

Minutes of a Regular Meeting  
Of the  
Troup City Council  
June 28, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Troup City Council was held Monday, June 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in person at the Cameron J Jarvis Troup Municipal Library 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, Carole Wilson, Nelson Darden, and Jeff Hale were present Brandi Barton joined via phone. Guest present were David Wilson, Fielding Winchester, Hudson Mahaffey, Chief Pat Hendrix, Nathan Brown, Joe Paul McElroy and George Arnold.

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 were made.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 5 Consider approving the minutes for the Regular Scheduled meetings of April 19, 2021 and May 17, 2021. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Brandi Barton – pass; Carole Wilson- pass; Nelson Darden – pass; Chip Richardson – pass; and Jeff Hale – pass.

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 were made.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 6 Review the city financial report for the month of May 2021. City Manager Gene Cottle presented Council with the monthly financial reports. Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion to approve the financial report for May 2021. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Brandi Barton – pass; Carole Wilson- 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 Discuss and consider allowing PraiseFest to Close the 100 Block of North Georgia Street from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm on Sunday, October 3, 2021. Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion to close the 100 Block of North Georgia from 4pm to 7pm on Sunday, October 3, 2021 for Praisefest. Councilperson Nelson Darden seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Brandi Barton – pass; Carole Wilson- pass; Nelson Darden – pass; Chip Richardson – pass; and Jeff Hale – pass.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 9 Discuss and consider approving a contract with Mobile Communications of American for relocating the Outdoor Warning System antenna at the Smith County Communications Center. George Arnold addressed Council regarding the Outdoor Warning System at the Smith County Communications Center and what they believe are the issues with it. Mr. Arnold said that he thinks moving the antenna higher would improve the signal. Mr. Arnold provided a price quote. Councilperson Nelson Darden made the motion to approve the contract with Mobile Communication Center in the amount of \$19,726.13 to move the antenna. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Brandi Barton – pass; Carole Wilson- pass; Nelson Darden – pass; Chip Richardson – pass; and Jeff Hale – pass.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 10 Discuss and consider preliminary draft budget. Discussion item only. No action taken.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 11 Discuss and consider budget and tax rate calendar. City Manager discussed dates with Councilmember on when items would need to be approved.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 12 Discuss and consider authorizing the City Manager to have published all notices and documents relating to the 2020-2021 budget and tax rate that may require publication before the next regular city council meeting. Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion to authorize the City Manager to publish all notices and documents relating to the 2021-2022 budget and tax rate. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Brandi Barton – pass; Carole Wilson- pass; Nelson Darden – pass; Chip Richardson – pass; and Jeff Hale – pass.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 13 Discuss and consider authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for employee health insurance at the re-rated fees for 2021-2022 and a renewal of the Continuation of Coverage Agreement (COBRA). Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement for employee health insurance with the re-rated fees with TML Health. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Brandi Barton – pass; Carole Wilson- pass; Nelson Darden – pass; Chip Richardson – pass; and Jeff Hale – pass.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 14 Discuss and consider adopting Ordinance No. 2021-0628-01 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL DESIGNATING AN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE CITY OF TROUP FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021. Councilperson Nelson Darden made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-0628-01. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Brandi Barton – pass; Carole Wilson- pass; Nelson Darden – pass; Chip Richardson – pass; and Jeff Hale – pass.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 15 Issue Certificate of Election to unopposed Councilpersons.

Place I – Jeff Hale (unopposed)

Place III – Brandi Barton (Unopposed)

Place IV – Chip Richardson (Unopposed)

Complete Statement of Elected Officer

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 16 Discuss and consider the resignation of Place V City Councilperson, Carole Wilson. Mrs. Carole Wilson addressed the Mayor and Council with her resignation letter stating that due to health issues she would need to step down from her Seat V position. Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion to accept Mrs. Wilson's resignation. Councilperson Nelson Darden seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote. Brandi Barton – pass; Carole Wilson- abstain; Nelson Darden – pass; Chip Richardson – pass; and Jeff Hale – pass.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 17 Discuss and consider appointing a councilperson to fill the unexpired term of City Council Place V. City Manager told the Mayor and Council that Mr. Fielding Winchester had shown interest in this position. Councilperson Nelson Darden made the motion to appoint Mr. Fielding Winchester to the Troup City Council Place V with the term expiring 5/22. Councilperson Jeff Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call. Brandi Barton – pass; Nelson Darden – pass; Chip Richardson – pass; and Jeff Hale – pass.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 18 Discuss and consider the appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilperson Nelson Darden made the motion to appoint Councilperson Jeff Hale as Mayor Pro-Tem. 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 19 Discuss and consider approval of the 2022 budget for Cherokee County Appraisal District. Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion to approve the 2022 budget for Cherokee County Appraisal District. Councilperson Nelson Darden 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 20 Discussion about the City’s yearly contribution to the Cameron J. Jarvis Troup Municipal Library. Mr. Joe Paul McElroy addressed Council asking for an increase of \$5000.00 added the city yearly contribution to the library. He said that utilities have increased and that it had been many years since the city’s contribution had been raised. Council members ask the City Manager to try to fit it in the upcoming budget for them to review. No Action.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 21 Comments and input from Council, Mayor or City Manager concerning items of interest or items for a future agenda.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 22 Adjourn 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Buffie Deason, City Secretary

