

**LOCKHART CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 17, 2015**

**6:30 P.M.**

**CLARK LIBRARY-MASONIC BUILDING, 217 SOUTH MAIN STREET, 3<sup>rd</sup> FLOOR, LOCKHART, TEXAS**

**Council present:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Angie Gonzales-Sanchez  
Councilmember Benny Hilburn

Mayor Lew White  
Councilmember Juan Mendoza  
Councilmember Jeffry Michelson

**Council absent:**

Councilmember John Castillo

**Staff present:**

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

Connie Constancio, City Secretary  
Jeff Hinson, Finance Director  
Dan Gibson, City Planner

**Citizens/Visitors Addressing the Council:** Rick Johnson, Citizen.

**Work Session 6:30 p.m.**

Mayor White announced that Councilmember John Castillo will not be able to attend the meeting.

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 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 20, 2015, JANUARY 27, 2015, AND FEBRUARY 3, 2015 MEETINGS.**

Mayor White requested corrections to the minutes of the January 20, 2015, January 27, 2015 and February 3, 2015 meetings. There were none.

**B. DISCUSS RESOLUTION 2015-04 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACT AS THE CITY'S EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.**

Mr. Rodgers stated that the grant is for \$275,000 and would be for a treated water transmission line from the Lockhart Water Plant to near the Serta Manufacturing Plant on Blackjack. If approved by Council, and if the grant is awarded, the local match of \$80,000 would come from the water unrestricted fund balance. Mr. Rodgers recommended approval. There was discussion.

**C. DISCUSSION AFTER BRIEF PRESENTATION REGARDING LONE STAR RAIL DISTRICT'S FUTURE PLANS FOR PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE AND A FREIGHT RAIL LINE STUDY IN CALDWELL COUNTY WITH BOTH RAILS BETWEEN TAYLOR AND SAN ANTONIO.**

Mr. Rodgers and Mayor White provided information about the proposed passenger rail service and freight rail line study that is planned to run between Taylor and San Antonio. Additional community meetings will be scheduled for public input this spring. There was discussion.

**D. DISCUSSION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT INVOLVING BUILDING PERMITS FOR HOMES, NEW AND/OR EXPANDED BUSINESSES, AND OTHER BUSINESS CONTACTS LOOKING AT LOCKHART.**

Ms. Mauldin gave a report about economic development activities in the Lockhart area in 2014. There was discussion.

**E. DISCUSSION AFTER CITY MANAGER UPDATE REGARDING CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION (CO) PROJECTS, PRIORITIES, AND RELATED PUBLIC INFORMATION, SCHEDULING PROCESS, AND FUNDING TIMELINES.**

Mr. Rodgers provided information about the scheduling process, projects to be considered, their priorities, related public information, and funding timelines. There was discussion.

RECESS: Mayor White announced that the Council would recess for a break at 7:25 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 7:41 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.

Rick Johnson invited the City Council and the community to a "Welcome Homecoming" ceremony for Vietnam Veterans on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at the Lockhart High School stadium. He stated that tax deductible donations will be accepted to assist in funding the ceremony. He requested that the Council present a proclamation honoring the Veterans during the ceremony.

**ITEM 4. CONSENT AGENDA.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to approve consent agenda items 4A and 4B. Councilmember Michelson seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

The following are the consent agenda items that were approved:

- 4A: Approve City Council minutes of the January 20, 2015, January 27, 2015, and February 3, 2015 meetings.
- 4B: Approve Resolution 2015-04 authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Community Development Fund; and authorizing the Mayor to act as the City's Executive Officer and authorized Representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the Community Development Block Grant Program.

**ITEM 5-A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION AFTER BRIEF PRESENTATION REGARDING LONE STAR RAIL DISTRICT'S FUTURE PLANS FOR PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE AND A FREIGHT RAIL LINE STUDY IN CALDWELL COUNTY WITH BOTH RAILS BETWEEN TAYLOR AND SAN ANTONIO.**

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

**ITEM 5-B. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT INVOLVING BUILDING PERMITS FOR HOMES, NEW AND/OR EXPANDED BUSINESSES, AND OTHER BUSINESS CONTACTS LOOKING AT LOCKHART.**

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

**ITEM 5-C. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION AFTER CITY MANAGER UPDATE REGARDING CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION (CO) PROJECTS, PRIORITIES, AND RELATED PUBLIC INFORMATION, SCHEDULING PROCESS, AND FUNDING TIMELINES.**

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

**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: Chihuahua - Pancho Streets Neighborhood Area meeting set for Tuesday, March 10, starting at 6 pm at the former Latino Hall on First Street.
- Update: More movies and commercial activities in town (Green Ghost) and possible HBO TV series being considered.
- Update: National Works Inc. out of New Braunfels will be inspecting the clay tile sewer lines downtown. Work will take about 2 days. Some traffic congestion and temporary re-routing will be necessary.
- Update: US Hwy 183 expansion project: water and waste-water work process; City electric work complete; Gas, AT&T and TWC work still in progress; storm water contractor work.
- Update: Preparations for Lone Star Grand Prix 2015 Kart Race on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> with some street closures starting as early as Thursday night. All downtown will be transformed into a kart race track and all that will disappear by Monday morning when businesses open up.
- Congratulations: Bertha and staff recognized for the grand reopening event in the Texas Library Systems Newsletter.
- Report: The Hot Rods and Hatters car show held on February 7 in downtown Lockhart Cars co-sponsored by the City of Lockhart Downtown Revitalization Events Committee.
- Reminder: Annual Progressive Club event Saturday, February 21, 2015, at 6:30 pm at the Lions Club.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez expressed condolences to the Serna and Castillo families for their loss. She wished her husband a Happy Birthday.

Councilmember Mendoza stated that the Boys and Girls Club is currently recruiting teachers for classes that they will begin soon. Pastor Williams of the First Baptist Church invited all to attend a Black History Month service on Sunday, February 15 at 10 a.m. He congratulated the Lockhart Animal Shelter for adopting out 68 animals during their Free Pet Adoption Month event.

Councilmember Hilburn congratulated the Library staff and Hot Rod & Hatters for their successful events.

Mayor White announced that Habitat for Humanity is preparing to begin another home project. The Progressive Club will hold their annual banquet on February 21, 2015. He stated that he and Ray Sanders are recruiting volunteers for the Kart Race on March 7-8. Sip & Stroll event coming soon.

**ITEM 8. ADJOURNMENT.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Mendoza seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2015.

**CITY OF LOCKHART**



ATTEST:

*Connie Constancio*

Connie Constancio, TRMC  
City Secretary

*Lew White*  
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Lew White, Mayor