

**LOCKHART CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

JUNE 16, 2015

6:30 P.M.

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

Council present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Angie Gonzales-Sanchez
Councilmember Juan Mendoza
Councilmember Jeffrey Michelson

Mayor Lew White
Councilmember John Castillo
Councilmember Benny Hilburn
Councilmember Brad Westmoreland

Staff present:

Vance Rodgers, City Manager
Peter Gruning, City Attorney
Michael Lummus, Police Chief

Connie Constancio, City Secretary
Jeff Hinson, Finance Director

Citizens/Visitors Addressing the Council: None.

Work Session 6:30 p.m.

Mayor White opened the work session and advised the Council, staff and the audience that staff would provide information and explanations about the following items:

DISCUSSION ONLY

A. DISCUSS MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Mayor White requested corrections to the minutes of the June 2, 2015 meeting. There were none.

B. DISCUSS RESOLUTION 2015-08 URGING THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO MAKE NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE ON BLACKJACK (FM 20 EAST) BETWEEN US 183 AND OLD MCMAHAN TRAIL IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY.

Mr. Rodgers stated that for many years, the insufficient drainage infrastructure of the rural designed Blackjack east of US 183 has caused serious problems by flooding intersecting streets and too often contributing greatly to the flooding of homes and properties adjacent to the ditch along the north side. During heavy rain events, it is common for flood waters to overflow the ditch and flow back into intersecting streets causing driving hazards and flooding conditions for area homes and properties. TxDOT has performed a preliminary engineering study which shows that there are serious problems with the drainage infrastructure. Mr. Rodgers recommended approval.

There was discussion.

Councilmember Castillo suggested that staff recruit assistance from State Representative John Cyrier in urging the Texas Department of Transportation to make the necessary drainage improvements on FM 20 East. Mr. Rodgers replied that he would seek support from State Representatives.

C. DISCUSS ANNUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MOTOROLA, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$121,332.36 OF WHICH \$50,555.15 IS FOR THE 215 CITY OF LOCKHART RADIOS TO COVER MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS, AND REPLACEMENT OF THE 700/800 MHZ RADIO INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEM WHICH SUPPORTS RADIO COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY OF LOCKHART, CONCESSIONS GROUP, CALDWELL COUNTY, CITY OF LULING, AND THE CITY OF MARTINDALE FROM OCTOBER 1, 2015, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 WITH EACH ENTITY PAYING ITS SHARE OF THE COSTS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF RADIOS USING THE SYSTEM ACCORDING TO THE EXISTING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT, AND APPOINTING THE MAYOR TO SIGN CONTRACT AGREEMENT.

Mr. Rodgers stated that the City of Lockhart and Caldwell County have more than \$1 million dollars in radio communications equipment. This system provides radio communication capabilities for the City of Lockhart, Caldwell County, City of Luling, and City of Martindale. The Concession Group (SH 130) now has 6 radios in the system as approved by the Lockhart City Council and will pay its fair share. The warranty for this Motorola equipment ended in February of 2012. The proposed agreement covers maintenance, repairs, and replacements for the radio system from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016. The cost of \$121,332.36 will be shared by all entities that benefit from the radio system based on the number of radio units in service. The cost under this agreement for Lockhart's 215 radios is \$50,555.15 for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget period. Mr. Rodgers recommended approval.

D. DISCUSSION REGARDING RECOMMENDATION BY CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE 15 PATROL CAR CAMERAS, 21 POLICE OFFICER BODY CAMERAS FOR \$118,000 AND TWO (2) POLICE PATROL CARS, FOR \$82,000 FROM THE CURRENT UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND BALANCE.

Mr. Rodgers stated that the current police patrol car cameras and system are antiquated. The quality of filming is sometimes questionable. Also, many law enforcement agencies are beginning to use police officer body cameras for their protection and for those with whom they must interact. He stated that he has spoken with the District Attorney and the City Attorney; both strongly support the purchase of a new camera system along with the body cameras. Two additional patrol cars are also needed because of an aging fleet. The total costs of these items are not to exceed \$196,000 and are proposed to be purchased in this Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget from the Unrestricted General Fund Balance.

Chief Lummus stated that the request of the police officer body cameras is based on accountability, prosecution of cases and to be in a position where all actions of a police officer are on video. The request for two vehicles is to replace two older patrol cars that have very high mileage and that may not be dependable in the near future.

There was discussion.

E. DISCUSSION AND REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER ABOUT FLOODING EVENT ON MAY 24 AND 25, 2015.

Mr. Rodgers provided a report.

F. DISCUSS PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND TAX RATE ADOPTION CALENDAR, IF NECESSARY.

There was discussion. There were no revisions to the calendar.

RECESS: Mayor White announced that the Council would recess for a break at 7:06 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Lew White called the regular meeting of the Lockhart City Council to order on this date at 7:30 p.m.

ITEM 2. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Invocation - Ministerial Alliance.

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

ITEM 3. CITIZENS/VISITORS COMMENTS.

Mayor White requested citizens to address the Council. There were none.

ITEM 4. CONSENT AGENDA.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to approve consent agenda items 4A, 4B, and 4C. Councilmember Michelson seconded. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

The following are the consent agenda items that were approved:

- 4A: Approve minutes of the June 2, 2015 City Council meeting.
- 4B: Approve Resolution 2015-08 urging the Texas Department of Transportation to make necessary improvements to the drainage infrastructure on Blackjack (FM 20 East) between US 183 and Old McMahan Trail in the interest of public health and safety.
- 4C: Approve annual services agreement with Motorola, Inc., in the amount of \$121,332.36 of which \$50,555.15 is for the 215 City of Lockhart radios to cover maintenance, repairs, and replacement of the 700/800 mhz radio infrastructure system which supports radio communications for the City of Lockhart, Concessions Group, Caldwell County, City of Luling, and the City of Martindale from October 1, 2015, through September 30, 2016 with each entity paying its share of the costs based on the number of radios using the system according to the existing interlocal agreement, and appointing the Mayor to sign contract agreement.

ITEM 5-A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATION BY CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE 15 PATROL CAR CAMERAS, 21 POLICE OFFICER BODY CAMERAS FOR \$118,000 AND TWO (2) POLICE PATROL CARS, FOR \$82,000 FROM THE CURRENT UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND BALANCE.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to approve the purchase of 15 patrol car cameras, 21 police officer body cameras for \$118,000 and two (2) police patrol cars for \$82,000 from the current unrestricted general fund balance. Councilmember Hilburn seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 5-B. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER ABOUT FLOODING EVENT ON MAY 24 AND 25, 2015.

Mayor White announced that the report was made during the work session.

Mr. Rodgers briefly explained the proposed plan to improve drainage in the city limits.

ITEM 5-C. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND TAX RATE ADOPTION CALENDAR, IF NECESSARY.

Mayor White stated that there were no changes to the calendar.

ITEM 5-D. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS, COMMISSIONS OR COMMITTEES.

Mayor White requested appointments to various boards, commissions, or committees. There were none.

ITEM 6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE DISCUSSION.

- Update: US Hwy 183 expansion project: Storm water contractor work, curbing, sidewalk, Section 1A, Pecan to Hickory.
- Update: Staff will continue to evaluate flood damages especially around bridges and box culverts, and reports of property flooding.
- Report: New water main line work in Phase II of US 183 Widening 85% complete.
- Report: The filming of the HBO series "Leftovers" will continue in residential areas, crew going to New York for a portion of series, will return here and could be here until October of this year.
- Report: Fashion Glass and Mirror grand opening not scheduled yet.
- Report: Ground breaking Lockhart Motor Company, last Tuesday.
- Report: Splash Pad opening; rules must be followed.
- Report: Parade and CTR Event.
- Report: Early Outdoor Warning System bids being advertised; open July 1.
- Report: Kudos to Firefighters who collected \$5,800 during the Memorial Day weekend for Muscular Dystrophy on US 183.
- Reminder: Brush chipping services are behind between 4 and 5 weeks due to all the wet weather and trimming done by residents; mowing schedules behind also.
- Reminder: Swimming pool opened today; sufficient number of certified life guards.
- Reminder: Summer Reading Program underway and a lot of participants.

ITEM 7. COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMENTS – ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST.

Councilmember Westmoreland congratulated the Lockhart Chamber of Commerce for a successful Chisholm Trail Roundup event. He also thanked Russell Seeliger for serving as the Chisholm Trail Roundup Chairman for the past 26 years.

Councilmember Mendoza congratulated the Lockhart Chamber of Commerce for a successful Chisholm Trail Roundup event. He congratulated the Clark Family on a successful ribbon cutting ceremony of their new location for Lockhart Motor Company. Movie in the Park on Saturday, June 20 at the City Park.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez expressed condolences to the families of Pete Castillo and Gregoria Rodriguez for their loss. She wished Councilman Jeffrey Michelson a Happy Birthday. Congratulations to the Lockhart Chamber of Commerce for a successful Chisholm Trail Roundup and parade and thank you to all staff and volunteers that helped make it a success. She congratulated Francisco Rodriguez, III for being ordained in the Catholic ministry two weeks ago.

Councilmember Hilburn thanked all involved with the successful Chisholm Trail Roundup event.

Councilmember Castillo expressed condolences to all that have lost a loved one. He congratulated all involved with the successful Chisholm Trail Roundup. He thanked staff for working hard in doing their best to keep everyone safe in the community during the heavy rain.

Councilmember Michelson thanked the Lockhart Chamber of Commerce for a successful Chisholm Trail Roundup event. He encouraged everyone to be safe during the heavy rains.

Mayor White thanked Russell Seeliger for volunteering as Chair of the Chisholm Trail Roundup for the past 26 years. Congratulations to all involved with the Chisholm Trail Roundup parade and event. He announced that the Caldwell County Judge has issued a curfew on utilizing county roads during the heavy rain due to the possibility of dangerous flooding. He invited everyone to attend the firework extravaganza on Friday, July 3 at City Park.

ITEM 8. 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 7:50 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED this the 7th day of July 2015.

CITY OF LOCKHART



Lew White

Lew White, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie Constancio

Connie Constancio, TRMC
City Secretary