

**LOCKHART CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

NOVEMBER 3, 2015

6:30 P.M.

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

Council present:

Councilmember John Castillo
Councilmember Benny Hilburn
Councilmember Brad Westmoreland

Mayor Lew White
Councilmember Juan Mendoza
Councilmember Jeffry Michelson

Council absent:

Mayor Pro-Tem Angie Gonzales-Sanchez

Staff present:

Vance Rodgers, City Manager
Jeff Hinson, Finance Director

Connie Constancio, City Secretary

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:

Mayor White announced that Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez would not be at the meeting.

DISCUSSION ONLY

A. DISCUSS MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 20, 2015.

Mayor White requested corrections to the minutes. There were none.

B. DISCUSS RESOLUTION 2015-12 APPROVING THE PROPERTY TAX APPRAISAL ROLL, WITH TAX AMOUNT, PRESENTED BY THE CALDWELL COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT FOR THE 2015 TAX YEAR, PURSUANT TO TEXAS TAX CODE, SECTION 26.09.

Mr. Hinson stated that Section 26.09 of the Property Tax Code requires approval by the City Council of the City of Lockhart's appraisal roll with tax amounts entered by the assessor. He reviewed the appraisal roll as attached to the Resolution. Mr. Hinson recommended approval.

C. DISCUSS RESOLUTION 2015-13 CASTING VOTES FOR THE CALDWELL COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE TERM OF OFFICE FROM JANUARY 1, 2016 UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2017.

Mr. Rodgers stated that the Council voted during the September 15, 2015 Council meeting to approve Resolution 2015-10 that provided the City's nomination (Miguel Islas) as a name to be placed on a ballot for the CCAD Board of Directors, which was submitted to the CCAD for inclusion on a ballot. Attached is the ballot that the City received from the Caldwell County Appraisal District (CCAD) requesting that each taxing entity cast votes on the ballot for the CCAD Board of Directors for the term of office from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2017. The City of Lockhart is entitled to cast 425 votes. Deadline to submit the votes to the CCAD is December 15, 2015. Staff will submit the necessary documentation to the CCAD after the Council has cast their vote(s).

D. DISCUSSION REGARDING POSSIBLY CANCELLING THE NOVEMBER 17, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Mr. Rodgers stated that staff currently does not have any pressing pending items for the Council to consider on November 17, 2015. There was brief discussion.

RECESS: Mayor White announced that the Council would recess for a break at 6:45 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 – Councilmember Hilburn

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.

Councilmember Castillo made a motion to approve consent agenda items 4A and 4B. Councilmember Michelson seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

The following items are the consent agenda items that were approved:

4A: Approve minutes of the City Council meeting of October 20, 2015.

4B: Approve Resolution 2015-12 approving the property tax appraisal roll, with tax amount, presented by the Caldwell County Appraisal District for the 2015 tax year, pursuant to Texas Tax Code, Section 26.09.

ITEM 5-A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2015-13 CASTING VOTES FOR THE CALDWELL COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE TERM OF OFFICE FROM JANUARY 1, 2016 UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2017.

Councilmember Castillo made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-13 casting 425 votes for Miguel Islas for the Caldwell County Appraisal District Board of Directors for the term of office from January 1, 2016 until December 31, 2017. Councilmember Hilburn seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0

ITEM 5-B. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER POSSIBLY CANCELLING THE NOVEMBER 17, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Councilmember Castillo made a motion to cancel the November 17, 2015 City Council meeting. Councilmember Michelson seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

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

Mayor White requested appointments to various boards, commissions or committees.

Councilmember Westmoreland made a motion to appoint Dennis Placke to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Councilmember Hilburn seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

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 85% complete; milling and level-up paving in Section 1-B between Hickory and Blackjack has begun. Paving of 1A.
- Report: Richland Drive drainage project scheduled to go out for bids in late November or December and possibly Wichita/Vega/Mesquite if property issue settled.
- Report: Leaks in Library Annex.
- Report: 8" of rainfall over weekend of October 23 – 25.
- Report: Increased interest in Lockhart by larger job-creating companies.
- Report: Friday and Saturday, October 23 and 24, Speaking of the Dead annual Caldwell County Historical group fund raiser at City Park and City Cemetery: Use of Library Annex due to rain.
- Reminder: Due to rains, event moved from Saturday, October 24, to Saturday November 14, Dia de Los Muertos Festival from 12pm-10pm, downtown.
- Reminder: Lockhart Chamber of Commerce along with the Tastes of the Trail Committee will host the 13th Annual Tastes Along the Trail event in the downtown on Saturday, November 14, 2015, between 1 and 5 pm.

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

Councilmember Westmoreland commended staff for their work on assuring continued electric service during heavy storms. Good luck to the Lockhart Lions!

Councilmember Mendoza thanked employees for their hard work during the recent storm. Go Lions!

Councilmember Hilburn also thanked staff for their hard work during the recent storm. Go Lions!

Councilmember Castillo thanked staff for their work during the storm. Good luck to Lockhart Lions. He wished all a Happy Thanksgiving and safe holidays.

Councilmember Michelson thanked staff for working on getting the electricity restored to the school that lost power during the recent storm. Go Lions! Happy Thanksgiving greetings to all.

Mayor White thanked public safety and all city employees for their dedication on keeping the city going during a storm. He congratulated those that worked hard on the Speaking of the Dead event even though there was not much of a turn out because of the rain. He reminded all that the Dia de los Muertos event is rescheduled to November 14. He congratulated Kori Tunngley for graduating from the University of Texas and for his athletic accomplishments. Good luck Lockhart Lions!

Councilmember Castillo also thanked all Veterans for their service to our Country.

Mayor White announced Veterans Day event at the Lockhart High School on Wednesday, November 11.

ITEM 8. EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE, TITLE 5, SUBCHAPTER D, SECTION 551.072- TO DELIBERATE THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, LEASE OR VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY IF DELIBERATION IN AN OPEN MEETING WOULD HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH A THIRD PERSON.

Mayor White announced that the Council would enter Executive Session at 7:47 p.m. for discussion regarding possible purchase of properties.

ITEM 9. OPEN SESSION - DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF PROPERTIES.

Mayor White announced that the Council would enter Open Session at 8:20 p.m.

Councilmember Hilburn made a motion to authorize the City Manager to acquire the first piece of property discussed in Executive Session for a sum not to exceed \$49,000, less expenses. Councilmember Michelson seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Councilmember Hilburn made a motion to authorize the City Manager to acquire the second piece of property discussed in Executive Session for a sum not to exceed \$35,000. Councilmember Michelson seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

ITEM 10. ADJOURNMENT.

Councilmember Mendoza made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Castillo seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED this the 1st day of December 2015.

CITY OF LOCKHART



Lew White
Lew White, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie Constancio

Connie Constancio, TRMC
City Secretary