

**LOCKHART CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING**

JANUARY 9, 2018

6:30 P.M.

**CLARK LIBRARY ANNEX-COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 217 SOUTH MAIN STREET, 3rd FLOOR,
LOCKHART, TEXAS**

Council present:

Mayor Lew White	Councilmember John Castillo
Councilmember Jeffry Michelson	Councilmember Juan Mendoza
Councilmember Brad Westmoreland	Councilmember Kara McGregor (arrived at 7:05 p.m.)
Mayor Pro-Tem Angie Gonzales-Sanchez (arrived at 6:55 p.m.)	

Staff present:

Vance Rodgers, City Manager	Connie Constancio, City Secretary
Sean Kelley, Water/Wastewater Superintendent	Jeff Hinson, Finance Director

Citizens/Visitors Addressing the Council: None.

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Lew White called the special meeting of the Lockhart City Council to order on this date at 6:30 p.m. Mayor White announced that Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez and Councilmember McGregor would be arriving late.

ITEM 2. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor White gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

ITEM 3-A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING THE GUADALUPE-BLANCO RIVER AUTHORITY (GBRA) LONG TERM WATER PLAN, ASSOCIATED COSTS, AND POSSIBLE REVENUES.

Mr. Rodgers stated that staff will discuss the long-term water plan, associated costs and possible revenue. GBRA will attend the January 16, 2018 Council meeting to be available to answer questions regarding the proposed water supply agreement.

There was discussion regarding the following:

- Fact information regarding Lockhart water supply. Fiscal year 2016-2017 water supplied for 4,823 customers. The mean average of water was 1.50 mgd. The peak of water pumped was 2.18 mgd. If customers double within the next 30 years, there will be insufficient water supply if the existing water supply options remain.
- Water well updates. City has seven active water wells, some of which are over 25 years old. Production is currently 3.2 mgd with a 65 percent sustainability rate. With the best water well down, 2.6 mgd which is only .5 mgd more that the peak booster pump capacity is 2015 gpm or 2.9 mgd. Another water well could be drilled in the future, if needed, before new water supply process begins in 2023 for a cost estimate of \$1million.
- Information regarding the water plant. Constructed in 1952 with a major expansion in 1998. Cost estimates for work needed at the water plant is estimated at approximately \$750,000 and an estimate to replace the SCADA system is approximately \$250,000.

- GBRA Luling water contract expires in 2030 with no guarantee of renewal. The current water supply from Luling is .7 mgd per the contract. Lockhart can receive more water from Luling, yet it is not guaranteed.
- Current water rates survey comparison per 1,000 gallons of residential and commercial rates for Buda, Goforth Water Supply, Taylor, Kyle and Lockhart.
- Components of new water costs to include the following information:
 - Land lease of \$150-\$200 per acre-foot per year begins year one with funding from water consumption rates.
 - Operations and maintenance of \$600 per acre-foot per year begins at delivery with funding from water consumption rates.
 - Debt and interest varies based on payments with funding from the water development fee.
 - An acre-foot of water is 325,851 gallons. Potential is up to 3,000 acre-feet per year.
- Long-range water supply proposed funding plan.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez arrived at 6:55 p.m.

Councilmember McGregor arrived at 7:05 p.m.

There was discussion.

Councilmember Michelson requested that the citizens are provided information about the proposed water rate increase and the purpose of the rate increase before October 2018.

ITEM 3-B. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING THE GONZALES CARRIZO WATER SUPPLY PROJECT TREATED WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE GUADALUPE-BLANCO RIVER AUTHORITY AND CITY OF LOCKHART.

Mr. Rodgers stated that Peter Gruning, City Attorney, reviewed and made a minor revision to the agreement to include the provision that if the Alliance group chooses to opt out, the City of Lockhart will revisit how to obtain additional water rights. GBRA has agreed to the revision. GBRA will be present on January 16, 2018 to answer questions and to seek Council's consideration of approval.

ITEM 3-C. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING FIRMS THAT WERE INTERVIEWED WHICH WILL ASSIST IN THE SEARCH FOR A NEW CITY MANAGER.

Mayor White stated that Council has reviewed proposals of two search firms, Strategic Government Resources and Chris Hartung Consultants.

There was a comparison discussion about both firms to assist with recruiting well qualified applicants.

Recommendation of a firm to hire from each Councilmember is as follows:

Councilmember Michelson recommended Strategic Government Resources
 Councilmember Castillo recommended Strategic Government Resources
 Councilmember McGregor recommended Strategic Government Resources
 Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez recommended Chris Hartung
 Councilmember Mendoza recommended Chris Hartung
 Councilmember Westmoreland recommended Strategic Government Resources
 Mayor White recommended Strategic Government Resources


Councilmember Michelson made a motion to select Strategic Government Resources as the firm to assist in the recruitment of a new City Manager and to request that they submit a contract to consider during the January 16, 2018 council meeting. Councilmember Westmoreland seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5-2, with Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez and Councilmember Mendoza opposing.

ITEM 4. ADJOURNMENT.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Mendoza seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.


PASSED and APPROVED this the 16th day of January 2018.

CITY OF LOCKHART



Lew White, Mayor

ATTEST:



Connie Constancio, TRMC
City Secretary

