

**REGULAR MEETING**

**LOCKHART CITY COUNCIL**

**NOVEMBER 2, 2021**

**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 Juan Mendoza  
Councilmember Jeffry Michelson

Mayor Lew White  
Councilmember Derrick David Bryant  
Councilmember Kara McGregor  
Councilmember Brad Westmoreland

**Staff present:**

Steven Lewis, City Manager  
Monte Akers, City Attorney  
Sean Kelley, Public Works Director  
Dan Gibson, City Planner  
Jeanne Pendergrass, Animal Shelter Manager

Connie Constancio, City Secretary  
Victoria Maranan, Public Information Officer  
Randy Jenkins, Fire Chief  
Pam Larison, Finance Director  
Mike Mendoza, Animal Shelter Officer

**Citizens/Visitors Addressing the Council:** Citizens: Suzy Falgout, Javier Barajas, David Mendoza, Jason Balser, Alan Balser and James Tiemann.

**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. DISCUSS RESOLUTION 2021-18 REQUIRING APPROVAL BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOCKHART FOR THE 2021 CERTIFIED PROPERTY TAX ROLL.**

Ms. Larison stated that Section 26.09 of the Property Tax Code requires approval by the City Council of the City of Lockhart for the Certified Property Tax Roll, with the tax amount presented by the Caldwell County Appraisal District for the 2021 tax year. The 2021 Certified Property Tax Roll contains final amounts due totaling \$5,752,038.03 (\$956,833.88 for debt service). Ms. Larison recommended approval.

**B. DISCUSS CONFIRMATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEMBER REAPPOINTMENT OF MS. WORLANDA NEAL FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY MANAGER.**

Mr. Lewis stated that Ms. Neal has served on the commission for the past 15 years (five 3-year terms), and as the commission chairman since 2017. 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, and will continue to be, an asset to the Civil Service Commission. Mr. Lewis recommended approval.

**C. DISCUSS A \$20,000 COST-SHARE REIMBURSEMENT GRANT FOR LOCKHART FIRE RESCUE TO PURCHASE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE). THE GRANT IS ADMINISTERED BY THE TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE.**

Chief Jenkins stated that the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program (HB 2604) is a cost-share reimbursement grant administered by the Texas A&M Forest Service. The maximum reimbursement is \$20,000. The city's grant match is 10% (approximately \$2,000) of which funds are budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 budget as the cost-share portion of the grant. Items approved for purchase with the grant funds include: National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) approved structural firefighting and wildland firefighting personal protective equipment (PPE) to include helmets, coats, pants, boots, gloves, hoods, and accessories. PPE washer extractors and dryers are also eligible. The grant will expire on April 13, 2022. Chief Jenkins recommended approval.

**D. DISCUSS OPTING OUT OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION (PUC) SECURITIZATION PROCESS UNDER HB 4492.**

Ms. Larison stated that Winter Storm Uri, of February 2021, caused many electric market participants to incur large, unanticipated costs. In response, the Legislature enacted HB 4492 to allow ERCOT to securitize portions of the exceptionally high market prices and to require the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to establish rules for accessing the securitized funds. On October 13, 2021, the PUC started the securitization process, a component of which is to allow "load serving entities" (LSEs), such as the City of Lockhart, to opt out. As stated in a memo to the City dated October 27, 2021 from Steve Moffitt of Schneider Engineering, "Because of the City of Lockhart's sound financial position, the City was able to issue payment on the ancillary services impact incurred by Winter Storm Uri in full and is currently not owing any uplift charges to the City's wholesale energy suppliers." Schneider Engineering recommended that the City opt out, and added that if the City participates in the securitization process, it may result in refinancing of those charges as much as \$64,000 annually in debt service payments at an interest rate of approximately 5.25%. Staff concurs in Schneider's recommendation and has determined that Council action is appropriate and transparent even if not legally mandatory. Ms. Larison recommended approval.

**E. DISCUSS AMENDMENT OF SECTION 10-5 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES IN REGARD TO OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS IMPOUNDED AT THE LOCKHART ANIMAL SHELTER AS OUTLINED IN ORDINANCE 2021-38.**

Mr. Kelley stated that per the Lockhart Code of Ordinances Section 10-5, amended on March 16, 2021: "Any impounded cat, dog, or other domestic animal shall be kept for not fewer than three business days unless sooner reclaimed by its owner, except under quarantine. Upon expiration of such three business days, title to and ownership of any such animal not reclaimed shall pass to and vest in the City." Animal Care and Control Academy (ACCA) was contracted in May of 2021 to evaluate programs, services and policies within Lockhart Animal Services. The ACCA felt that the current average hold time for strays is consistent with other animal agencies. Based on the recommendations of ACCA, the "stray" hold period should be three business days; for "owned" animals the recommendation is five business days. For impounded "owned" animals, identifiers such as licenses, microchips, rabies tags, personal ID tags, tattoos, known owner addresses, etc. should qualify the animal as "owner" not a stray. Any "owned" animal should be held a longer impound period than stray animals to give the owners adequate time to reclaim their animal. ACCA also recommend the impound periods for animals should begin at the exact time when the animal is impounded. In addition, the hold period for Caldwell County animals impounded as the Lockhart Animal Shelter should mirror the City's legal hold period for continuity. Draft Ordinance 2021-38 amending Section 10-5 of the Code of Ordinances reads as follows:

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Section 10-5. Subsection:

(j) Any impounded cat, dog, or other domestic animal shall be kept as described below and for the following time periods:

- (i) Unowned animals shall be impounded for not less than three business days.
- (ii) Animals for which an owner has been identified shall be impounded for not less than five business days.
- (iii) Impoundment time shall begin and be calculated from the exact time of impoundment.
- (iv) Upon expiration of the applicable number of business days for each animal, title to and ownership of any such animal not reclaimed shall pass to and vest in the city.

There was discussion.

**F. DISCUSS AMENDMENT OF SECTION 10-19 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES IN REGARD TO ANIMAL LIMITATIONS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF LOCKHART AS OUTLINED IN ORDINANCE 2021-39.**

Mr. Kelley stated that the City currently has no limitation on the number of cats or dogs one can have. The Animal Care and Control Academy (ACCA) recommended an animal limitation ordinance during the presentation of the Lockhart Animal Services Evaluation Report on August 5, 2021. Animal limitations are a common practice among jurisdictions and are enacted as a means of curbing pet overpopulation, nuisance complaints, and to prevent animal hoarders. To work well, animal limitation laws should have a grandfather clause as well as allow ownership of a greater amount of animals through a special use permit - provided that zoning laws are obeyed and animal care standards are met. Caretakers of feral cat colonies or animal rescue organizations registered through Lockhart Animal Services could be exempt from the animal limitation requirement.

Draft Ordinance 2021-39 reads as follows:

Section 10-19 - Limitation on Number of Dogs and Cats.

- (a) Except as provided by this section, and except at an animal shelter, animal hospital, clinic or kennel, no more than a total of four dogs more than four months old or older, and no more than a total of seven dogs and cats four months old or older, may be harbored at any residence or single location in the city. The limitation on the number of dogs and cats shall apply prospectively from the date of adoption of this ordinance (November 2, 2021).
- (b) Any person desiring to keep more than four dogs or seven animals more than four months old or older at such a residence or location in the city may apply to the supervisor of animal control for a multi-pet permit.
- (c) The applicant for a multi-pet permit shall specify the number of animals to be kept at a residence or location and shall pay an application fee at the time of filing.
- (d) Based on the information provided in the application, together with any information in the possession of the city regarding enforcement actions for violation of Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances, the supervisor of animal control shall determine whether an inspection of the residence or location is necessary.
- (e) A permit may be issued by the supervisor of animal control for a specific number of animals in excess of that authorized in (a) above at a residence or location in the city in the event that he/she determines that the number of animals may be maintained at the residence or location in a healthy or sanitary environment, without creating noise or odor nuisances, and without otherwise being detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare.
- (f) A multi-pet permit may be revoked by the supervisor of animal control for cause, including but not limited to violations of the provisions of Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances. the inability of the permit holder to keep the animals in a healthy or sanitary environment, the risk of creating noise or odor nuisances, or other potential detriment to the public health, safety, and welfare.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez arrived at 6:50 p.m.

There was discussion regarding possible exceptions to animal limitations, such as for a feral cat colony and consideration of a grandfather provisions for animal limitations.

Mayor White recommended that the animal limitation provisions be reviewed further before adoption.

Mayor White requested the following to address the Council:

Suzy Falgout, 710 S. Main Street, thanked staff at the Lockhart Animal Shelter for doing a great job. She announced that she has organized an upcoming low cost spay/neuter and vaccination clinic that is sold out. Additional pet clinics could be scheduled in the future pending funding assistance.

#### **G. DISCUSSION REGARDING MATTERS RELATED TO COVID-19.**

Mayor White stated that the COVID cases continue to decrease. He announced several testing and vaccination options for the public.

RECESS: Mayor White announced that the Council would recess for a break at 7:10 p.m.

### **REGULAR MEETING**

#### **ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER.**

Mayor Lew White called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

#### **ITEM 3-A. CONTINUE A PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATION ZC-21-14 BY JAVIER BARAJAS, P.E., ON BEHALF OF 900 LOCKHART, LLC, AND ANIL CHAUDHARY, AND DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2021-34 FOR A ZONING CHANGE FROM CLB COMMERCIAL LIGHT BUSINESS DISTRICT, RLD RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY DISTRICT, AND AO AGRICULTURAL--OPEN SPACE DISTRICT TO 5.598 ACRES RMD RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM DENSITY DISTRICT AND 35.672 ACRES RLD RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY DISTRICT, ON A TOTAL OF 41.27 ACRES IN THE FRANCIS BERRY SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 2, LOCATED AT 900 STATE PARK ROAD (FM 20). TABLED 10-19-21**

Mayor White opened the public hearing at 7:33 p.m.

Mr. Gibson stated that the tract under contiguous ownership is currently zoned CLB at the north end, with the remainder currently zoned RLD and AO. The applicant proposes to leave a portion of the existing CLB-zoned area along State Park Road as CLB, so it is not included in the zoning change, but wishes to rezone the remainder of it to RMD and RLD. The larger area south of the proposed RMD zoning is already mostly zoned RLD, but because a small portion of the current CLB zoning extends into it and there is a strip of AO zoning along the south end, the easiest way to accomplish rezoning the piece is to simply rezone the south area from RLD, CLB, and AO to RLD. The end result will be a zoning pattern

consisting of a strip of CLB at the north end along State Park Road, and a middle area zoned RMD for residential development that can include uses allowed in that district, including single-family dwellings, patio homes, and duplexes by-right, and other types of housing upon approval of a specific use permit. The larger south area will be entirely zoned RLD, which allows only single-family dwellings. Because all parts of the property being rezoned will be residential, it should be compatible with existing residential development on the east and west sides. As with all new development, the most significant impact will be additional traffic. A traffic impact analysis (TIA) for new street connections to State Park Road will be required as part of the plat approval process. The south portion of the property is already zoned mostly RLD, and will be zoned entirely RLD if the zoning change is approved. The RLD classification proposed for the south 35.672 acres is consistent with the Low Density Residential land use designation for that area on the Land Use Plan map. The 5.598 acre area proposed to be rezoned to RMD would not be strictly consistent with the Low Density Residential and Light-Medium Commercial land use designations on the Land use Plan map, but RMD would be a suitable transition between the abutting CHB, CLB, and RLD classifications. One letter of opposition is attached. In addition, the owners and residents of 1600 Sunrise Terrace, which abuts on the west side of the subject property, spoke at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting to voice concerns about drainage and stated that they wanted to learn more about what types of development would be allowed in the requested RMD and RLD zoning classifications. Mr. Gibson stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend approval.

Mayor White requested citizens in favor of the zoning change to address the Council. There were none.

Mayor White requested the applicant to address the Council.

Javier Barajas, Austin, Texas, stated that he would like to build single-family homes on the property. He requested approval of the zoning change.

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 7:40 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-34, as presented. Councilmember Mendoza seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

**ITEM 3-B. HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATION ZC-21-15 BY DAVID MENDOZA, ON BEHALF OF AMERICAN LEGION, AND DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2021-35 FOR A ZONING CHANGE FROM MH MANUFACTURED HOME DISTRICT TO CHB COMMERCIAL HEAVY BUSINESS DISTRICT ON 0.73 ACRE IN THE BYRD LOCKHART SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 17, LOCATED AT 509 SILENT VALLEY ROAD (FM 2001).**

Mayor White opened the public hearing at 7:40 p.m.

Mr. Gibson stated that the applicant would like to develop commercial businesses such as retail and restaurants on the subject parcel, and those are allowed by-right (outside of the CCB district) only in the CMB and CHB districts. Retail and restaurants, excluding “drive-in” restaurants, would also be allowed in the CLB district upon approval of a Specific Use Permit by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The subject parcel does not meet the five-acre minimum size for the current MH zoning. Therefore, it could never be developed with a conforming use under its current classification. Because there is residential zoning and/or existing residential development (including manufactured homes) in the surrounding area,

the higher-intensity commercial zoning classifications such as CMB or CHB would allow uses that could potentially have adverse impacts on the neighborhood. In terms of land use intensity, the proposed CHB zoning is just about as opposite as you can get from the Low Density Residential future land use designation shown on the Land Use Plan map. In fact, no commercial district would be considered consistent with the Land Use Plan for this location. If the Council supports rezoning for commercial development on the subject site, the most restrictive classification would be CLB. The CLB district allows a variety of low intensity office and commercial land uses by-right, but would require approval of a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for retail or eating establishments. Rezoning to CMB or CLB instead of the requested CHB classification would not require a new application or public hearing notification. The specific use permit process provides an opportunity for public participation in a hearing, and the Planning and Zoning Commission has the option of attaching conditions to their approval of an SUP. One owner of nearby property attending the Planning and Zoning Commission hearing expressed concerns about the potential effect of development on the subject property creating additional drainage problems in the area. Mr. Gibson stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend the CLB Commercial Light Business District zoning.

Mayor White requested the applicant to address the Council.

David Mendoza, Austin, Texas, stated that he would like to develop a community event venue in Lockhart. There was discussion regarding the zoning required to allow a dance venue by-right, which is commercial heavy business district.

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 8:07 p.m.

Councilmember McGregor made a motion to approve the zoning to Commercial Medium Business District (CMB). Councilmember Westmoreland seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 6-1, with Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez opposing.

**ITEM 3-C. HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATION ZC-21-16 BY JASON BALSER AND CLAYTON BALSER, AND DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2021-36 FOR A ZONING CHANGE FROM AO AGRICULTURAL-OPEN SPACE DISTRICT AND RLD RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY DISTRICT TO RMD RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM DENSITY DISTRICT ON 30.998 ACRES IN THE CORNELIUS CRENSHAW SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 68, LOCATED AT 1301 SILENT VALLEY ROAD (FM 2001).**

Mayor White opened the public hearing at 8:11 p.m.

Mr. Gibson stated that the applicants would like to construct a single family and duplex residential development on the subject property. Duplexes are not allowed by the current AO and RLD zoning classifications of the property, but would be allowed in the requested RMD district. There is no other RMD zoning in the vicinity. However, the tract adjacent to the north boundary of the subject property is also proposed to be rezoned to RMD in zoning case ZC-21-18 on this agenda, and both are in an area that is designated as future Medium Density Residential on the Land Use Plan map. The tract adjacent to the east boundary of the subject property was proposed to be rezoned to entirely RLD in zoning case ZC-21-17 on this agenda. However, that application has been withdrawn and the applicant plans to resubmit a revised application that will still retain the RLD zoning for the south portion of the property. The vacant tract on the south side of Silent Valley Road is zoned RHD, which is a step higher in intensity than the RMD classification proposed for the subject property. Overall, the transition of

zoning districts reflected in the zoning pattern after the proposed zoning changes will be appropriate. The proposed RMD zoning is consistent with the Medium Density Residential designation for the property on the Land Use Plan map. There has been no opposition to this rezoning expressed either in writing or in person. Mr. Gibson stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend approval.

Mayor White requested the applicant to address the Council.

Jason Balsler, Tyler, Texas, stated that the development is proposed to consist of single-family homes. 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 8:20 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-36, as presented. Councilmember Mendoza seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

**ITEM 3-D. HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATION ZC-21-17 BY ALAN BALSER, AND DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER A ZONING CHANGE FROM AO AGRICULTURAL-OPEN SPACE DISTRICT AND RLD RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY DISTRICT TO RMD RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM DISTRICT ON 128.624 ACRES IN THE BYRD LOCKHART SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 17 AND THE CORNELIUS CRENSHAW SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 68, LOCATED AT 1107 SILENT VALLEY ROAD (FM 2001). WITHDRAWN**

Mayor White announced that the applicant withdrew the zoning change application.

**ITEM 3-E. HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATION ZC-21-18 BY ALAN BALSER, AND DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2021-37 FOR A ZONING CHANGE FROM AO AGRICULTURAL-OPEN SPACE DISTRICT TO RMD RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM DENSITY DISTRICT ON 50.77 ACRES IN THE CORNELIUS CRENSHAW SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 68, LOCATED AT 1900 NORTH CESAR CHAVEZ PARKWAY - NORTHBOUND (SH 130).**

Mayor White opened the public hearing at 8:22 p.m.

Mr. Gibson stated that the applicant proposes to rezone the subject property to allow uses listed in the RMD district. Those include single-family dwellings, patio homes, and duplexes by-right, and combined-family (three/four plex), condominiums, and townhouses upon approval of a Specific Use Permit by the Commission. The current AO zoning allows single-family dwellings, but only on lots of one acre or larger. There currently is no RMD zoning in the area. However, the abutting 39.998 acre tract to the south is also proposed to be rezoned to RMD (ZC-21-16). A concurrent application (ZC-21-17) to rezone the area to the east of both this tract and the abutting tract to the south to RLD was withdrawn, and the applicant plans to submit a new application with a combination of proposed zoning classifications. There is a potential for additional RMD zoning on the vacant land adjacent to the west. Given that the abutting zoning classifications will be the same as, or just one step down in land use intensity from, the RMD classification proposed in this application, the transition of zoning districts reflected in the zoning pattern after the proposed zoning changes will be appropriate. The proposed RMD zoning is consistent with the Medium Density Residential designation for the property on the Land Use Plan map. There has been no opposition to this rezoning expressed either in writing or in person. Mr. Gibson stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend approval.

Mayor White requested the applicant to address the Council.

Alan Balsler, Dallas, Texas, stated that the property is proposed to consist of single-family homes and duplex dwellings. 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 8:25 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-37, as presented. Councilmember Mendoza seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

**ITEM 4. PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Mayor White requested citizens to address the Council.

James Tiemann, Concho Street, suggested that the Council consider registering feral cat colonies that could assist the animal control officers with having knowledge of the colony in the event of complaints and to also manage spay and neuter options of feral cats.

**ITEM 5. CONSENT AGENDA.**

Councilmember Michelson made a motion to approve consent agenda items 5A, 5B, 5C, and 5D. Councilmember McGregor seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

The following are the consent agenda items that were approved:

5A: Approve Resolution 2021-18 requiring approval by the City Council of the City of Lockhart for the 2021 Certified Property Tax Roll.

5B: Authorize confirmation of Civil Service Commission member reappointment of Ms. Worlanda Neal for a three (3) year term as recommended by the City Manager.

5C: Accept a \$20,000 cost-share reimbursement grant for Lockhart Fire Rescue to purchase Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The grant is administered by the Texas A&M Forest Service.

5D: Approve opting out of the Public Utility Commission (PUC) Securitization Process under HB 4492.

**ITEM 6-A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING AMENDMENT OF SECTION 10-5 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES IN REGARD TO OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS IMPOUNDED AT THE LOCKHART ANIMAL SHELTER AS OUTLINED IN ORDINANCE 2021-38.**

Councilmember McGregor made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-38, as presented. Councilmember Bryant seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

**ITEM 6-B. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING AMENDMENT OF SECTION 10-19 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES IN REGARD TO ANIMAL LIMITATIONS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF LOCKHART AS OUTLINED IN ORDINANCE 2021-39.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to table the item and to direct staff to consider additional options in regard to animal limitations. Councilmember Mendoza seconded.

Councilmember McGregor requested that staff include options to require spay and neuter if an individual obtains a special permit for a larger number of animals.

VOTE: The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.



**ITEM 6-C. DISCUSSION REGARDING MATTERS RELATED TO COVID-19.**

There was no discussion.

**ITEM 6-D. 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 ACTION.**

- Fire Engineer promotional exam will be held November 2, 2021.
- Update regarding the new Pierce fire pumper.
- Library Updates.
- City of Lockhart Financial Focus for Fiscal Year ending September 30,2021.
- Fire Department holding a "Push-In" ceremony on November 5th.
- Police Department awards lifesaving medals.
- Update on Lockhart's TxDOT grant application for improvements onSH 142 in downtown.

**ITEM 8. COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMENTS - ITEMS OF COMMUNITYINTEREST.**

Councilmember Mendoza thanked the citizens for helping a family with home repairs.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez expressed condolences to the families of Basilio Gutierrez, Francisco Frank Lopez, and Jason and Joshua Brown for their loss.

Councilmember McGregor invited everyone to First Friday. She encouraged citizens to attend the November 15 open house about the downtown revitalization project.

Councilmember Bryant also encouraged citizens to attend the November 15 meeting regarding downtown improvements. He thanked Worlanda Neal for serving on the Civil Service Commission for the past 15 years.

Mayor White invited everyone to attend the recognition event to the Smith's for donating the downtown property for public use. Upcoming events include Dia de los Muertos on November 15 downtown and Saturday will be the Keep Lockhart Beautiful cleanup at City Park.

**ITEM 9. EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE, TITLE 5, SUBCHAPTER D, SECTION 551.072 - TO DELIBERATE THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, LEASE OR VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY IF DELIBERATION IN AN OPEN MEETINGWOULD HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH A THIRD PERSON. Discussion regarding possible land acquisition.**

Mayor White announced that the Council would enter Executive Session at 8:58 p.m.

**ITEM 10. OPEN SESSION - Discussion and/or action regarding possible land acquisition.**

Mayor White announced that the Council would enter Open Session at 9:28 p.m. There was no action.

**ITEM 11. 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 9:29 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021.

**CITY OF LOCKHART**

ATTEST:

  
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Connie Constancio, TRMC, City Secretary

  
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Lew White, Mayor

