

**REGULAR MEETING  
LOCKHART CITY COUNCIL**

**NOVEMBER 6, 2018**

**6:30 P.M.**

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

**Council present:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Angie Gonzales-Sanchez  
Councilmember Juan Mendoza  
Councilmember Jeffry Michelson

Mayor Lew White  
Councilmember John Castillo  
Councilmember Kara McGregor  
Councilmember Brad Westmoreland

**Staff present:**

Steve Lewis, City Manager  
Peter Gruning, City Attorney  
Pam Larison, Interim Finance Director  
Bobby Leos, Electric Superintendent

Connie Constancio, City Secretary  
Julie Bowermon, Civil Service Director  
Sean Kelley, Public Works Director  
Dan Gibson, City Planner

**Citizens/Visitors Addressing the Council:** Christie Pruitt, President of the Lockhart Chamber of Commerce; and, Roy Watson, Citizen.

**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. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING AN UPDATE BY THE LOCKHART CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.**

Christie Pruitt, President of the Lockhart Chamber of Commerce gave an update. There was discussion.

**B. DISCUSS MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 16, 2018.**

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

**C. DISCUSS THE COMPLETION OF OVERHEAD THREE-PHASE POWER LINES FROM THE CORNER OF WEST CLEARFORK AND CITY LINE ROAD GOING WEST ON LINCOLN LANE AND THE COMPLETION OF OVERHEAD THREE-PHASE POWER LINES ON MAPLE STREET BEGINNING IN FRONT OF THE JASON K. LAFLEUR SOCCER FIELD GOING EAST ON MOCKINGBIRD LANE THEN NORTH ON MOCKINGBIRD LANE TO TIE LINES TOGETHER IN FRONT OF THE BLUEBONNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$400,000.**

Mr. Leos stated that staff recommends that two electric projects be completed to provide electric service to future housing developments. Project 1 - overhead three-phase power lines from the corner of West Clearfork and City Line Road is needed to feed a new senior citizen complex East of and to include Lincoln Lane. Project 2 - overhead three-phase power lines on Maple Street is needed to put load on CF90 breaker at the Clearfork Substation to take load off the old substation on FM 20 East as well as feeding the new housing on Mockingbird Lane. The estimated cost for both projects is \$400,000, which includes labor and materials. The projects will be funded through Electric Distribution Restricted Funds. If approved, the project will begin shortly thereafter with an estimated completion within 2-3 months. These electric distribution upgrades are essential to enable future housing developments. There was discussion.

**D. DISCUSS RESOLUTION 2018-20 APPROVING THE TAX ROLL FOR THE YEAR 2018 (FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019).**

Ms. Larison stated that Section 26.09 of the Property Tax Code requires that the City Council of the City of Lockhart approves the appraisal roll with tax amounts entered by the assessor, for the year 2018. Approval of Resolution 2018-20 with the tax roll of \$4,608,370.79 would meet this requirement. There was brief discussion.

**E. DISCUSS THE 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2018 INVESTMENT REPORT.**

Ms. Larison stated that the Texas Public Investment Act requires local governments to review and accept a Quarterly Investment Report, as presented, for each quarterly period of the year. The 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2018 report ended September 30, 2018.

**F. DISCUSS ENGAGEMENT OF SERVICES WITH ROSS GANNAWAY, PLLC TO PROVIDE GENERAL LEGAL ADVICE AND COUNSEL TO THE CITY OF LOCKHART ON EMPLOYMENT AND CIVIL SERVICE MATTERS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT IF APPROVED.**

Ms. Bowermon stated that in the early 2000's, Austin based attorney Sheila Gladstone provided general legal advice and counsel to the City for some employment matters. In November 2006, following the election of Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 143, Civil Service Attorney Gladstone referred the City to the Fort Worth based law firm of Lynn, Ross & Gannaway. This firm specialized in employment law and civil service. Initially, Betty Lynn assisted the City throughout the implementation of civil service and advised on civil service matters. In 2009, the primary contact from the firm advising the City transitioned to Julia Gannaway. Recently, staff has been notified that Lynn, Ross & Gannaway has dissolved and become two separate firms: Lynn Law, PLLC and Ross Gannaway, PLLC. Staff recommends continuing with Attorney Julia Gannaway and the firm of Ross Gannaway, PLLC. There was discussion.

**G. DISCUSS CONFIRMATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEMBERS REAPPOINTMENT OF MS. WORLANDA NEAL FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY MANAGER.**

Mr. Lewis stated that Ms. Neal has served on the commission for the past 12 years (four 3-year terms) and since 2017, she has served as the Chair of the Commission. According to Civil Service regulations, she can be reappointed for additional terms (3 years long) if the appointment is confirmed by a two-thirds majority vote of the City Council. Ms. Neal has graciously agreed to continue serving on the commission. Both the City Manager and Civil Service Director concur that she has been an asset to the Civil Service Commission. Mr. Lewis recommended approval. There was brief discussion.

**H. DISCUSS THE USAGE OF DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION FUNDS/SPECIAL REVENUES FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT UP TO \$5,000 TO PURCHASE A CHRISTMAS TREE TO BE PLACED ON THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE.**

Mr. Kelley stated that the Light Up Lockhart Committee has been holding annual events and fundraisers to purchase lighting displays and decorations throughout the community, which are very well attended. Last year, the committee raised \$7,300 of which all of those funds were used to purchase the lighting displays. The Downtown Revitalization Board has proposed to purchase a 25 or 30-foot Christmas Tree of Lights to be placed on the southwest corner of the Courthouse Square. A Tree Lighting event will be held on December 9, 2018. The cost of the Christmas Tree is approximately \$5,000. The Electric and Public Works Departments will work together to assemble the tree of lights. There was discussion.

**I. DISCUSS THE PROCESS TO PROCEED WITH REVIEWING A PROPOSED NEW CITY LOGO, BRANDING AND WAYFINDING.**

Councilmember McGregor stated that the Committee believes that the new logo as previously proposed to reflect the courthouse as the iconic brand of Lockhart. There were concerns when the proposed logo was first presented because it did not represent a city facility. The Committee researched several options for the logo and the courthouse was the final result of the Committee's recommendation.

Mayor White expressed appreciation to the Committee members and staff for their efforts to present a proposed new logo. He suggested that the council hold a workshop on December 11, 2018 to discuss considering the proposed recent and past new logo options to see if there is an agreement of a new logo to propose to the citizens during a public hearing.

Councilmember Michelson expressed opposition in using the schematic of the courthouse as the city logo.

Councilmember McGregor pointed out that many surrounding cities use the State Capitol in its branding because the Capitol represents the historic feature of the area.

Mayor White announced that the Council will hold a workshop regarding a proposed new city logo on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

RECESS: Mayor White announced that the Council would recess for a break at 7:20 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

**ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER.**

Mayor Lew White called the regular meeting of the Lockhart City Council to order at 7:35 p.m.

**ITEM 2. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Councilmember McGregor gave the Invocation and led the 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-A. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING AN UPDATE BY THE LOCKHART CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.**

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

**ITEM 5. CONSENT AGENDA.**

Mayor White provided a brief summary regarding purchasing the Tree of Lights that will be installed on the Courthouse lawn. Downtown Revitalization funds will be used to purchase lights and equipment necessary to create a tree of lights for December 2018. The Committee members will continue searching for a new tree of lights to purchase for December 2019.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to approve consent agenda items 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D, 5E, 5F, and 5G. Councilmember Michelson 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 October 16, 2018.
- 5B: Approve the completion of overhead three-phase power lines from the corner of West Clearfork and City Line Road going West on Lincoln Lane and the completion of overhead three-phase power lines on Maple Street beginning in front of the Jason K. LaFleur soccer field going east on Mockingbird Lane then north on Mockingbird Lane to tie lines together in front of the Bluebonnet Elementary School for an estimated cost of \$400,000.
- 5C: Approve Resolution 2018-20 approving the tax roll for the year 2018 (Fiscal Year 2018-2019).
- 5D: Accept the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Fiscal Year 2018 Investment Report.
- 5E: Approve engagement of services with Ross Gannaway, PLLC to provide general legal advice and counsel to the City of Lockhart on employment and civil service matters and authorizing the City Manager to sign the agreement if approved.
- 5F: Approve confirmation of Civil Service Commission members reappointment of Ms. Worlanda Neal for a three-year term as recommended by the City Manager.
- 5G: Approve the usage of Downtown Revitalization Funds/Special Revenues Funds in the amount of \$5,000 to purchase a Christmas Tree to be placed on the Courthouse Square.

**ITEM 6-A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER THE PROCESS TO PROCEED WITH REVIEWING A PROPOSED NEW CITY LOGO/BRANDING AND WAYFINDING.**

Roy Watson provided additional information regarding the method that the Committee used to determine a proposed new logo. He explained that the Committee chose to use the courthouse outline as the new logo because it represents the historic feature of the community. There was discussion.

Mayor White stated that this was a starting point to begin the consideration process prior to taking the proposed new logo to the citizens during a public hearing. There was discussion.

Councilmember Michelson made a motion to hold a workshop on December 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. regarding the proposed new logo. Councilmember Castillo seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

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

Mayor White requested appointments to boards and commissions. There were none.

**ITEM 7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE DISCUSSION**

- Update from the Plum Creek Watershed Partnership – Keep Lockhart Beautiful cleanup held Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Update: Contractors have nearly completed the new 18” water main on West Martin Luther King, Jr. Industrial Blvd. Rain delays have slowed down the finalization of this project. Bacteriological testing and tie-ins on Paton Road and State Park Road are being finalized.
- Update: Contractors will start the construction of the 18” water main on SH 130 this week. The project is estimated to take 120 days. This is the first phase on connecting water mains to the proposed new elevated water storage tank.
- Update: Downtown Square sidewalk expansion joint repairs to be completed by Thanksgiving.
- Report: Veteran’s Day luncheon sponsored by the Lockhart Chamber of Commerce on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at the First Lockhart Baptist Church Connection Center.

- Report regarding the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Org. public meeting held on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> relative to the 2045 Regional Arterials Plan.
- Report: Northern Caldwell County Coalition (NCCC) economic growth and outlook meeting scheduled for Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.
- Report: Small Business Saturday on Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> hosted by Lockhart Chamber and the American Express Shop Small Campaign.
- Report: Lockhart Area Music Association (LAMA), Music on the Square, held on Friday, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm.
- Report: Dickens' events, Nov 30-Dec 1 in downtown square. Dickens' lighted parade will be held on Nov 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Report: Light Up Lockhart – Pictures with Santa, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-6pm Downtown. Holiday Tree Lighting at 6pm.
- Report: Lockhart Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet – January 19, 2019 in Dale.
- Update: Kart Race Representatives rescheduled their presentation to a meeting in December due to a busy schedule this month with races.

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

Councilmember Westmoreland congratulated the Lockhart Roaring Lion Band for the achievement this year. He also wished the Cross Country team best of luck.

Councilmember Mendoza congratulated the Lockhart Football teams and Cross Country team for their success this year. He wished the Lockhart Youth Soccer Association teams luck that are going to the regional meet. He wished the candidates running for office luck during the Election.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez expressed condolences to the families of Petra Pastrano and Lois Richardson for their loss. She congratulated the Feria de Culturas for a successful Dia de los Muertos event and the First Friday for successful evening. Best wishes to all candidates.

Councilmember McGregor wished the best of luck to all the candidates. She stated that she enjoyed seeing the trick-or-treaters on Halloween. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Castillo congratulated Lockhart Lions Cross Country, Volleyball teams and fall sports teams to a great season. He expressed condolences to families that have lost a loved one. He thanked Mr. Lewis for the quick transition as City Manager for Lockhart.

Councilmember Michelson invited everyone to the Northern Caldwell County Coalition (NCCC) event to be held tomorrow at 1pm at the Gerry Ohlendorf Performing Arts Center.

Mayor White also invited everyone to the NCCC event. He stated that he will attend a community meeting tomorrow at the prison to determine community service assistance at future events and will join Mr. Lewis at a Greater San Marcos Partnership meeting tomorrow in San Marcos. He congratulated the candidates in the election and thanked the elected officials that will be leaving their office.

**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 8:13 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 2018.

**CITY OF LOCKHART**

  
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Lew White, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Connie Constancio, TRMC  
City Secretary

