

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016 @ 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 Campos, Commissioner Trujillo, Commissioner Butcher, Commissioner Bengé, and Mayor Gandy

Also Present: City Manager James Williams, City Attorney Patrick McMahon Police Chief David Rodriguez, and Administrative Assistant Anna Juarez

Invocation: Commissioner Campos gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Campos led the pledge.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Greg Maxie, County Resident of District 1 and serves on the Lovington School Board, encouraged Commissioners to seek out the consensus needed to maintain the new Judicial Complex downtown.

Kallie Windsor, Lovington Main Street Board, stated moving Judicial Complex from downtown will hurt Lovington economically; Mrs. Windsor stated closing Love Street is not a necessity because of thru traffic, if parking lot is moved to Washington Street traffic will decrease on Love Street.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 5:38 p.m., Commissioner Campos moved to adjourn the 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 – Disposition of City Owned Vacant Parcels of Land. Commissioner Butcher seconded, a roll call vote was taken: Commissioner Trujillo - Yes; Commissioner Butcher - Yes; Commissioner Bengé – Yes; and Mayor Gandy - Yes.

At 6:40 p.m., Commissioner Campos so moved to adjourn the 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 Butcher - Yes; Commissioner Bengé - Yes; Commissioner Campos – Yes; Commissioner Trujillo – Yes; and Mayor Gandy – Yes.

ACTION ITEMS:

Consider a Resolution specifying what assistance the City of Lovington will provide to Lea County to facilitate additional parking needs for the new Judicial Complex located at the downtown Lovington site: Mayor Gandy called for a motion. Commissioner

Trujillo moved to accept Resolution 2016-1. Commissioner Butcher seconded. City Manager Williams discussed County parking spaces needed for new Judicial Complex and summarized Resolution 2016-1 decisions and assistances provided to County by the City of Lovington to keep new Judicial Complex Downtown. Commissioner Bengé so moved to amend original motion to allow for the addition for the financial amount of \$400,000.00 to the contribution of property and omit item number 13, 14, and 15 from the original draft; Commissioner Campos seconded. Mike Gallagher thanked Commissioners for taking a look at keeping new Judicial Complex downtown. Mr. Gallagher asked when the parking spaces will be available and asked if the funding of \$400,000.00 will be available this fiscal year and/or will amount carry over. City Manager Williams stated east parking lots only need striping and the parking by fire department needs a caliche pad which can be developed before County breaks ground; and the funding can carry over. There being no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken for the amendment to original motion: Commissioner Bengé – Yes, Commissioner Campos - Yes, Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, Commissioner Butcher – Yes, Mayor Gandy – Yes. Motion was approved. There being no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken to accept Resolution 2016-1 motion: Commissioner Campos - Yes, Commissioner Trujillo - Yes, Commissioner Butcher – Yes, Commissioner Bengé – Yes, Mayor Gandy – Yes. Motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mayor Gandy adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
SCOTTY GANDY, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CAROL ANN HOGUE, CITY CLERK