

**LOCKHART CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

FEBRUARY 16, 2016

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 Jeffry Michelson

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

Staff present:

Vance Rodgers, City Manager
Peter Gruning, City Attorney
Joseph Gorman, Fire Chief

Connie Constancio, City Secretary
Jeff Hinson, Finance Director
Sandra Mauldin, Economic Development Dir.

Citizens/Visitors Addressing the Council: Esther Wilson and members of the Alpha Psi Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi; and, James Murphy of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority.

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:

PRESENTATION ONLY

A. PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING FEBRUARY 29 – MARCH 4, 2016 AS “READING IS FUNDAMENTAL WEEK IN LOCKHART”.

Mayor White presented a proclamation to members of the Alpha Psi Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi declaring February 29-March 4, 2016 as “Reading is Fundamental Week in Lockhart”. Esther Wilson provided information about the upcoming events to be held during “Reading is Fundamental Week” to celebrate their 30th Anniversary in Lockhart.

B. DISCUSSION AFTER PRESENTATION BY GUADALUPE-BLANCO RIVER AUTHORITY (GBRA) REPRESENTATIVE MR. JIM MURPHY AND POSSIBLY OTHERS REGARDING FUTURE WATER SUPPLIES FOR CENTRAL TEXAS INCLUDING LOCKHART AND SPECIFICALLY THE MID-BASIN PROJECT.

James Murphy of GBRA provided information and there was discussion about the following:

- Sources of Regional Water Supply
- GBRA Water Supply Projects
- Integrated Regional Mid-Basin Project
- Mid-Basin Water Supply Project (MBWSP)
- MBWSP/TWA/HCPUA Shared Facilities and Projected Costs
- MBWSP Engineering Feasibility Study
- MBWSP/TWA/HCPUA Shared Facilities MAG Limited
- Project Yields and Unit Costs
- Surface Water with ASR
- GBRA and Mid-Basin Project – Comparative Water Costs-Debt Service Only

DISCUSSION ONLY**A. DISCUSS MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2016.**

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

B. DISCUSS PROPOSAL BY STERICYCLE ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS, TO PROVIDE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES TO BE HELD ON MAY 14, 2016 AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$19,350 AND POSSIBLY ADDITIONAL HHW DAYS DURING A 5-YEAR PERIOD WITH DATES TO BE DETERMINED IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS.

Mr. Rodgers stated that the City has held HHW events about every 15-18 months over the past 15 years. This year, CAPCOG grant funds will pay for the majority of the estimated cost of \$19,350. A request for proposals for the professional services to collect, transport, and dispose of these hazardous materials was publicly advertised in the Lockhart Post-Register. Three companies submitted proposals which were all rated. Stericycle Environmental Solutions submitted the best proposal with a rating score of 55 out of 60. Stericycle has handled all of the previous events for the City of Lockhart and has performed very commendably. Central Texas Refuse, the City's trash collection contractor, will supply, free of charge, the container and trash dumpster during the event for non-hazardous materials. The event will be restricted to current Lockhart residents with proof of residency and will be held on May 14, 2016 between 9 am and 12(noon) in the Lockhart City Park. Mr. Rodgers recommended approval. There was discussion.

C. DISCUSS RESOLUTION 2016-03 THAT DESIGNATES PORTIONS OF A BUILDING AS THE PREMISES OF A GOVERNMENT COURT OR OFFICES UTILIZED BY THE COURT, AND ROOMS IN WHICH MEETINGS SUBJECT TO THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT ARE HELD, FOR PURPOSES OF FIREARMS POSSESSION, INCLUDING BY A PERSON WHO HOLDS A LICENSE TO CARRY A HANDGUN.

Mr. Gruning stated that the Resolution clarifies a determination of the current handgun law about where a handgun is appropriate to carry on the premises of a governmental office of the City of Lockhart and providing notice by a sign. The Resolution states that firearm/handgun possession is not permitted in City Municipal Court of offices utilized by the Court, and rooms in which meetings are held subject to the Open Meetings Act. Mr. Gruning recommended approval.

D. DISCUSS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CALDWELL COUNTY JUDGE AND COMMISSIONERS COURT ABOUT SHARED COSTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AMBULANCE THAT IS NEEDED.

Mr. Rodgers stated that Seton, the management firm for the City of Lockhart EMS that covers 60% of northern Caldwell County, has presented information and data that supports the need to replace two ambulances in the near future. Information provided by Seton was provided. The current cost of one ambulance with Advanced Life Support (ALS) capabilities is \$199,000 according to the specifications presented by Seton. More than \$30,000 was spent on repairs and maintenance during 2015 for the four medic units. Mr. Rodgers recommended approval to proceed with discussions with the County Judge and Commissioners about funding participation at 50% for the purchase of one new ambulance during their Commissioners Court meeting on February 22, 2016. There was discussion.

Erik Olufs, EMS Director, stated that the proposed new ambulance would replace Medic 2 that has high mileage and currently incurs frequent costly repairs. He proposes that the EMS purchase an ambulance that is safe and reliable to keep a good response time during emergencies.

Chris Chomel, EMS Shift Captain, provided additional information about the ambulance that they recommend to replace the old ambulance that they believe is unreliable and unsafe for personnel and patients.

There was discussion.

E. DISCUSS AGREEMENT WITH AUSTIN WOOD RECYCLING TO PROVIDE SUPERVISION, LABOR, EQUIPMENT, TRUCKS, AND THE TUB GRINDER TO GRIND UP LARGE TREE TRUNKS AND LOG STOCKPILES, AND TO HAUL OFF THE GRINDINGS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$26,345.

Mr. Rodgers stated that stockpiles of mostly large tree trunks and logs must be removed about every 4 to 5 years from the old landfill. These items are too large for the City's brush chippers to handle. Companies, after looking at the stockpiles, provided submittals to conduct all the services required to grind up the tree trunks and logs, and to haul away the grindings. Austin Wood Recycling submitted the best price of \$26,345. Lockhart has used this company before and they did a good job. Mr. Rodgers recommended approval. There was discussion.

F. DISCUSS SCHEDULE AND AUTHORIZE PROCEEDING WITH THE CONSTRUCTION BID PROCESS FOR THE 2015/2016 (PY) TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECT THAT INSTALLS AN 18" TREATED WATER TRANSMISSION LINE FUNDED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (TDA).

Mr. Rodgers stated that Council approved applying for this grant by Resolution 2015-04. The TDA grant was approved in the amount of \$275,000 with an additional local match of \$80,000. Construction Plans have been completed for the 18" treated water transmission line to be installed from the water plant to near Serta Manufacturing. Staff is ready to advertise publicly for project bids of which approval by Council to proceed is required. Mr. Rodgers recommended approval.

G. DISCUSS PURCHASE FROM WILDFIRE TRUCK AND EQUIPMENT, A SLIDE IN FIREFIGHTING UNIT TO BE INSTALLED ON AN EXISTING F-350 TRUCK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,768.80; THIS UNIT WILL BE USED FOR INITIAL RESPONSE TO MOST FIRES.

Mr. Rodgers stated that the City of Lockhart fire response records, and national records, indicate that 85% of reported fires can be extinguished effectively by two firefighters using a 1 3/4" hose with water that is carried on the truck. This unit will provide Lockhart's firefighters with the capability to respond to most fires in an effective and efficient manner. Mr. Rodgers recommended approval. There was discussion.

H. DISCUSS POSSIBLE CHARTER AMENDMENTS, THE ASSOCIATED COSTS, AND APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION.

Ms. Constancio provided information about the review process of the City of Lockhart's Charter, appointing members to the Charter Review Commission (CRC) and costs associated with conducting an election that is estimated at approximately \$26,000. Ms. Constancio stated that the CRC could take up to one year to review each section of the Charter and recommended that amendments, if any, are taken to the voters in November 2017. There was discussion.

I. DISCUSS \$100 CONTRIBUTION TO THE LOCKHART HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB FOR THE ASSISTANCE TO THE LOCKHART DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION EVENTS COMMITTEE.

Mayor White announced that this item would be pulled from the agenda as requested by the City Attorney.

RECESS: Mayor White announced that the Council would recess for a break at 7:30 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 7:45 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.

Councilmember Hilburn requested that consent agenda item 4D is pulled for further discussion.

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

The following are the consent agenda items that were approved:

4A: Approve minutes of the City Council meeting of February 2, 2016.

4B: Approve proposal by Stericycle Environmental Solutions, to provide Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection and Disposal Services to be held on May 14, 2016 at an estimated cost of \$19,350 and possibly additional HHW days during a 5-year period with dates to be determined in compliance with State and Federal laws.

4C: Approve Resolution 2016-03 that designates portions of a building as the premises of a government court or offices utilized by the court, and rooms in which meetings subject to the Open Meetings Act are held, for purposes of firearms possession, including by a person who holds a license to carry a handgun.

4E: Approve agreement with Austin Wood Recycling to provide supervision, labor, equipment, trucks, and the tub grinder to grind up large tree trunks and log stockpiles, and to haul off the grindings for an amount not to exceed \$26,345.

4F: Approve schedule and authorize proceeding with the construction bid process for the 2015/2016 (PY) Texas Community Development Block Grant project that installs an 18" treated water transmission line funded by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA).

4G: Approve purchase from Wildfire Truck and Equipment, a slide in firefighting unit to be installed on an existing F-350 truck in the amount of \$18,768.80; this unit will be used for initial response to most fires.

ITEM 4-D. AUTHORIZE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CALDWELL COUNTY JUDGE AND COMMISSIONERS COURT ABOUT SHARED COSTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AMBULANCE THAT IS NEEDED.

Councilmember Hilburn questioned the timeline to purchase a new ambulance and suggested that staff provide a list of all capital item vehicle purchases for the next five year during the upcoming budget process for Council's consideration. Mr. Rodgers replied that staff is exploring funding a portion of the ambulance purchase during this fiscal year and that staff will provide the list of capital vehicle purchases. Mr. Rodgers also stated that he will report where funds would be used out of the current fiscal year budget to purchase the new ambulance. There was discussion.

Councilmember Hilburn made a motion to authorize the City Manager to hold discussions with Caldwell County Judge and Commissioners Court about shared costs for the purchase of a new emergency medical services ambulance. Councilmember Michelson seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 5-A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION AFTER PRESENTATION BY GUADALUPE-BLANCO RIVER AUTHORITY (GBRA) REPRESENTATIVE MR. JIM MURPHY AND POSSIBLY OTHERS REGARDING POSSIBLE FUTURE WATER SUPPLIES FOR CENTRAL TEXAS INCLUDING LOCKHART AND SPECIFICALLY THE MID-BASIN PROJECT.

Mayor White announced that the presentation was made during the work session. There was brief discussion.

ITEM 5-B. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING POSSIBLE CHARTER AMENDMENTS, THE ASSOCIATED COSTS, AND APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION.

There was discussion regarding the appointments to the Charter Review Commission (CRC) and the timeline of the amendments to be proposed to the voters.

Ms. Constancio stated that she would recommend that the CRC complete their review no later than June 2017 to allow time for language preparation for publication and ballots for the November 2017 election. Council directed Ms. Constancio to contact past CRC members to see if they would serve for this review process. Council will also make additional appointments during future meetings to compile the five member commission.

ITEM 5-C. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF \$100 CONTRIBUTION TO THE LOCKHART HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB FOR THE ASSISTANCE TO THE LOCKHART DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION EVENTS COMMITTEE.

Mayor White announced that the item was pulled from the agenda.

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 183 widening project, Hickory to Blackjack: east side drainage truck main complete; inlet tops, slotted drains, and curbing being installed; will start on west side within same limits next week; paving.
- Update: Public bids for the Wichita-Braden-Mesquite-Vega and Richland Drive Drainage Projects went out and a recommendation award of a contract is scheduled for Council meeting on March 2.
- Update: Hot Rods and Hatters downtown event, Saturday, Feb 6.
- Update: Assistant Building Official has been hired. Mr. Thomas Heap from Stephenville, Texas, with 20 plus building code experience years.
- Reminder: 5th Annual Sip and Stroll event, Saturday, April 2.
- Reminder: Annual Progressive Club Banquet, Saturday, Feb 20.

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

Councilmember Westmoreland expressed condolences to families of Pat Kirksey and Lou Pittman for their loss.

Councilmember Mendoza expressed condolences to the Kirksey and Pittman families for their loss. He congratulated Joel Gammage for the successful Hot Rod & Hatters event and to Habitat for Humanity for putting a roof on another Habitat home in Lockhart.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez expressed condolences to the families of Frank Rodriguez, Sr., Pat Kirksey, Katrina Brite, and Lou Pittman. Congratulations to Joel Gammage for a very successful Hot Rod & Hatters event.

Councilmember Hilburn expressed condolences to the Kirksey and Pittman families for their loss. He congratulated Joel Gammage for a successful Hot Rod & Hatters event. He thanked the Aggie freshman team of 65 members for their hard work with helping to cleanup various areas of Caldwell County that included Lockhart and Martindale.

Councilmember Castillo expressed condolences to the Kirksey, Pittman, and Rodriguez families and other families that have lost a loved one. He thanked the Lockhart Fire Department for their prompt response to a fire in District 2 this week. He congratulated Joel Gammage for a very successful Hot Rod & Hatters event.

Councilmember Michelson congratulated Joel Gammage for a very successful Hot Rod & Hatters event. He congratulated the Caldwell County Give Texans organization for a successful fundraiser in Luling this weekend. He expressed condolences to the Pittman and Kirksey families for their loss.

Mayor White expressed condolences to the Kirksey and Pittman families for their loss. He congratulated Joel Gammage for a successful Hot Rod & Hatters Car Show. He expressed get well wishes to Catrin Gammage. Progressive Club is hosting their banquet at the Lions Club on Saturday, February 20. He reminded Council to submit their list of goals to staff for the upcoming goals workshop. He thanked the Aggie team for their hard work to help clean up Caldwell County. He also congratulated students of Lockhart Schools that have been inducted into the Honor Society.

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 8:25 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED this the 1st day of March 2016.

CITY OF LOCKHART



Lew White

Lew White, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie Constancio

Connie Constancio, TRMC
City Secretary