

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015 @ 5:30 P.M.
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 214 S. LOVE STREET**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gandy at 5:30 p.m.

Present and answering roll call: Commissioner Bengé, Commissioner Trujillo, Commissioner Butcher, and Commissioner Campos, and Mayor Gandy

Also Present: City Manager Williams, Assistant City Manager Jared Cobb, City Finance Director Gary Chapman, City Clerk Carol Ann Hogue, City Attorney Patrick McMahon, Police Chief David Rodriguez, and Administrative Assistant Anna Juarez

Invocation: Mayor Gandy gave the invocation

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Gandy led the pledge

Approval of Agenda: Mayor Gandy called for a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Campos seconded and a roll call was taken: Commissioner Bengé – Yes, Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, Commissioner Campos – Yes, Commissioner Butcher - Yes, and Mayor Gandy – Yes.

Approval of the Regular Minutes of February 23, 2015: Mayor Gandy called for a motion to approve the regular minutes of February 23, 2015. Commissioner Bengé so moved. Commissioner Trujillo seconded and a roll call was taken: Commissioner Campos – Yes, Commissioner Butcher – Yes, Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, Commissioner Bengé – Yes, and Mayor Gandy – Yes.

COMMISSIONER AND STAFF REPORTS:

- Finance Director Chapman informed Commissioners of proposals for software is being reviewed; scheduling a demonstration on April 6 & 13
- Mayor Gandy thanked City Manager James for addressing issue of lighting at the Avenue D Park
- Commissioner Trujillo asked about road construction from Lea County Fairgrounds to Plains Highway; City Manager Williams stated Avenue D and Van Buren was terminated; funding was received for Avenue D south, west lane shoulder washed away; grant agreement is providing \$68,000 to repair south bound lane. Commissioner Bengé informed staff of water and potash concerns.

ACTION ITEMS:

Consider Resolution 2015-22: Authorizing 2015/2016 MAP Application: Mayor Gandy called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to consider resolution 2015-22: authorizing 2015/2016 MAP application; Commissioner Campos second. Assistant City Manager Cobb addressed the Commissioners of approval of resolution will provide the City Manger the authority to submit an application to NMDOT for MAP Grant requesting \$646,408 for the design and reconstruction of North 17th Street from Avenue D to Jefferson Avenue. There being no further discussion, a roll call was taken: Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, Commissioner Butcher –

Yes, Commissioner Campos - Yes, Commissioner Bengé – Yes, and Mayor Gandy – Yes. Motion was approved.

Consider Resolution 2015-23: Authorizing 2015/2016 LGRF Application: Mayor Gandy called for a motion. Commissioner Campos so moved to consider resolution 2015-23: authorizing 2015/2016 LGRF application; Commissioner Butcher seconded. Assistant City Manager Cobb addressed Commissioners of approval of resolution which will provide the City Manager the authority to submit an application to NMDOT for LGRF Grant requesting \$62,500 for the design and reconstruction of North 17th Street from Avenue D to Jefferson Avenue. There being no further discussion, a roll call was taken: Commissioner Bengé – Yes, Commissioner Campos – Yes, Commissioner Butcher – Yes, Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, and Mayor Gandy - Yes. Motion was approved.

Consider Letter of endorsement for 2015 Smokin’ on the Plaza: Mayor Gandy called for a motion. Commissioner Butcher so moved to consider letter of endorsement for 2015 Smokin’; Commissioner Campos second. City Manager Williams addressed Commissioners of request from Lovington MainStreet to provide a letter of endorsement for the 2015 Smokin’ on the Plaza, which will be held June 19 and 20, 2015. This document will be attached to the Governors Proclamation which is part of the official IBCA sanctioning process. There being no further discussion, a roll call was taken: Commissioner Bengé – Yes, Commissioner Butcher – Yes, Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, Commissioner Campos, and Mayor Gandy - Yes. Motion was approved.

Consider Lea County Water Users Association Appointment: Mayor Gandy called for a motion. Commissioner Bengé so moved to consider Lea County Water Users Association Appointment; Commissioner Butcher second. City Manager Williams informed Commissioners of request from Lea County Water Users Association to reappoint John Norris to the board; John Norris is very interested in continuing to serve as one of Lovington’s representatives. There being no further discussion, a roll call was taken: Commissioner Campos – Yes, Commissioner Butcher – Yes, Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, and Commissioner Bengé – Yes, and Mayor Gandy – Yes. Motion was approved.

Consider Award of RFP 030915 – Financial Advisor Services: Mayor Gandy called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to consider award of RFP 030915 – Financial Advisor Services; Commissioner Campos second. City Manager Williams informed Commissioners of request from three bids:

- George K. Baum & Company - \$27,662.40
- Friedman, Luzzatto & Co. – no bid
- RBC Capital Markets - \$44,886.28

City Staff recommends bid be awarded to George K. Buam & Company. Commissioners and Staff discussed bond status and audit firm. There being no further discussion, a roll call was taken: Commissioner Campos – Yes, Commissioner Butcher – Yes, Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, and Commissioner Bengé – Yes, and Mayor Gandy – Yes. Motion was approved.

Consider Approval of Accounts Payable: Mayor Gandy called for a motion. Commissioner Bengé so moved to approve the accounts payable; Commissioner Campos second. There being no further discussion, a roll call was taken: Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, Commissioner Bengé – Yes,

Commissioner Butcher – Yes, Commissioner Campos, and Mayor Gandy - Yes. Motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CLOSED SESSION:

At 5:49 p.m., Commissioner Trujillo moved to adjourn Regular Session and convene in Closed Session Pursuant to Section 10-15-1 NMSA 1978, Subsection H-8-regarding the purchase, acquisition or disposition of real property or water rights. Commissioner Bengé seconded and a roll call vote was taken: Commissioner Campos - Yes; Commissioner Butcher - Yes; Commissioner Trujillo - Yes; Commissioner Bengé - Yes; and Mayor Gandy - Yes.

At 5:58 p.m., Commissioner Campos so moved to adjourn Closed Session and reconvene in Regular Session stating that matters discussed were limited only to those specified in the motion and no action was taken. Commissioner Trujillo seconded and a roll call vote was taken: Commissioner Campos - Yes; Commissioner Butcher - Yes; Commissioner Bengé - Yes; Commissioner Trujillo - Yes; and Mayor Gandy - Yes.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
SCOTTY GANDY, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CAROL ANN HOGUE, CITY CLERK