

Minutes of a Regular Meeting  
Of Troup City Council  
March 20, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the Troup City Council was held Monday March 20, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cameron J Jarvis Troup Municipal Library. Councilpersons were: Mayor Jeff Hale, Dianne Layne, Nelson Darden, Brandi Barton, Fielding Winchester, and Chip Richardson.

Mayor Pro-tem Fielding Winchester called the meeting to order at 6:35 noting Council members Fielding Winchester, Brandi Barton, Dianne Layne, Nelson Darden, and Chip Richardson were present and Mayor Jeff Hale was absent. Also present were City Manager Gene Cottle and City Secretary Buffie Deason along with other guest.

Chip Richardson led the pledge and invocation.

Mayor Pro-tem Fielding Winchester – 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 were made.

Mayor Pro-tem Fielding Winchester – Item 5 Discuss and consider approving the minutes for the Regular Scheduled meeting of February 13, 2023. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Scheduled meeting of February 13, 2023. Councilperson Brandi Barton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-tem Fielding Winchester – Item 6 Discuss and Consider the Monthly Financial Report for February 2023. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve the financial reports for February 2023. Councilperson Brandi Barton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-tem Fielding Winchester – Item 7 Comments, questions or input from the City Manager’s written report. City Manager presented council with his monthly report.

Mayor Pro-tem Fielding Winchester – Item 8 Discuss and consider a request from LSR Properties, LLC for the final re-plat for the property located at 507 S. Georgia Tract 2, 97, and 97A of the M-26.4C of A0010E Gee Abstract. Councilperson Nelson Darden made the motion to approve the final re-plat for the property located at 507 S. Georgia Tract 2, 97, and 97A of the M-26.4C of A0010E Gee Abstract. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-tem Fielding Winchester – Item 9 Discuss and consider approving Ordinance Number 2023-0320-01 “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TROUP, TEXAS REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2022-1121-01; ESTABLISHING WATER AND SEWER RATES AND FEES; PROVIDING WASTE WATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT RATES AND FEES; SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.” Councilperson Nelson Darden made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-0320-01. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pre-tem Fielding Winchester – Item 10 Discuss and consider approving Ordinance Number 2023-0320-02 “AN ORDINANCE CANCELLING THE MAY 6, 2023, REGULAR ELECTION AND DECLARING EACH UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE ELECTED TO OFFICE; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.” Councilperson Nelson Darden made the motion to approve Ordinance Number 2023-0320-02. Councilperson Brandi Barton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-tem Fielding Winchester – Item 11 Discuss and consider authorizing the Mayor to execute a grant administrative services contract with Traylor & Associates, Inc. for TxCDBG Grant No. CDV21-0051. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to authorize the Mayor Jeff Hale to execute a grant for administrative services with Traylor

and Associates, Inc. for TxCBDG Grant No. CDV21-051. Council person Brandi Barton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-tem Fielding Winchester – Item 12 Discuss and consider approving Resolution Number 2023-0320-01R the local Fair Housing and Civil Rights Policies to include the Code of Conduct Policy, the Excessive Force Policy, the Section 504 Self-Evaluation Form, the Fair Housing Month Proclamation, the Fair Housing Public Service Announcement, the Citizen Participation Plan, and the Fair Housing Policy for TxCDBG Grant No. CDV21-051. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve Resolution Number 2023-0320-01R. Councilperson Brandi Barton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-tem Fielding Winchester – Item 13 Presentation – Overview of Texas Community Development Block Grant requirements related to section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968- Grant No. CDV21-051. John Bistillo with Traylor and Associates gave a presentation on Grant No. CDV21-051.

Mayor Pro-tem Fielding Winchester – Item 14 Discuss and consider suspending a requested rate increase for 45 days for Center Point Energy. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to suspend a requested rate increase for 45 days for Center Point Energy. Councilperson Nelson Darden seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pre-tem Fielding Winchester – Item 15 Comments and input from Council, Mayor or City Manager concerning items of interest or items for a future agenda. City Manager Gene Cottle reminded Council of the upcoming Chamber Banquet.

Mayor Pre-tem Fielding Winchester – Item 16 Adjourn 7:11 pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Buffie Deason", written over a horizontal line.

Buffie Deason/City Secretary