

**LOCKHART CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

AUGUST 5, 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
Peter Gruning, City Attorney
Sandra Mauldin, Economic Dev. Coordinator
Lee Weatherford, Public Works Dir.
Melanie Tucker, EMS Dir/Animal Shelter Supervisor

Connie Rodriguez, City Secretary
Jeff Hinson, Finance Director
M.L. Richards, Electric Superintendent
Michael Lummus, Police Chief

Citizens/Visitors Addressing the Council: None.

Work Session 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Sanders opened the work session and advised the Council, staff and the audience that staff would provide information and explanations about the following items:

A. DISCUSS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR THE JULY 20, 2010 AND JULY 22, 2010 MEETINGS.

Mayor Sanders requested corrections to the City Council minutes for the July 20, 2010 and July 22, 2010 meetings. There were none.

B. DISCUSS RESOLUTION 2010-15 TO INCREASE EQUIPMENT VIOLATION FEES FOR DOG AND CAT TRAPS NOT RETURNED AND COMBINE SPAY AND NEUTER VOUCHER COST INTO ADOPTION FEE FOR DOGS AND CATS.

Ms. Tucker stated that the Resolution amends the violation fee for cat and dog traps not returned to cover costs of trap replacement. Ms. Tucker outlined combining spay and neuter voucher fees in with the animal adoption fee which does not raise the required fees for adoption. Fees are proposed to increase for cat/dog trap violation fees; the current fees have been in affect since 2005. The cost of the traps has gone up significantly.

There was discussion regarding the spay and neuter policy and compliance of citizens.

C. DISCUSS STAFF TO RE-ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR AMBULANCE TRANSPORT SERVICES WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL BRANCH AT GALVESTON.

Ms. Tucker stated that the purpose of the agreement was to set standard ambulance transport and treatment fees in association with services provided to prisoners housed at the Lockhart GEO prison site. There was discussion about the services. Ms. Tucker also mentioned that the agreement includes the fees at a reduced rate.

D. DISCUSS ORDINANCE 2010-22 TO RESTRICT LARGE COMMERCIAL TRUCKS ON COMMERCE STREET, A PREDOMINATELY RESIDENTIAL STREET, BETWEEN U.S. HIGHWAY 183 (COLORADO) AND FM 20 EAST (BLACKJACK).

Chief Lummus stated that residents on Commerce Street between Highway 183 and FM 20 East (Blackjack Street) have voiced many complaints about large commercial trucks using Commerce Street to avoid the traffic light on Highway 183. Commercial vehicles with a gross weight in excess of 10,000 pounds pose a danger when traveling on Commerce Street between Highway 183/Colorado and FM 20 East/Blackjack Street which is primarily a residential area.

There was discussion regarding commercial truck traffic along Commerce Street as well as several other streets.

E. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CITY OF LOCKHART'S 2010 CERTIFIED PROPERTY TAX ROLL.

Mr. Hinson stated that the certified property tax roll was preliminary at this stage. The final certified tax roll would be presented to the Council for consideration of approval during a meeting in October 2010. There was discussion.

F. DISCUSSION REGARDING PRESENTATION AND WORKSHOP OF FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 PROPOSED BUDGET AND RELATED INFORMATION.

Mr. Hinson provided information about the debt service that includes the proposed tax rate at the rollback rate. There was discussion regarding the general fund budget.

Mayor Sanders announced that there would be a recess at 7:15 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Ray Sanders called the regular meeting of the Lockhart City Council to order on this date at 7:34 p.m.

ITEM 2. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Councilman Richard Banks requested a moment of silence and led the pledge of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

ITEM 3. CITIZENS/VISITORS COMMENTS.

Mayor Sanders requested citizens to address the Council. There were none.

ITEM 4. CONSENT AGENDA.

Councilmember Gomez requested that consent agenda item 4B be pulled for further discussion.

Councilmember Banks requested that consent agenda item 4D be pulled for further discussion.

Councilmember Gomez made a motion to approve consent agenda items 5A and 5C. Councilmember White seconded. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

The following are the consent agenda items that were approved:

4A: Approve City Council minutes for the July 20, 2010 and July 22, 2010 meetings.

4C: Authorize staff to re-enter into an Agreement for Ambulance Transport Services with the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

ITEM 4-B. APPROVE RESOLUTION 2010-15 TO INCREASE EQUIPMENT VIOLATION FEES FOR DOG AND CAT TRAPS NOT RETURNED AND COMBINE SPAY AND NEUTER VOUCHER COST INTO ADOPTION FEE FOR DOGS AND CATS.

Councilmember White made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-15, as presented, with the provision that the fees for the Animal Shelter are revisited in one year. Mayor Pro-Tem Estrada seconded. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 4-D. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2010-22 TO RESTRICT LARGE COMMERCIAL TRUCKS ON COMMERCE STREET, A PREDOMINATELY RESIDENTIAL STREET, BETWEEN U.S. HIGHWAY 183 (COLORADO) AND FM 20 EAST (BLACKJACK).

There was discussion.

Councilmember Banks made a motion to amend Ordinance 2010-22 to include restricting large commercial vehicles on Commerce, Main, Guadalupe, Medina and San Jacinto Streets. The motion failed by the lack of a second vote.

Councilmember White made a motion to approve Ordinance 2010-22, as presented and allow staff to return with other recommendations as warranted. Councilmember Roland seconded. There was discussion. The motion carried by a vote of 6-1, with Councilmember Banks opposing

ITEM 5-A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTING THE CITY OF LOCKHART'S 2010 CERTIFIED PROPERTY TAX ROLL.

Mr. Hinson stated that the final certified property tax roll would be presented to the Council in October for approval.

There was discussion.

Councilmember Gomez made a motion to accept the 2010 Certified Property Tax Roll, as presented. Councilmember Roland seconded. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 5-B. APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS, COMMISSIONS OR COMMITTEES.

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

Councilmember White made a motion to appoint Karla Steinbomer to the Lockhart Historical Preservation Commission. Mayor Pro-Tem Estrada seconded. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Councilmember Banks made a motion to appoint Donna McClary to the Parks Board. Councilmember White seconded. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Mayor Sanders made a motion to appoint Karen Lummus to the Animal Shelter ad-hoc Committee. Councilmember Gomez seconded. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 5-C. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION AND WORKSHOP OF FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 PROPOSED BUDGET AND RELATED INFORMATION.

Mr. Rodgers stated that the tax rate was tentatively set at the rollback rate of .7292 to include the following in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 budget:

Officer

Patrol Car

Cadet for 9 months

Dispatcher

1 percent COLA for all employees for 9 months (beginning in January 2011)

There was discussion regarding the proposed tax rate and budget.

ITEM 5-D. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS AND FUNDING.

No discussion.

ITEM 5-E. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING TENTATIVE BUDGET AND TAX RATE ADOPTION CALENDAR.

No additional meetings.

ITEM 6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE DISCUSSION.

- Brush Chipping Schedule to become effective August 2010.
- Update regarding National Night Out Events.
- Follow-up on Economic Development Summit.
- Fundraiser: Fried Chicken Dinner and Music on Brock Cabin Grounds; August 14, 2010, 6-9 pm.
- Public hearing scheduled August 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. - updating land use plan map and thoroughfare plan map of the Lockhart 2020 Comprehensive Plan.

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

Councilmember White few comments about city projects.

Mayor Sanders announced the ground breaking ceremony for AdviTech Inc on Friday, August 6, 2010 at 10 a.m. There was discussion regarding a fundraiser to be held in Austin on August 14 at 6:30 p.m.

ITEM 8. ADJOURNMENT.

Councilmember Wieland made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Roland seconded.
The motion carried by a vote of 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.


PASSED and APPROVED this the 17th day of August 2010:



CITY OF LOCKHART


Ray Sanders, Mayor

ATTEST:


Connie Rodriguez, TRMC, City Secretary