

Minutes of a Regular Meeting  
Of the  
Troup City Council  
August 17, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Troup City Council was held Monday, August 17, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in person and Via Teleconference due to Covid 19. Councilpersons were: Mayor Joe Carlyle, Jeff Hale, Nelson Darden, Brandi Barton, Chip Richardson, and Carole Wilson.

Mayor Joe Carlyle called the meeting to order at 6:35 noting Council members Chip Richardson, Jeff Hale, and Nelson Darden were present. Mayor Joe Carlyle, Brandi Barton, and Carole Wilson joined the meeting by tele-conference. Also present were Gene Keenan and Sunny Hubbard.

Nelson Darden led the pledge and invocation.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 4 Citizen Comments- Any Citizen wishing to address the Council on an agenda item may do so during the citizen comment section of the meeting or when the item is being considered by the Council. No comments made.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 5 Discuss and consider approving the minutes for Regular Scheduled meeting for July 20, 2020. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve the minutes for July 20, 2020. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Jeff Hale – pass; Nelson Darden – pass; Brandi Barton – pass, Carole Wilson – pass, and Chip Richardson – pass.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 6 Discuss and Consider the Monthly Financial Report from the City Manager. Councilmembers were presented financial reports in their agenda packet and email. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve the monthly financial report for July 2020. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion. And the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Jeff Hale – pass; Nelson Darden – pass; Brandi Barton – pass, Carole Wilson – pass, and Chip Richardson – pass.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 7 Comments, questions or input from City Manager’s written report. City Manager Gene Cottle presented Council with his monthly report and the police report.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 8 Conducted a Public Hearing on the proposed City of Troup Budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 at 7:04. No Citizens present.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 9 Close Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 10 Discuss and consider any possible action on the proposed City of Troup Budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 in accordance with the Local Government Code Chapter 102.007 (a). Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to vote on the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal year budget and the City of Troup Council Meeting to be held on September 21, 2020. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Jeff Hale – pass; Nelson Darden – pass; Brandi Barton – pass, Carole Wilson – pass, and Chip Richardson – pass.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 11 Discuss and consider approving the Troup Community Development Corporation Budget for 2020-2021. Councilperson Nelson Darden made the motion to approve the Troup Community Development Corporation Budget for 2020-21. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Jeff Hale – pass; Nelson Darden – pass; Brandi Barton – pass, Carole Wilson – pass, and Chip Richardson – pass.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 12 Discuss and consider authorizing the City Manager to sign a letter of engagement with Acker & Company for audit of City of Troup’s finances for the twelve-month budget period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020 as per Government Code Chapter 2254.003. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to

sign a letter of engagement with Acker & Company for the audit of the City of Troup's finances from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. Councilperson Brandi Barton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Jeff Hale – pass; Nelson Darden – pass; Brandi Barton – pass, Carole Wilson – pass, and Chip Richardson – pass.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 13 Discuss and consider approving Resolution No. 2020-0817-01R authorizing the submission of a Texas Department of Agriculture Capital Fund grant application for sidewalk reconstruction to address slum and blight conditions in the downtown area. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-0817-01R. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Jeff Hale – pass; Nelson Darden – pass; Brandi Barton – pass, Carole Wilson – pass, and Chip Richardson – pass.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 14 Discuss and consider approving Resolution No. 2020-0817-02R regarding Civil Rights to reaffirm the City's responsibilities, in accordance with Section 109 of the Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act., the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (including Exhibits A-E). Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-0917-02R. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Jeff Hale – pass; Nelson Darden – pass; Brandi Barton – pass, Carole Wilson – pass, and Chip Richardson – pass.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 15 Discuss and consider selecting a Solid Waste contractor for the City of Troup. Council was presented with the score sheets from the bids received for the Solid waste contract. After review Councilperson Nelson Darden made the motion to select Republic Waste Services for the City of Troup's solid waste contract including curbside pickup and recycle bins services for a period of 3 years with an option to renew. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Jeff Hale – pass; Nelson Darden – pass; Brandi Barton – pass, Carole Wilson – pass, and Chip Richardson – pass.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 16 Discuss and consider approving a Troup Community Development Corporation project in the amount of \$27,000 to repave West Bradford Street from North Jarvis Street to the 500 block of West Bradford. Councilperson Nelson Darden made the motion to approve the TCDC project for the repaving of W. Bradford from N. Jarvis to the 500 block of W. Bradford. Councilperson Brandi Barton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Jeff Hale – pass; Nelson Darden – pass; Brandi Barton – pass, Carole Wilson – pass, and Chip Richardson – pass.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 17 Discuss and consider approving a Troup Community Development Corporation project in the amount of \$75,000 as matching funds for a \$500,000 2020 Downtown Revitalization Program Grant. Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion to approve the TCDC project in the amount of \$75000.00 as matching funds for a 2020 Downtown Revitalization Program grant. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Jeff Hale – pass; Nelson Darden – pass; Brandi Barton – pass, Carole Wilson – pass, and Chip Richardson – pass.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 18 Discuss and consider approving the use of Court Technology Funds to pay for computer firewall and Installation fees in the amount up to \$2000.00. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve the use of Court Technology funds in the amount up to \$2000.00 for a computer firewall. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Jeff Hale – pass; Nelson Darden – pass; Brandi Barton – pass, Carole Wilson – pass, and Chip Richardson – pass.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 19 Discuss and consider proposing a tax rate for the City of Troup for budget year 2020-2021 and set a date and time to adopt the tax rate and authorize the City Manager to publish all required notices in accordance with the Texas Tax Code Section 26.061. Councilperson Nelson Darden made the motion to adopt the proposed tax rate of 0.787800 for the City of Troup budget year 2020-2021 at the Council meeting set for September 21, 2020. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Jeff Hale – pass; Nelson Darden – pass; Brandi Barton – pass, Carole Wilson – pass, and Chip Richardson – pass.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 20 Discuss and consider approving Resolution No. 2020-0820-03R “A RESOLUTION REGARDING A FINANCE CONTRACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING A TRACTOR”. Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-0820-03R. Councilperson Nelson Darden seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Jeff Hale – pass; Nelson Darden – pass; Brandi Barton – pass, Carole Wilson – pass, and Chip Richardson – pass.


Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 21 Discuss and consider approving Resolution No. 2020-0817-04R “A RESOLUTION REGARDING A FINANCE CONTRACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING A VEHICLE”. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-0817-04R. Councilperson Nelson Darden seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Jeff Hale – pass; Nelson Darden – pass; Brandi Barton – pass, Carole Wilson – pass, and Chip Richardson – pass.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 22 Discuss and consider approving Resolution No. 2020-0817-05R designating a specific area of the City in which conditions are deemed detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare of the community and constitutes a slum and blight area. Councilperson Nelson Darden made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-0817-05R. Councilperson Brandi Barton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Jeff Hale – pass; Nelson Darden – pass; Brandi Barton – pass, Carole Wilson – pass, and Chip Richardson – pass.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 23 Comments and input from Council, Mayor or City Manager concerning items of interest or items for a future agenda.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 24 Adjourn at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Buffie Deason", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Buffie Deason/City Secretary

