

**LOCKHART CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

DECEMBER 15, 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 Jeffry Michelson

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

Staff present:

Vance Rodgers, City Manager
Peter Gruning, City Attorney
Dan Gibson, City Planner
Shane Mondin, Building Official

Connie Constancio, City Secretary
Jeff Hinson, Finance Director
John Roescher, Police Captain
Julie Bowermon, Civil Service Director

Citizens/Visitors Addressing the Council: Gene Galbreath of the Southwest Museum of Clock and Watches; and Citizens, Kei LaFleur, Jeremy McCord, Emilio Guardado, and Peter Moore.

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 CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 1, 2015.

Mayor White requested corrections. There were none.

B. DISCUSS SITE PLAN FOR THE REMOVAL OF TWO PROTECTED TREES TO BUILD A NEW COMMERCIAL BUILDING AT 700 SOUTH COLORADO STREET. [TABLED DECEMBER 1, 2015]

Mr. Mondin stated that the Council tabled this agenda item on December 1, 2015 to allow a site plan to be submitted providing the location of the two protected trees and the seven replacement trees. Advance Auto Parts is requesting approval to remove two protected pecan trees to build a 6,800 square foot building and associated parking lot and driveways. There was discussion about the site plan.

C. DISCUSS ORDINANCE 2015-29 REPEALING UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE 08-03 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ADOPTING THIS ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE PAYMENT OF A MONETARY RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE FOR NEW POLICE OFFICER HIRES AND SETTING FORTH CRITERIA FOR THE INCENTIVE.

Mr. Rodgers stated that the Police Department currently has three patrol officer vacancies, two are out on possible extended injury leave and, two others have expressed intentions about leaving which would create two more vacancies. The City of Austin is down about 200 officers and several surrounding cities are down 30-50% for patrol officers. A test was held on November 7, 2015 for certified applicants of which three applicants applied. Of the three applicants, two withdrew accepting police officer positions with other entities and the 3rd applicant did not pass the Chief's interview. Ordinance 08-03 was passed in 2008 to provide a hiring incentive to increase recruitment. The incentive was used for a short time during 2008-2009 and was no longer used once the City began offering to sponsor non-certified cadets through a police

academy. Per Ordinance 08-03, the City Manager may reinstate the incentive as needed. Proposed Ordinance 2015-29 raises the hiring incentive from \$2,000 to \$3,000. Employees will be required to sign an agreement to repay the incentive if leaving before two years after hire. The incentive would be paid out in two payments: \$2,000 at the time of hire and \$1,000 after successful completion of the departmental field training program. There was discussion.

D. DISCUSS RESOLUTION 2015-15 REGARDING THE INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE CITY OF LOCKHART, TEXAS.

Mr. Hinson stated that the Investment Policy has no changes from the previous year because there were no legislative changes in the investment policy laws that required amendments.

E. DISCUSS ORDINANCE 2015-30 AMENDING THE LOCKHART CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 58, "UTILITIES", ARTICLE II. "DEPOSIT RATES, CHARGES, COLLECTION PROCEDURES, ETC.", DIVISION 2., "ELECTRIC RATES COMPUTATION" BY ADDING SECTION 58-78, "DISTRIBUTIVE GENERATION CREDIT" WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE CALCULATION OF SUCH CREDIT.

Mr. Hinson stated that the changes in the ordinance would allow electric utility customers, who own private alternative electric generation systems and have a valid interconnect agreement, to receive a credit for the excess electric energy produced by their system. The ordinance provides that all customers participating in distributive generation, with a valid interconnect agreement, will receive a credit for the electrical output from their private generation system that exceeds the electric energy purchased by the customer from the City of Lockhart Utility System at 85% of the avoided cost rate. The avoided cost shall be the combined per KWH wholesale power cost of electric energy purchased by the City of Lockhart Utility System from its wholesale electric energy providers. There was discussion.

F. DISCUSS CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION TO USE STEINBOMER-BRAMWELL-VRAZEL ARCHITECTS FOR DESIGN SERVICES OF A COMMUNITY PARK BUILDING, EXPANSION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING AT 1914 WEST SAN ANTONIO STREET, AND AN ELEVATOR, RESTROOM, AND ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS AT CITY HALL AND FIRE STATION #1, AND IF A NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT WITH THIS FIRM CANNOT BE OBTAINED, THE CITY MANAGER WILL THEN BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SECOND BEST RANKED FIRM GIGNAC.

Mr. Rodgers stated that Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) were publicized in compliance with State law for professional design services of City public facility improvements as approved by Council in the 2015 Certificates of Obligation. Five companies submitted RFQ responses. Proposals were ranked according to the RFQ criteria and scoring was completed. Steinbomer-Bramwell-Vrazel of Austin scored the highest with GIGNAC ranking second.

Mr. Rodgers stated that the public facility projects are as follows:

- 1) Construction of a small multipurpose community building in City Park.
- 2) Installation of a passenger elevator at City Hall and remodeling of restroom facilities (upstairs and downstairs) at 308 West San Antonio Street.
- 3) Installation of 2nd floor access (possible elevator) and remodeling at Fire Station at 201 West Market Street.
- 4) Construction of addition to existing fire truck storage building located at 1914 West San Antonio that will eventually be for sleeping quarters, meeting room, restroom facilities, and office.

There was discussion.

G. DISCUSS VERBAL REQUEST AT LAST COUNCIL MEETING FROM MS. KEI LAFLEUR TO APPEAL THE DECISION OF THE LOCKHART LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD NOT TO ALLOW THE PLACEMENT OF A PORTRAIT OF HER SON CORPORAL JASON K. LAFLEUR IN THE DR. EUGENE CLARK LIBRARY; THE BOARD SUGGESTED SHE APPROACH THE VFW AND/OR THE AMERICAN LEGION FOR POSSIBLE PLACEMENT.

Mr. Rodgers stated that Ms. LaFleur's request was considered by the Lockhart Library Advisory Board on November 2, 2015. The board voted to respectfully decline permission to display a portrait as requested by Ms. LaFleur but that she might consider approaching the VFW and/or the American Legion.

Mayor White requested Ms. LaFleur to address the Council:

Kei LaFleur, 598 Pearl Street, addressed the Council and requested that the Council authorize the portrait of her son to be displayed in the Library.

Councilmember Hilburn expressed words of respect to Corporal LaFleur and his family. He stated that he was not in favor of displaying the portrait in the Library because he believes that it would set a precedence of displaying many other portraits in the future.

Mayor White spoke in favor of the portrait being displayed in the Library. He suggested implementing rules about displays in the Library.

Councilmember Westmoreland spoke in favor of the portrait being displayed in the Library.

Councilmember Michelson suggested that rules and regulations be established prior to allowing the display of portraits in the Library.

Councilmember Castillo also expressed words of respect to Corporal LaFleur for his dedication to our Country. He spoke against the portrait being displayed in the Library and respectfully recommended that Mrs. LaFleur consider approaching another organization to display the portrait.

Councilmember Mendoza spoke in favor of the portrait being displayed in the Library. He suggested that the portrait be displayed in a section of the Library pertaining to history about war and the military.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez spoke in favor of displaying the portrait in the Library.

Mayor White suggested that the Library staff meet with him to discuss rules and regulations of displaying portraits for Council's consideration during the first meeting in January.

H. DISCUSS REQUEST BY SOUTHWEST MUSEUM OF CLOCKS AND WATCHES FOR HOTEL OCCUPANCY FUNDS IN 2016.

Mr. Hinson stated that Mr. Galbreath was unable to attend during the December 1, 2015 Council meeting.

Gene Galbreath, President of the Southwest Museum of Clocks and Watches provided information about how their organization promotes tourism to Lockhart. Mr. Galbreath stated that the organization is requesting hotel occupancy tax funds in the amount of \$9,460 or an equivalent of percentage of the available funding.

I. DISCUSS ALLOCATION OF HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAXES TO ENTITIES REQUESTING DISTRIBUTIONS FOR 2016.

After brief discussion, Mayor White announced that the Council would take action about the distributions during the regular meeting.

J. DISCUSSION REGARDING CITY COUNCIL'S DECISION ABOUT HOW THE UNDISTRIBUTED AMOUNT OF \$1,514.43 REMAINING IN THE HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX FUND WILL BE UTILIZED.

Mr. Hinson stated that there is \$1,514.43 undistributed funds remaining in the Hotel Occupancy Tax due to the budget limitations contained in the contract with the Caldwell County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. He stated that the Council could do one of the following about the funds:

- Roll over the undistributed funds to next year and distribute according to the fiscal year 2016 distribution percentages;
- Retain it in the fund balance;
- Distribute this calendar year to an eligible entities (except Hispanic Chamber because they are not eligible); or,
- The City can spend that amount on qualified expenses.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez asked if the funds could be used towards the City having a booth at the TML Annual Conference in Austin in October 2016. Mr. Hinson stated that if the booth at the conference advertises and promotes Lockhart, it would qualify as promoting tourism.

There was also discussion about possibly utilizing the funds on an upcoming event within the city limits.

K. DISCUSS APPOINTMENT TO THE CAPITAL AREA PLANNING COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (CAPCOG) CLEAN AIR COALITION COMMITTEE.

Mayor White stated that he currently serves on the Committee yet offered the position to another Councilmember. There was brief discussion.

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 7:39 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.

Gene Galbreath requested that the Council place an item on the agenda to allow the Council to discuss and consider authorizing the placement of a street clock in the city right-of-way downtown.

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

ITEM 4-A. HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATION ZC-15-06 BY JEREMY MCCORD FOR A ZONING CHANGE FROM RMD RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM DENSITY DISTRICT TO CMB COMMERCIAL MEDIUM BUSINESS DISTRICT FOR LOT 6, BLOCK 1, SOUTH ADDITION, CONSISTING OF 0.55 ACRE LOCATED AT 1100 SOUTH COMMERCE STREET.

Mayor White opened the public hearing at 7:43 p.m. and requested the staff report.

Mr. Gibson stated that the applicant wishes to develop the subject lot for a use that is not allowed by the current residential zoning, and is allowed by-right in only the CMB and CHB districts. All of the surrounding area, except for two lots diagonally across the street to the northeast, is zoned RMD. The two lots to the northeast are zoned CHB, although the closest one actually contains two dwellings and the other is the rear of the Family Dollar store. The requested CMB zoning allows a wide variety of commercial businesses such as offices, retail stores, restaurants (including drive-up windows), auto sales and repair, gas stations, package sales of alcoholic beverages, and indoor recreation/entertainment/amusement facilities. More intense uses are allowed upon approval of a specific use permit. Any of these could increase traffic on a street that is still primarily a residential street, although it is technically classified on the thoroughfare plan map as an arterial street. In addition, there would be a potential for other non-residential impacts such as noise, parking lot and sign lighting, and the appearance of a parking lot adjacent to existing residences. The CLB zoning classification, which is sometimes used as a transition between residential and commercial zoning, is less intensive in terms of the possible commercial uses, but it would not allow the applicant's intended use of the property. The proposed CMB zoning classification is not consistent with the Lockhart 2020 Land Use Plan designation of Medium Density Residential for the east side of this block of South Commerce Street. Thus far, no support or opposition has been expressed by owners of other property in the area. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend denial of the requested zoning change.

Jeremy McCord, 609 Cottonwood, requested approval of the zoning change. He stated that he demolished a dilapidated mobile home after he purchased the property. He stated that he believes that the area has enough traffic to accommodate a business instead of a residence.

Mayor White requested citizens in favor of the zoning change to address the Council. There were none.

Mayor White requested the following citizens that indicated they were against the zoning change to address the Council:

Emilio Guardado, 1108 South Commerce spoke against the zoning change and requested that the zoning remain residential.

Peter Moore, 1018 South Commerce spoke against the zoning change and requested that the zoning remain residential.

Mayor White requested additional citizens to address the Council in regards to the zoning change. There were none. He closed the public hearing at 8:15 p.m.

ITEM 4-B. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2015-27 AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LOCKHART, TEXAS, TO RECLASSIFY THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS LOT 6, BLOCK 1, SOUTH ADDITION, CONSISTING OF 0.55 ACRE LOCATED AT 1100 SOUTH COMMERCE STREET, FROM RMD RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM DENSITY DISTRICT TO CMB COMMERCIAL MEDIUM BUSINESS DISTRICT.

Councilmember Mendoza stated that approximately 80% of the residents in the area oppose the spot rezoning and that he would uphold the majority of the neighborhood's consensus.

Councilmember Mendoza made a motion to deny Ordinance 2015-27. Councilmember Castillo seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 6-1, with Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez opposing. The zoning change was denied.

There was discussion about the zoning change notification process.

ITEM 4-C. HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATION ZC-15-07 BY RAMASAMY KULANTHAIVELU FOR A ZONING CHANGE FROM CLB COMMERCIAL LIGHT BUSINESS DISTRICT TO CMB COMMERCIAL MEDIUM BUSINESS DISTRICT FOR 0.527 ACRE IN THE BYRD LOCKHART SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 17, LOCATED AT 730 SOUTH COLORADO STREET (US 183).

Mayor White opened the public hearing at 8:20 p.m. and requested the staff report.

Mr. Gibson stated that the existing convenience store has been nonconforming under its current CLB zoning because that district doesn't allow retail without an SUP, and doesn't allow vehicle fuel sales at all. It had been grandfathered, but was closed for repairs and unexpectedly wasn't ready to reopen prior to the six-month expiration of the grandfathered status. The proposed CMB zoning would eliminate the nonconformity because it allows convenience stores by-right. The subject property abuts existing CMB zoning to the south, and only one parcel zoned CLB adjacent to the north separates it from another area of CMB zoning. The area across Colorado Street to the west is zoned CHB going north and CMB going south, with one lot zoned CLB in the middle. If the requested zoning change is approved, it would simply result in the expansion of the existing areas zoned CMB adjacent to the south and across the street, and would not be incompatible with the areas currently zoned CLB and CHB. The requested CMB zoning classification does allow a wider range of commercial uses than the existing CLB classification, but there will be no practical effect since the existing use is already considered to be fairly high intensity and it is not proposed to change at this time. The requested CMB zoning classification is consistent with the Lockhart 2020 Land Use Plan map designation of Light-Medium Commercial. Thus far, no support or opposition has been expressed by owners of other property in the area. Mr. Gibson stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend approval.

Mayor White requested citizens in favor of or against the zoning change to address the Council. There were none. He closed the public hearing at 8:25 p.m.

ITEM 4-D. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2015-28 AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LOCKHART, TEXAS, TO RECLASSIFY THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 0.527 ACRE IN THE BYRD LOCKHART SURVEY, ABSTRACT NUMBER 17, LOCATED AT 730 SOUTH COLORADO STREET (US 183), FROM CLB COMMERCIAL LIGHT BUSINESS DISTRICT TO CMB COMMERCIAL MEDIUM BUSINESS DISTRICT.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-28 amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Lockhart, Texas, to reclassify the property known as 0.527 acre in the Byrd Lockhart Survey, Abstract Number 17, located at 730 South Colorado Street (US 183), from CLB Commercial Light Business District to CMB Commercial Medium Business District. Councilmember Michelson seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 5. CONSENT AGENDA.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to approve consent agenda items 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D, 5E, and 5F. Councilmember Hilburn seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

The following are the consent agenda items that were approved:

- 5A: Approve minutes of the City Council meeting of December 1, 2015.
- 5B: Approve site plan for the removal of two protected trees to build a new commercial building at 700 South Colorado Street. [Tabled December 1, 2015]
- 5C: Approve Ordinance 2015-29 repealing uncodified Ordinance 08-03 in its entirety and adopting this Ordinance establishing the payment of a monetary recruitment incentive for new police officer hires and setting forth criteria for the incentive.
- 5D: Approve Resolution 2015-15 approving the Investment Policy for the City of Lockhart, Texas.
- 5E: Approve Ordinance 2015-30 amending the Lockhart Code of Ordinances, Chapter 58, "Utilities", Article II. "Deposit Rates, Charges, Collection Procedures, etc.," Division 2., "Electric Rates Computation" by adding Section 58-78. "Distributive Generation Credit" which provides for the calculation of such credit.
- 5F: Approve City Manager's recommendation to use Steinbomer-Bramwell-Vrazel Architects for design services of a community park building, expansion of fire department building at 1914 West San Antonio Street, and an elevator, restroom, and access improvements at City Hall and Fire Station #1, and if a negotiated agreement with this firm cannot be obtained, the City Manager will then begin negotiations with the second best ranked firm GIGNAC.

ITEM 6-A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING VERBAL REQUEST AT LAST COUNCIL MEETING FROM MS. KEI LAFLEUR TO APPEAL THE DECISION OF THE LOCKHART LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD NOT TO ALLOW THE PLACEMENT OF A PORTRAIT OF HER SON CORPORAL JASON K. LAFLEUR IN THE DR. EUGENE CLARK LIBRARY; THE BOARD SUGGESTED SHE APPROACH THE VFW AND/OR THE AMERICAN LEGION FOR POSSIBLE PLACEMENT.

Councilmember Castillo made a motion to table the item until the Library Advisory Board identifies rules and regulations about displaying portraits in the Library that is recommended to be presented to Council at the meeting on January 5, 2016. Councilmember Hilburn seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 6-B. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER A REQUEST BY SOUTHWEST MUSEUM OF CLOCKS AND WATCHES FOR HOTEL OCCUPANCY FUNDS IN 2016.

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

ITEM 6-C. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING ALLOCATION OF HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAXES TO ENTITIES REQUESTING DISTRIBUTIONS FOR 2016.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion that the hotel occupancy funds be placed in an escrow account to save for a future convention center and not to allocate to the requesting entities. The motion failed for the lack of a second vote.

There was discussion.

Councilmember Hilburn made a motion to allocate funds as listed below. Councilmember Michelson seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 6-1, with Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez opposing.

Southwest Museum of Clocks & Watches	3.7%
Caldwell County Museum	3.7%
Gaslight Baker Theatre	14.6%
Greater Caldwell County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	19%
Lockhart Chamber of Commerce	59%

ITEM 6-D. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION FOR CITY COUNCIL TO DECIDE HOW THE UNDISTRIBUTED AMOUNT OF \$1,514.43 REMAINING IN THE HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX FUND WILL BE UTILIZED.

Councilmember Michelson made a motion to leave the \$1,514.43 in the fund balance with availability for the TML Conference in the future. Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez seconded. There was discussion.

After discussion, Councilmember Michelson withdrew his motion and Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez withdrew the second vote.

Councilmember Michelson made a motion to table the item to first meeting in January 2016. Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 6-E. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING APPOINTMENT TO THE CAPITAL AREA PLANNING COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (CAPCOG) CLEAN AIR COALITION COMMITTEE.

Councilmember Castillo made a motion to nominate Mayor White to the CAPCOG Clean Air Coalition Committee. Councilmember Hilburn seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 6-F. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS, COMMISSIONS OR COMMITTEES.

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

Councilmember Hilburn made a motion to nominate Nic Erwin as alternate to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Councilmember Castillo seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 7. 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 95% complete. Laying storm water pipe along east side for Section 1-B between Hickory and Blackjack. Update on paving first section.
- Update: Designs continue for the drainage project improvements. The last needed property for the drainage projects should be obtained in early January. Drainage construction bid packages will be ready.
- Update: Poles have been set and siren units ordered. Construction and installations should be completed in by February 1.
- Update: The new brush chipper has come.
- Report: Annual Dickens Parade and downtown event.
- Congratulations to Connie Constancio and crew for winning the best lighted entry in the Dickens Lighted Parade.
- Report: Lower Colorado River Authority Construction Crews will be setting the large pole on the east side of SH 130 at Maple Street within next 30 days, weather-permitting. This pole is for one of the main primary electric feeder lines coming out of the new electric substation that will eventually help the goal of dual feed from two substations.
- Congratulations to retirees: Warren Lay, Fire Marshal, 23 years in the Fire Department, and Joe Leal, Street/Sanitation Supervisor, with 35 years of service.

ITEM 8. COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMENTS – ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST.

Councilmember Westmoreland congratulated all involved in the successful Dickens' Christmas event. Happy Holidays to all.

Councilmember Mendoza congratulated all involved in the very success Dickens' Christmas event. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez congratulated Library staff and all of the volunteers for the successful Dickens' Christmas event. She congratulated Warren Lay and Joe Leal for retiring from the City of Lockhart and to Janie Wright who also announced retirement from the Lockhart Independent School District. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilmember Hilburn thanked all involved with Dickens' Christmas event. He congratulated to Chief Joseph Gorman for setting up an educational EMT program at the Lockhart Fire Department. He also congratulated the Girl Scouts for working to clean up the park on Commerce Street. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilmember Castillo thanked Library and volunteers for the successful Dickens' Christmas event. He thanked Warren Lay and Joe Leal for their dedication to the City of Lockhart and both Diane Delgado and Janie Wright for retiring from the Lockhart Independent School District. He wished everyone a safe and Happy Holidays and Happy New Year. He thanked staff for their hard work.

Councilmember Michelson congratulated the Library and Library Board for the successful Dickens' Christmas event. He congratulated the Gaslight-Baker Theatre for a successful "Tuna Christmas" show. He wished everyone a Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year. He requested an update about economic development and about Pure Casting at an upcoming meeting. Mr. Rodgers recommended a meeting in February. He thanked the citizens for their patience during the Highway 183 renovation.

Mayor White thanked all involved with the successful Dickens' Christmas event. He congratulated the 1st Grade Class of Stephanie Hinkle of Plum Creek Elementary for collecting the most canned foods (260 cans) for the food bank. That accomplishment won the class lunch with the Mayor this past Monday. He thanked members of the VAT who sponsor the Tree of Angels Remembrance Ceremony every year. He thanked Sandra Mauldin for her dedication and for working long hours to respond to new business prospects. He congratulated all that retired with the City and LISD. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Councilmember Castillo announced the tree lighting at the Courthouse at 4 pm this Saturday. Lilly's toy distribution will be Sunday, December 20 at the Lions Club.

ITEM 9. 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 9:06 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED this the 5th day of January 2016.

CITY OF LOCKHART



ATTEST:

Connie Constancio

Connie Constancio, TRMC
City Secretary

Lew White

Lew White, Mayor