

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

A Regular Meeting of the Troup City Council was held Monday, November 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 6:32 noting Council members Chip Richardson and Jeff Hale were present. Nelson Darden, Carole Wilson, and Brandi Barton joined the meeting by tele-conference.

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 October 19, 2020. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting from October 19, 2020. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote. Carole Wilson – pass; 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 October 2020 from the City Manager. City Manager presented Council with the financial reports. Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion to approve the financials for October 2020. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Carole Wilson – pass; 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.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 8 Council convened at 6:44 pm to conduct a Board of Adjustments Appeal.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 9 Discuss and consider an appeal from Tom and Katie Gerhard for a Zoning Change for Single Family Residential to Multi-family Residential for the properties located at 1007 and 1011 E. Bryant Street. Mr. Troy Wright spoke to Council and presented the plans for the property. Mr. Don Anderson spoke to Council and said that he did not want the zoning changed because of the affect that it would have on his property. Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion to change the zoning at 1007 and 1011 E. Bryant Street from Single Family Residential to Multi-family Residential with the restriction of only duplexes. Councilperson Nelson Darden seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Carole Wilson – pass; Brandi Barton – no; Nelson Darden- pass; Chip Richardson – pass; and Jeff Hale – pass.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 10 Closed Board of Adjustments at 7:26 pm

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 11 Reconvened to Regular Council Meeting at 7:26 pm.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 12 Discuss and consider an Ordinance draft for a City Hotel Tax. No Action on this item.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 13 Discuss and consider an agenda request from Jerry Gatlin II regarding the use of off-road vehicles within the City Limits of Troup for disabled individuals. Mr. Jerry Gatlin and Ashley Frye addressed Council about the use of off-road vehicle for Mr. Gatlin since he is disabled. Ms. Frye stated that with donated funds Mr. Gatlin could purchase the off-road vehicle but did not want to waste the funds if he would not be able to use it for transportation. No Action was taken on this item.

Mayor Joe Carlyle- Item 14 Discuss and consider an Ordinance Draft regulating off highway vehicles with in the City Limits of Troup. No Action taken on this item.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 15 Discuss and consider an Ordinance Draft regulation golf carts with in the City Limits of Troup. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to proceed with the draft ordinance for the regulation of golf

carts in the city limits. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Carole Wilson – pass; Brandi Barton – pass; Nelson Darden- pass; Chip Richardson – pass; and Jeff Hale – pass.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 16 Discuss and consider reappointment of Gene Cottle or the nomination of a new appointee to serve a two year term as a Board Member for the Smith County 9-1-1 Communications District. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to reappoint Gene Cottle to serve a two year term as a Board Member for the Smith County 9-1-1 Communications District. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Carole Wilson – pass; Brandi Barton – pass; Nelson Darden- pass; Chip Richardson – pass; and Jeff Hale – pass.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 17 Discuss and consider Hazard Pay for City Employees. City Manager Gene Cottle presented Council with three different amounts for City Employees for Hazard Pay for working during Covid 19. Mr. Cottle said the funds would come from the Cares Act. Councilperson Nelson Darden made the motion approve the Hazard Pay for City Employees in the amount of \$750.00. Councilperson Brandi Barton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Carole Wilson – pass; Brandi Barton – pass; Nelson Darden- pass; Chip Richardson – pass; and Jeff Hale – pass.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 18 Council convened to Executive Session at 7:54 pm.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 19 Reconvene into Regular Meeting and take action if desired on items discussed in Executive Session. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to pay John Phillips his standard pay through December 31, 2020 and also pay his accumulated vacation and sick leave. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Carole Wilson – pass; Brandi Barton – pass; Nelson Darden- pass; Chip Richardson – pass; and Jeff Hale – pass.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 20 Comments and input from Council, Mayor or City Manager concerning items of interest or items for a future agenda. No comments.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 21 Adjourn at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Buffie Deason/City Secretary