

Minutes of a Regular Meeting
Of the
Troup City Council
March 15, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Troup City Council was held Monday, March 15, 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 6:30 noting Council members Chip Richardson, Carole Wilson and Jeff Hale were present. Mayor Joe Carlyle, Nelson Darden and Brandi Barton joined the meeting by tele-conference. Guest present were Kristi Martin.

Chip Richardson led the pledge and invocation.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 4 Consider approval of the minutes from the Regular Scheduled Meeting of January 25, 2021, Special Called Meeting of February 1, 2021, and the Regular Scheduled Meeting of February 22, 2021. Councilperson Jeff Hale made to motion to approve minutes as written. 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 5 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 February 2021. City Manager Gene Cottle presented Council with the monthly financial reports. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve the financial report for February 2021. Councilperson Carole Wilson 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 a presentation by Kristi Martin concerning placement of a tiny home at 104 S Price Street for a period not to exceed two years. Ms. Martin addressed Council about the placement of a tiny home. Councilperson Jeff Hale told Ms. Martin that he did not see a problem, but Council could not make grant permission until she had purchased the property. No action taken.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 9 Discuss and consider payment of an invoice to Eagle Fuel containing an additional \$250 delivery fee for diesel delivered on February 19, 2021. City Administrator Gene Cottle told Council that this vender had charged an extra fee for delivering fuel during the freeze, he also told Council the initial charge was \$500 but they had reduced it and that they were also charging other cities a fee as well. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to make to payment including the \$250 fee. 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 10 Discuss and consider additional compensation of the Public Works Director for the Period from February 14 until February 26, 2021. City Administrator Gene Cottle told Council that the Kelly Johnston had worked in excess of an extra 80 hours in one week during the freeze, and that since Mr. Johnston was salary he was not eligible for overtime and that he would like to see Mr. Johnston be compensated. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to compensate Kelly Johnston for the overtime that he had worked in the amount of \$2730.00. Councilperson Carole Wilson 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 11 Discuss and consider the city policy on the CDC guidelines for Covid-19. Mayor Joe Carlyle told Council that Gov. Abbott has lifted the mask restriction, and that City Hall had posted recommending mask but not enforcing mask. City Manager Gene Cottle told Council that the library board decided to enforce the use of mask. Councilperson Nelson Darden made the motion to continue to city policy on the CDC guideline for Covid-19 in all City Buildings excluding the library. 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 12 Discuss and consider a City of Troup Legislative Agenda. City Manager Gene Cottle told Council that he had sent the agenda by email. Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion to allow the City Manager and Mayor to represent the city with the legislative agenda for the City of Troup. 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 the final Re-plat request by Joe & Sherry Paull of Lot 7, 8 And 9 of the West Forest Addition to the City of Troup. Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion to approve the final re-plat. Councilperson Carole Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried 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 the final re-plat request by Bubba Squiers for the property located on Villa Drive legal description W. George Survey, A-1099 of the Spanish Villa subdivision lots 5, 6, 7 and 8. Councilperson Jeff Hale made the motion to approve the final re-plat. 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 15 Consider allowing the Mayor to execute an ORDER OF CANCELLATION by Ordinance No. 2021-0315-01 for the scheduled election for May 1, 2021, ordering the candidates as unopposed and hereby elected. (Section 2.051-2.053 Texas Election Code). Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-0315-01. 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 16 Comments and input from Council, Mayor or City Manager concerning items of interest or items for a future agenda. Councilperson Carole Wilson announced that she will not run Council again after her term is up.

Mayor Joe Carlyle – Item 17 Adjourn at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Buffie Deason/ City Secretary