

**LOCKHART CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING/WORKSHOP**

APRIL 13, 2021

6:00 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 Brad Westmoreland

Mayor Lew White
Councilmember Derrick David Bryant
Councilmember Jeffry Michelson

Council absent: Councilmember Kara McGregor

Staff present:

Steven Lewis, City Manager
Sean Kelley, Public Works Director
Pam Larison, Finance Director

Connie Constancio, City Secretary
Dan Gibson, City Planner

Citizens/Visitors Addressing the Council: Jeff Dahm of TRC Companies.

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Lew White called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ITEM 2-A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING DOWNTOWN CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.**

Jeff Dahm of TRC Engineering provided information regarding the following topics:

- Project Overview.
 - Discussion regarding items included in the 2015 Bond Program.
 - 9-12 square block centered on Courthouse.
 - Water main, sewer main, and storm drain improvements.
 - Street improvements.
- Opinion of probable cost.
 - 2015 Bond Program.
 - Water main replacement = \$650,000
 - Sanitary sewer main replacement = \$680,000
 - Storm drain improvements = \$1,000,000
 - Street improvements = \$1,400,000
 - Construction cost - \$3,730,000
 - Contingencies, engineering, surveying (30%) = \$1,120,000
 - Additional scope of item to consider:
 - Sidewalk/pedestrian safety improvements (Sustainable Places Project)
 - Lighting or other electrical design
 - Landscape design and other aesthetic improvements
 - Alleyway enhancements
 - Remove flagpoles?
 - Decorative street and wayfinding signs
 - Public relations during design and construction
 - On-site inspector during construction
 - Construction phasing

- Engineer's Opinion of Probably Cost (Conceptual)
 - Sidewalk Option 1 (Sustainable Places/Plaza on San Antonio) - \$1,600,000
 - Sidewalk Option 2 (No Plaza) = \$1,060,000
 - Total Sidewalk Replacement plus plaza = \$2,740,000
 - Just Bulbouts = \$600,000
 - Electrical
 - Street lights = \$670,000
 - Remove Overhead pole at North Main St. = \$190,000

Mr. Gibson provided information regarding grant funds available by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to assist with funding the downtown capital improvement projects. Staff is working on compiling the grant application to submit by the June 14, 2021 deadline. Announcement of the grant award will be in October 2021.

There was additional discussion regarding the downtown capital improvement projects.

CONSENSUS: After discussion, the consensus of the Council was to proceed with the following:

- Advanced plaza concept on the north side of square, if TxDOT grant funds are awarded to fund the project.
- Hold a public hearing on the downtown capital improvement projects.
- Lighting. Reduce the lighting installation than what was presented. Lighting to be installed on three blocks of Main Street (Main, Market, Commerce Streets) and three blocks on Commerce Street (Commerce, Main and San Antonio Streets). Install tall streetlights and short pedestrian lights at the curb bulb outs with a maximum budget for both up to \$670,000. Remove the overhead light pole at North Main Street.
- New sidewalks on all downtown streets except Commerce Street.
- Curb Bulb outs – frame in wood before installation to allow citizens to see it. Schedule an open house and demonstration of the curb bulb outs.

There was discussion regarding funding the downtown capital improvement projects. Ms. Larison informed that Council that the project would be paid with 2015 Certificates of Obligation funds and that lighting and other project items would be paid with one-time expenditures and approximately \$3 million of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act.

ITEM 3. 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 8:08 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED this the 4th day of May 2021.

CITY OF LOCKHART


Lew White, Mayor

ATTEST:


Connie Constancio, TRMC, City Secretary

