

**LOCKHART CITY COUNCIL  
BUDGET WORKSHOP  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**JUNE 22, 2010**

**6:30 P.M.**

**Council present:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Frank Estrada  
Councilmember Kenny Roland  
Councilmember Richard Wieland

Mayor Ray Sanders  
Councilmember Paul Gomez  
Councilmember Lew White  
Councilmember Richard Banks

**Staff present:**

Vance Rodgers, City Manager  
Jeff Hinson, Finance Director

Connie Rodriguez, City Secretary  
Sandra Mauldin, Economic Dev. Dir.

**Caldwell County Commissioners Court present:**

Judge Ronnie Duesterheft  
Commissioner Joe Roland  
Commissioner John Cyrier

**Citizens/Visitors Addressing the Council:** George King of Bio Hybrid Energy Services; and Beth Aitchison of Color Star.

**ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER.**

Mayor Ray Sanders called the special meeting/budget workshop to order on this date at 6:30 p.m.

Judge Duesterheft called the Caldwell County Commissioners Court meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

**ITEM 2. CITIZENS/VISITORS COMMENTS.**

Mayor Sanders requested citizens to address the Council.

**ITEM 3-A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING A PRESENTATION BY GEORGE KING ON BIO HYBRID ENERGY SERVICES AND COLOR STAR PROPOSAL.**

Ms. Mauldin introduced George King of Bio Hybrid Energy Services and Beth Aitchison of Color Star to make their presentations.

Mr. King provided information about how their company plans to generate bio hybrid energy. He provided details about the services that they offer as well as the possibility of creating approximately 250 jobs in Lockhart.

Beth Aitchison of Color Star provided information about the Color Star Growers. She stated that their two primary accounts were Wal-Mart and Lowes along with many other commercial chains. She provided information about the following:

- services
- employment potential
- types of jobs that would be created
- employee training

She stated that Color Star is interested in Lockhart since they wanted a central location to the surrounding cities such as Austin, San Antonio, Houston, etc.

Mr. King provided information about how they recycle waste to turn it into energy. He also explained their method of saving and reusing rain water throughout the year.

There was discussion.

Councilmember White made a motion to authorize the City to issue a letter of support for Bio Hybrid Energy Services and Color Star to locate in Lockhart. Mayor Pro-Tem Estrada seconded. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Commissioner Cyrier made a motion to authorize Judge Duesterheft to sign a joint letter with the City of Lockhart on behalf of Caldwell County showing support in bringing Bio Hybrid Energy Services and Color Star to Caldwell County. Commissioner Roland seconded. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Commissioner Cyrier made a motion to adjourn their special meeting. Commissioner Roland seconded. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0. The Caldwell County Commissioners Court adjourned their meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Mayor Sanders announced that there would be a recess at 7:17 p.m.

Mayor Sanders reconvened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**ITEM 3-B. PRESENTATION AND WORKSHOP REGARDING FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 PROPOSED BUDGET AND RELATED INFORMATION.**

Mr. Hinson provided information about the following:

- 2010 estimated taxable value and estimated effective tax rate.
- 2010 preliminary tax totals.
- General fund fiscal year 2009-2010 property tax rate and levy preliminary calculations.
- General fund financial summary that included revenues and expenditures for all departments.
- Electric utility financial summary that included revenues and expenditures.
- Water and wastewater utility financial summary that included revenues and expenditures.
- Solid waste financial summary that included revenues and expenditures.
- Airport financial summary that included revenues and expenditures.

**ITEM 3-C. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING TENTATIVE BUDGET AND TAX RATE ADOPTION CALENDAR.**

There was brief discussion and no amendments to the calendar. The next budget workshop would be held on Tuesday, June 29.

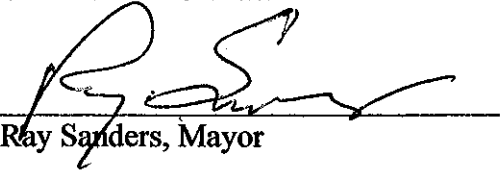
**ITEM 4. ADJOURNMENT.**

Councilmember Wieland made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Roland seconded.  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 2010.

CITY OF LOCKHART



  
Ray Sanders, Mayor

ATTEST:



Connie Rodriguez, TRMC, City Secretary