

Minutes of a Regular Meeting
Of the
Troup City Council
December 21, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Troup City Council was held Monday, December 21, 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 6:33 noting Council members Chip Richardson and Jeff Hale were present. Nelson Darden and Brandi Barton joined the meeting by tele-conference. Absent Carole Wilson. Guest present were Tammy Jones, J. Manuel Yanez, Katy Espinoza, Dakota Bednan, Angie Howard, and Bellah Bednarz.

Jeff Hale 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.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 5 Discuss and consider approving the minutes for Regular Scheduled meeting of November 23, 2020. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting from November 23, 2020. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote. Brandi Barton – pass; Nelson Darden- pass; Chip Richardson – pass; and Jeff Hale – pass.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 6 Discuss and Consider the Monthly Financial Report for November 2020 from the City Manager. City Manager presented Council with the financial reports. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve the financials for November 2020. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Brandi Barton – pass; Nelson Darden- pass; Chip Richardson – pass; and Jeff Hale – pass.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 7 Comments, questions or input from City Manager’s written report. Council was presented with the City Manager’s Report and the Police Report. No comments made.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 8 Recognition of Troup Middle School Art Students for Christmas Decorations. The City recognized Troup Middle School are students for their donation of wooden Christmas Decorations to be placed in the City.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 9 Discuss and consider a variance request by J. Manuel Yanez for the property located at legal description M-26.2A of Abstract A0010 E Gee Tract 8E (the property located behind 803 W. Ross) for the placement of an existing structure to be moved to this location. Mr. Yanez addressed the Council about moving an already built house to 503 W. Ross. Mr. Yanez presented council with pictures. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve Mr. Yanez moving an already built house to 503 W. Ross making sure it was brought to code. Councilperson Brandi Barton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Brandi Barton – pass; Nelson Darden- pass; Chip Richardson – pass; and Jeff Hale – pass.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 10 Discuss and consider the dates for the January and February Council meetings. Direction as desired. Council discussed to have the January Council meeting on Monday, January 25, 2021 and the February meeting on Monday, February 22, 2021.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 11 Discuss and consider approving Ordinance No. 2020-1221-01 “ An Ordinance of the City of Troup, Texas regulating Off-highway vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, recreational off-highway vehicles and utility vehicles within the incorporated limits of the City of Troup, Texas; providing for definitions; providing for exceptions to such regulations; providing a penalty clause; providing a severability clause; providing a repealer clause; providing for publication; and providing an effective date.” Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve Ordinance

No. 2020-1221-01. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Brandi Barton – pass; Nelson Darden- pass; Chip Richardson – pass; and Jeff Hale – pass.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 12 Discuss and consider the purchase of a 2008 Ford F250 from the City of Bullard in the amount of \$1500. City Manager Gene Cottle told Council that the vehicle would require some extra funds to be repaired but felt that it would be a good vehicle for the water department after repaired. Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion to purchase the 2008 Ford F250 from the City of Bullard. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Brandi Barton – pass; Nelson Darden- pass; Chip Richardson – pass; and Jeff Hale – pass.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 13 Discuss setting a goal to reduce energy usage by 5% each year as required by the Texas Comptroller’s Office. Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion to for the City Manager to try to find ways to reduce energy usage by 5% each year as required by the Texas Comptroller’s Office. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Brandi Barton – pass; Nelson Darden- pass; Chip Richardson – pass; and Jeff Hale – pass.

Mayor Joe Carlyle- Item 14 Discuss and consider the purchase of a Full Matrix, LED, Trailer Mount Message Board with Radar from Trantex through the BuyBoard state negotiated purchase price of \$25,150.00. City Manager Gene Cottle that this item would be useful when City employees where on job to help with traffic and well and using it to inform the public with information. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve the purchase of the trailer mounted message board in the amount of \$25150.00. Councilperson Brandi Barton seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote. Brandi Barton – pass; Nelson Darden- pass; Chip Richardson – pass; and Jeff Hale – pass.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 15 Comments and input from Council, Mayor or City Manager concerning items of interest or items for a future agenda.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 16 Adjourn at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Buffie Deason/City Secretary