

**LOCKHART CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

JULY 21, 2020

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 Kara McGregor

Mayor Lew White
Councilmember Juan Mendoza

Council present virtually:

Councilmember Jeffry Michelson
Councilmember Brad Westmoreland

Councilmember Derrick David Bryant

Staff present:

Steven Lewis, City Manager
Miles Smith, Public Information Officer
Ernest Pedraza, Police Chief
Julie Bowermon, Civil Service/HR Director

Monte Akers, City Attorney
Dan Gibson, City Planner
Jesse Bell, Police Captain

Staff present virtually: Sean Kelley, Public Works Director

Citizens/Visitors Addressing the Council: Julio Olvera, Realtor.

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:

PRESENTATION ONLY

A. PRESENTATION BY THE LOCKHART POLICE DEPARTMENT REGARDING POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND USE OF FORCE POLICIES.

Chief Pedraza gave a presentation and there was discussion regarding Police Community Relations and Use of Force policies.

Mayor White announced that the Council would recess for a break at 7:35 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Lew White called the meeting to order at 7:50 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. PUBLIC COMMENT.

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

ITEM 4-A. HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATION ZC-20-08 BY OLGA L. CARMONA FOR A ZONING CHANGE FROM AO AGRICULTURAL-OPEN SPACE DISTRICT AND RMD RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM DENSITY DISTRICT TO RLD RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY DISTRICT ON 9.265 ACRES IN THE JAMES GEORGE SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 9, LOCATED AT 1700 OLD MCMAHAN TRAIL.

Mayor White opened the public hearing at 7:52 p.m. and requested the staff report.

Mr. Gibson stated that the applicant desires to subdivide the subject property for single-family homes. The current AO zoning allows one single-family dwelling per lot or parcel, but the minimum lot area is one acre. Rezoning to RLD allows a much smaller lot size of only 8,500 square feet, which is 0.195 acre. There are already single-family homes along both sides of Old McMahan Trail, so new single-family homes would be compatible with the existing uses. This zoning change would simply expand the existing area zoned RLD adjacent to the north and east to include the subject property. The requested RLD zoning classification is consistent with the Lockhart 2020 Land Use Plan map designation of Low Density Residential for the area where the subject property is located. There was no opposition to the zoning change. Mr. Gibson stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend approval. There was discussion.

Mayor White requested the applicant to address the Council.

Julio Olvera, 1816 Ficuzza Way, Plflugerville, Representative for Olga Carmona. He explained that Ms. Carmona plans to subdivide the property to develop a single-family dwelling subdivision. He requested 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 8:01 p.m.

ITEM 4-B. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2020-15 AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LOCKHART, TEXAS, TO RECLASSIFY THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 9.265 ACRES IN THE JAMES GEORGE SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 9, LOCATED TO 1700 OLD MCMAHAN TRAIL, FROM AO AGRICULTURAL-OPEN SPACE DISTRICT AND RMD RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM DENSITY DISTRICT TO RLD RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY DISTRICT.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-15, as presented. Councilmember McGregor seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 5-A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 16, 2020, JUNE 23, 2020, JULY 2, 2020 AND JULY 7, 2020.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to approve the minutes, as presented. Councilmember Mendoza seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 5-B. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2020-19 AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY LOCATED AT 728 S. MAIN STREET TO THE WELL CHURCH.

Mr. Lewis stated that the City of Lockhart is the owner of property located at 728 S. Main in the City. Pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 272, Texas Local Government Code, the City published notice in a newspaper of general circulation in Caldwell County that the City would accept sealed bids for the sale or exchange of the property. A sealed bid for the property was submitted by the Well Church for the purchase of the property. The Resolution provides that City Council accepts the bid submitted by Well Church, and desires to authorize sale of the property.

Councilmember McGregor made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-19 authorizing the sale of property owned by the City of Lockhart located at 728 South Main Street to the Well Church. Councilmember Westmoreland seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 5-C. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2020-16 REPEALING UN-CODIFIED ORDINANCE 2015-29 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.

Ms. Bowermon stated that the most recent police officer entrance exam was held February 29, 2020. Four certified police officers and 16 police academy students applied for the exam. The Police Department successfully hired four from this applicant pool. The Police Department currently has five officer vacancies and is preparing to start recruitment for the next entrance exam. To improve recruitment of qualified certified police officers, proposed Ordinance 2020-16 increases the current hiring incentive from \$3,000 to \$5,000. Officers accepting the hiring incentive will be required to sign an agreement to repay the incentive if they leave before completing two years as a Lockhart Police Officer. The incentive would be paid out in two payments; \$3,000 at the time of hire and \$2,000 after successful completion of the department field training program. In 2008, the City Council authorized a police officer hiring incentive of \$2,000. In 2015, this was increased to \$3,000. It has been approximately five years since the last increase.

There was discussion.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-16, as presented. Councilmember Mendoza seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 5-D. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER THE MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER REGARDING REQUIRING COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE CITY TO REQUIRE FACIAL COVERING OF THE NOSE AND MOUTH OF ALL EMPLOYEES AND VISITORS OF THE AGE OF 10 AND OLDER, AND ADDRESSING OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO COVID-19, IF NECESSARY.

Mayor White announced that there was no action to be taken. The City of Lockhart will continue to follow Governor Abbott's Executive Orders GA-28, amended GA-28, and GA-29.

ITEM 5-E. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS, COMMISSIONS OR COMMITTEES.

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

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

- Update regarding the Texas Department of Transportation East FM 20 Drainage project.
- Update on the Plum Creek Watershed Flood Risk Project.
- Update regarding Economic Development COVID-19 Recovery Loan Program.
- Report regarding COVID-19.
- Update following the Citywide Residential Cleanup on Saturday, July 18.
- City Council Budget Workshops will be held on July 27th and 28th at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.
- Update regarding the latest Census Completion Rate status report.
- The U.S. Census Bureau informed Congress that they are extending the release date of Census data from April 2021 to July 2021, which will alter the schedule for the 2020 Redistricting process. City of Lockhart does not have an election scheduled in November 2021 therefore the process will not negatively affect Lockhart.
- TML Health Pool reports that the City will receive a \$3,234 credit on each monthly invoice beginning October 1, 2020, bringing the City’s total renewal credit for the next plan year to \$38,819.
- November 3, 2020 Election Update: Candidate filing period is July 18 thru August 17. Ballot position drawing will be held in City Secretary’s office on August 24, 2020 at 10 am at City Hall. October 6 is last day to register to vote. Early voting will be from October 19 thru October 30.

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

Councilmember Mendoza expressed condolences to the Sanchez and Torres families for their loss.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez expressed condolences to the families of Elida Isabel Sanchez, Donaciana Flores, Johnny Zuniga, Jennifer Robuck, Petra Albarez, Jennifer Navarro, Diana Zapata, Dora Olivarez, Rose Marie Turner and Carlos Munoz. She congratulated the Lockhart High School Class of 2020 for their graduation and she thanked the Lockhart ISD for holding a graduation ceremony.

Councilmember McGregor congratulated the Lockhart High School Class of 2020 and expressed support to the Lockhart ISD for their decisions for the upcoming school year. She expressed condolences to families that have lost a loved one. She encouraged everyone to stay safe.

Councilmember Westmoreland encouraged everyone to stay safe and positive.

Councilmember Bryant expressed condolences to families that have lost a loved one. He congratulated the Lockhart High School Class of 2020 for their graduation. He thanked the community for being involved in the city-wide clean up this weekend.

Councilmember Michelson congratulated the Lockhart High and Pride High Schools Class of 2020 for graduation. He encouraged everyone to stay safe.

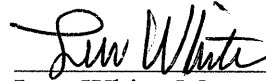
Mayor White expressed condolences to the family of Rose Marie Turner and Jennifer Robuck for their loss. He congratulated the Lockhart High School Class of 2020 for graduation and the Lockhart ISD staff for recognizing the safety of the students and families during the graduation ceremony. He encouraged everyone to stay safe, wear face coverings and to practice safe distancing.

ITEM 8. 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 8:20 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED this the 4th day of August 2020.

CITY OF LOCKHART



Lew White, Mayor

ATTEST:



Connie Constancio, TRMC
City Secretary

