

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

A Regular Meeting of the Troup City Council was held Monday, September 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 6:30 noting Council members Chip Richardson, Jeff Hale, and Brandi Barton were present. Nelson Darden and Carole Wilson 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. No comments made. No comments

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 5 Discuss and consider approving the minutes for Regular Scheduled meeting for August 17, 2020 and the special called meeting August 31, 2020. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve the minutes for August 17, 2020 and the meeting of August 31, 2020. Councilperson Jeff Hale 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 Jeff Hale made the motion to approve the monthly financial report for August 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 Discuss and consider approving Ordinance Number 2020-0921-01 “AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF TROUP FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021, APPROPRIATING MONEY TO A SINKING FUND TO PAY INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL DUE ON THE CITY’S INDEBTEDNESS; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE GENERAL OPERATING FUND AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF TROUP FOR THE YEAR 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR.” After review of the final budget draft Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-0921-01. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote. Jeff Hale – pass; Nelson Darden – pass; Brandi Barton – pass, Carole Wilson – pass, and Chip Richardson – pass.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 9 Discuss and consider ratifying the property tax rate reflected in the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to ratify the property tax rate for the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget. 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 10 Discuss and consider approving Ordinance Number 2020-0921-02 “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROUP, TEXAS; LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNEMENT OF THE CITY OF TROUP FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING FOR APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; AND, PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID.” Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-0921-02.

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 11 Discuss and consider approving Ordinance No. 2020-0921-03 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2019-0916-01 “MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF TROUP FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020, APPROPRIATING MONEY TO A SINKING FUND TO PAY INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL DUE ON THE CITY'S INDEBTEDNESS; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE GENERAL OPERATING FUND AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF TROUP FOR THE 2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR.” Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-0921-03. Councilperson Brandi Barton seconded the motion and the motion carried with a unanimous 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 ORDINANCE NO. 2020-0921-04 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TROUP, TEXAS DECLARING OFFENSIVE ODORS TO BE A NUISANCE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-0921-04. Councilperson Nelson Darden seconded the motion and motion passed with a 3 to 2 roll call vote. Jeff Hale – fail; Nelson Darden – pass; Brandi Barton – fail, Carole Wilson – pass, and Chip Richardson – pass.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 13 Discuss and consider approved a re-plat of McNeel Addition subdivision of 2.679 acres of the E. Gee Survey, A-10 located at 803 E. Duval, Troup, Texas 75789. Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion to approve the preliminary re-plat for the property located at 803 E. Duval. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and 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 non-conforming signs in the Historic District. Councilperson Brandi Barton made the motion to allow the City Manager to send letters to owners in Historic District about sign compliance. 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 15 Discuss and consider approving a TCDC project to provide a fund amount of \$24,000.00 in grant assistance to historic district businesses to bring their signs into compliance with sign requirements stipulated in the 2010 zoning ordinance. The TCDC will provide each business up to \$1500.00 as a 50/50 match. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve the TCDC project in amount of \$24,000.00 in grant assistance to the historic district. 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 Library Board Recommendations for appointment of Board Member positions for odd years with terms expiring in 2021 for appointees Carrie Williams, Glenna Searcy, and Melanie Johnson, and terms of service for the Cameron-J. Jarvis Troup Municipal Library. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve Library Board appointment of Board Member positions for odd years with terms expiring in 2021 for appointees Carrie Williams, Glenna Searcy, and Melanie Johnson, and terms of service for the Cameron-J. Jarvis Troup Municipal Library. 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 17 Comments and input from Council, Mayor or City Manager concerning items of interest or items for a future agenda.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 18 Adjourn at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Buffie Deason/City Secretary