

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
Monday, November 12, 2012 @ 5:30 p.m.
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 214 S. LOVE STREET

Present and answering roll call: Mayor Drummond, Commissioners Trujillo, Benge, Granath and Gandy.

Also present: Interim City Manager Williams, City Clerk Hogue, Chief of Police Bryant, City Attorney McMahon, Finance Director Stephens, and Administrative Assistant Gutierrez.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Drummond at 5:30 P. M.

Invocation: Commissioner Granath gave the invocation

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Granath led the pledge

Approval of Agenda: Mayor Drummond asked for a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Gandy so moved to amend the agenda to combine both closed sessions and reconvene to open session to take action. Commissioner Trujillo seconded. Mayor Drummond asked for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Regular Minutes of October 22, 2012 & Called Meeting Minutes of October 29, 30, & 31, 2012: Mayor Drummond asked for a motion for approval of the October 22, 2012 regular minutes and called meeting minutes of October 29, 30, & 31, 2012. Commissioner Trujillo so moved. Commissioner Granath seconded. Mayor Drummond called for a vote. Motion was approved.

NON-ACTION ITEMS:

Discussion of Quarterly Financial Report: Mayor Drummond asked Finance Director Stephens to explain the financial report for the beginning & ending balance of the year. Commissioner Trujillo just wanted to know where the City stands financially.

Discussion of City Per Diem & Travel Policy: Mayor Drummond asked Interim City Manager Williams about the policy. He explained the policy conforms with the State of New Mexico DFA regulations and it is what the State requires. Documentation is required for the Per Diem.

Discussion of City Personnel, Medical, & Law Enforcement IA Files Policy: Mayor Drummond asked Interim City Manager Williams regarding personnel records policy. This policy provides guidance to employees about their privileges and obligations with respect to their own personnel records and directs City of Lovington personnel responsible for producing, maintaining and handling of these records.

Discussion of draft for Affordable Housing Ordinance: Interim City Manager Williams mentioned the draft of the ordinance will allow the City to create additional incentives and/or assistance in the form of loans or grants to help promote the development of housing in Lovington. It will be necessary for the Commission to approve/disapprove this draft of the ordinance. Mayor Drummond asked for a motion to approve/disapprove in the next regular commission meeting.

Discussion of Land Lease or Sale for Temporary Housing Development on 3rd St & Gum: Interim City Manager Williams said he was approached by David Hicks in regards to a temporary housing development. Mr. Hicks has expressed interest in 10 acres of land, located in the area of 3rd Street and Gum. Mayor Drummond did say that the City had bought this land for the expansion of cemetery. Mayor Drummond asked for a motion to approve/disapprove on the next regular commission meeting.

Discussion of LEDA Housing Incentive RFP: Rich Soutar from LEDA approached the Mayor and Commissioners proposing a housing incentive project similar to Hobbs, NM. Project will provide actual reimbursement upon completion of the project, for off-site infrastructure development up to a maximum of \$3,000 per unit. Maximum of \$300,000 up to \$450,000 will be allotted from the LEDA to fund this program. Lea County Manager Mike Gallagher stated that it was a priority and they will match any grant funds the City provides. Evelyn Holguin also mentioned that the cheese plant has been submitted for purchase.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 6:00 p.m., Commissioner Gandy moved to adjourn Regular Session and convene in Closed Session pursuant to Section 10-15-1 NMSA 1978, Subsection H-7 pending litigation and

Pursuant to Section 10-15-1 NMSA 1978, Subsection H-2, Regarding Limited Personnel Matters. Commissioner Trujillo seconded and a roll call vote was taken: Mayor Drummond, aye; Commissioner Trujillo, aye; Commissioner Benge, aye; Commissioner Gandy, aye; and Commissioner Granath, aye.

OPEN SESSION:

At 6:20 p.m., Commissioner Trujillo moved to adjourn Closed Session and reconvene in Regular Session stating that action was taken. Commissioner Gandy seconded and a roll call vote was taken: Mayor Drummond, aye; Commissioner Trujillo, aye; Commissioner Benge, aye; Commissioner Gandy, aye; and Commissioner Granath, aye.

ACTION ITEMS:

Consideration of Approval of City of Lovington vs. Doport Settlement. Mayor Drummond called for a motion approval to settle litigation. Commissioner Gandy so moved. Commissioner Benge seconded. Motion was approved. City agreed to settle \$50,000 to Doport and Caprock & Flooring.

Consideration of Approval for Hiring New City Manager. Commissioner Granath called for approval to hire James Williams as City Manager. Commissioner Granath so moved. Commissioner Trujillo seconded and a roll call vote was taken: Mayor Drummond, aye; Commissioner Trujillo, aye; Commissioner Bengé, aye; Commissioner Gandy, aye; and Commissioner Granath, aye.

Consideration of Accounts Payables: Commissioner Gandy called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo seconded. Motion was approved. Mayor Drummond, aye; Commissioner Trujillo, aye; Commissioner Bengé, aye; Commissioner Gandy, aye; and Commissioner Granath, aye.

OTHER:

Commissioner Granath commented that Police Department is doing a good job controlling the speed racing in town.

Commissioner Gandy wants to be replaced as representative on the Economic Development Committee. Evelyn Holguin will be going to the meetings in Gandy's place. Also he mentioned that the stop sign on 13th & Ave H needs to be fixed.

Mayor Drummond complained of a black corvette stopping vehicles in town. Chief of Police Bryant will address to the Captain.

Commissioner Bengé informed that street lights are out around town especially on South Main St.

Interim City Manager James Williams

- Thanked the Commissioners for appointing him as City Manager.
- Vicki Cooper came by the office trying to find grants for the City on our Well Field.
- Hall of Fame Banquet is tomorrow at 7:00 p.m.
- Ribbon Cutting for the new MVD will be on November 21, 2012 @ 9:00 am.
- Landscaping has been started at the Lovington Swimming Pool.
- Auditors will be here on Monday, November 19, 2012 to complete auditing.
- Awards Banquet will be on Thursday, December 6, 2012 @ 6:30p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Drummond called for public comment.

John Graham addressed the Mayor and Commissioners that he is in charge of the Christmas Lights and he has raised only \$2,000 to \$3,000 a year. The cost to maintain and store the lights is \$2,000 per year. He proposed to the City to donate money for Christmas Lights.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

APPROVED: _____

DIXIE DRUMMOND, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____

CAROL ANN HOGUE, CITY CLERK