

**SPECIAL MEETING
BUDGET WORKSHOP
LOCKHART CITY COUNCIL**

JULY 28, 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 Brad Westmoreland

Mayor Lew White
Councilmember John Castillo
Councilmember Benny Hilburn

Council absent:

Councilmember Jeffry Michelson

Staff present:

Vance Rodgers, City Manager
Peter Gruning, City Attorney
Sandra Mauldin, Economic Dev. Director

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

Citizens/Visitors Addressing the Council: Darel Ball and Eduardo Montana of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority.

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Lew White called the special meeting/budget workshop to order on this date at 6:30 p.m. Mayor White announced that Councilmember Michelson would not be in attendance.

ITEM 2. CITIZENS/VISITORS COMMENTS.

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

ITEM 3-A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 BUDGET BY THE GUADALUPE-BLANCO RIVER AUTHORITY (GBRA) FOR THE LOCKHART WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND THE LOCKHART WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS.

Darel Ball of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority provided detailed information about the Lockhart Water Treatment Plant and the Lockhart Wastewater Treatment Plants.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget by the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority for the Lockhart Water Treatment Plant and the Lockhart Wastewater Treatment Plants. Councilmember Hilburn seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

ITEM 3-B. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER ALLOCATION OF DISTRIBUTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 TO THE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS REQUESTING CONTRIBUTIONS.

There was discussion.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to allocate contributions for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 to the non-profit organizations the same amounts as Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Councilmember Hilburn seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

The contributions were allocated as follows:

CARTS	\$5,044.36
Hays-Caldwell Women's Center	\$3,544.36
Hays-Caldwell Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse	\$2,044.36
Combined Community Action – Sr. Nutrition	\$5,544.36
Lockhart Area Senior Citizen Center	\$3,009.86
CASA of Central Texas, Inc.	\$3,044.36
Caldwell County Christian Ministries	\$3,044.36

ITEM 3-C. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER AGREEMENT FOR VIDEO STREAMING SERVICES BETWEEN CITY OF LOCKHART AND SWAGIT PRODUCTIONS, LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,235 FOR SET UP COSTS AND \$625 PER MONTH TO CONTINUE STREAMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING VIDEOS ON-LINE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT.

Ms. Constancio stated that on July 14, 2015, the Lockhart ISD submitted a 30-day written notice to the City indicating that the LISD Board of Trustees would no longer be using the City Council Chambers to conduct their meetings. The last day that the Trustees request to use the Council Chambers is August 12, 2015.

Since the Lockhart ISD was using Swagit to stream videos on-line prior to their using the Council Chambers (in May 2015), the LISD agreed to allow the City to also use the LISD's Swagit Encoder to begin streaming City Council meetings on-line. The LISD will take the Swagit Encoder to their new meeting location thereby requiring the City to purchase the encoder if the Council chooses to continue streaming videos on-line. The contract provides to record 25 meetings per year.

The initial cost estimate of \$5,235 included a fee in the amount of \$1,260 for Swagit's branded video library design and branded player design. Staff spoke with Swagit to reduce the costs by \$1,260 because the City already has the designs on our website. Staff received an updated Agreement with the reduced up front cost in the amount of \$3,975 after the packet was distributed.

The updated fees associated with pursuing the City of Lockhart's Swagit encoder are as follows:

\$3,975.00 - One-time up front cost
 \$ 625.00 – per month (\$7,500 per fiscal year)
 \$4,600.00 – TOTAL due at signing

Ms. Constancio stated that staff believes that continuing to stream City Council meetings on-line serves a public purpose and promotes open government. The Council meeting videos are streamed on-line either Live or previous meetings are indexed for the public's easy retrieval.

There was discussion.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to approve the Agreement for Video Streaming Services between City of Lockhart and Swagit Productions, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$3,975 for set-up costs and \$625 per month to continue streaming City Council meeting videos on-line and authorizing the City Manager to sign the Agreement. Councilmember Hilburn seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5-1, with Councilmember Castillo opposing.

ITEM 3-D. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 PROPOSED BUDGET AND RELATED INFORMATION.

Mr. Rodgers requested that questions about the proposed budget be sent to him for clarification.

ITEM 3-E. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING MAINTENANCE, OPERATIONAL AND CAPITAL BUDGETS AND FUNDING POSSIBILITIES.

There was no discussion.

ITEM 3-F. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING BUDGET AND TAX RATE ADOPTION CALENDAR, IF NECESSARY.

There was no discussion.

Mr. Hilburn commended staff for the Splash Pad.

Mayor White announced that the road construction on Maple Street continues and should be completed soon.

Councilmember Castillo reminded citizens about the National Night Out block parties that will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2015.

ITEM 4. ADJOURNMENT.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Mendoza seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Mayor White announced that the dedication to the new home built by Habitat for Humanity for the Vickie Whaley Family on Sycamore street will be dedicated on August 8, 2015 at 10 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED this the 18th day of August 2015.



CITY OF LOCKHART

Lew White

Lew White, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie Constancio

Connie Constancio, TRMC
City Secretary