WWTP repairs so it made the cash level look lower. Councilperson Gary Salyer said that it was nice to be able to pay cash for these projects instead of financing them. Mr. Cottle told council that The Texas Workforce Commission had sent a new rates and the fees will be more than what was budgeted for in the amount of approximately \$6000.00. Mr. Cottle also explained that the grant expenses were also causing the percentages on the balance sheets to be off since this is money that is not budgeted for. Councilperson Carole Wilson made the motion to accept the April 2014 financial report. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor John Whitsell – Comments, questions, or input from the City Administrator's written report. City Manager Gene Cottle told Council that he will start distributing budget packages to department head within the next week. Mr. Cottle also advised that the Wastewater treatment plant project had been completed and the contractor had already been paid. Mr. Cottle also told Council that Water Well Number 2 was back in service, and that Water Well Number 1 was being tested to see why the water is turning yellow and to try to find an economical solution for this problem. Mr. Cottle advised that the sales tax number was up for this month. Mr. Cottle told the Council that he was able purchase a laptop for the Administration department for \$129.00, due a coupon that the city had received. Mr. Cottle told Council that the police chief had been in his position for eight years.

Mayor John Whitsell – Item 8 Discuss and consider an agenda request by John Cole to install handicap ramps at various locations in the downtown area along E. Duval and S. Georgia. City Manager Gene Cottle said he had reviewed this area and that there is access on the ends of the sidewalk. Mr. Cottle said that is State right of way and the city could not do this. Mr. Cottle said that he will talk to Mr. Cole and also mark the handicap entrances.

Mayor John Whitsell – Item 9 Discuss and consider authorizing the Chief of Police to request a PSAP participation funding grant from the Smith County 911 Communications District for hardware and software to connect to the Smith County Sheriff's Office CAD system in the amount of \$19,275.00. Mayor Whitsell ask what the Police Department would be able to do with the CAD system. Mr. Cottle advised that they would be able to dispatch and check records by computer instead of by radio. Mr. Cottle said that Smith County 911 request that elected boards approve this so they would understand what Smith County 911 spends their money on. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to authorize the Chief of Police to request a PSAP participation funding grant from the Smith County 911 Communications District for hardware and software to connect to the Smith County Sheriff's Office CAD system in the amount of \$19,275.00. Councilperson Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor John Whitsell – Item 10 Discuss and consider allowing the Mayor to sign an agreement with the United States Post Service for the lease of property located at 104 E. Duval for a yearly total of \$35,800.00 paid in monthly installments to the City of Troup with the contract beginning April 1, 2015 and expiring March 31, 2020. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to allow the Mayor to sign an agreement with the United States Post Service for the lease of property located at 104 E. Duval for a yearly total of \$35,800.00 paid in monthly installments to the City of Troup with the contract beginning April 1, 2015 and expiring March 31, 2020. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor John Whitsell – Item 11 Consider authorizing the Mayor to adopt a Proclamation declaring May as Motorcycle Awareness Month for the City of Troup. Councilperson Carole Wilson made the motion to authorize the Mayor to adopt a Proclamation declaring May as Motorcycle Awareness Month. Councilperson Gary Salyer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Whitsell then read the Proclamation to the audience and presented it to Brenda Daniels.

Mayor John Whitsell – Item 12 Comments and input from Council, Mayor, Or City Manager concerning items of interest or items for a future agenda. Councilperson Carole Wilson ask about bad street problems. Mr. Cottle advised her to call City Hall so public works can check into this. Mr. Cottle said that some of are caused by the Centerpoint and they will fix the streets. Mr. Cottle then said that the Council will need to meet next week to canvass the vote for the 2014 Election.

Mayor Lacy – Item 16 Adjourn at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Buffie Deason/City Secretary