

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018 @ 5:30 P.M.
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 214 S. LOVE STREET

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

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

Also Present: City Manager James Williams, City Attorney Patrick McMahon, Finance Director Gary Chapman, Chief of Police David Rodriguez, Fire Chief Terrance Lizardo, Public Works Director Wyatt Duncan, City Clerk Anna Juarez, and Administrative Assistant Briana Lara.

Invocation: Commissioner Trujillo gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Trujillo led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to approve agenda as submitted; Commissioner Gandy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2017 and Called Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2017: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Gandy so moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 11, 2017 and the called meeting minutes of December 18, 2017 as submitted; Commissioner Butcher seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER AND STAFF REPORTS:

- Public Works Director Wyatt Duncan updated Commissioners on the Polk Street Project
- Finance Director Gary Chapman informed Commissioners that the Audit was filed with the state and is looking forward to presenting it to Commissioners.
- Commissioner Sanchez thanked God for another year. Commissioner Butcher and Commissioner Sanchez thanked and stated they appreciate City Manager Williams and City employees. Commissioner Sanchez stated there needs to be confidence in each other to move forward in making our City the best in the State of New Mexico. Mayor Campos added the statement “We are Lovington Strong”.
- City Manager Williams gave a breakdown of the GRT report. City Manager informed Commissioners that the Disc Golf Course Grand Opening on January 13, 2018. There will be a tournament at 9:30 a.m. and Holly Frontier will be hosting a lunch for those tournament players from 12:00-1:00 p.m. and the ribbon cutting will be at 1:00 p.m. City Manager stated that on December 22, 2017 was the Lea Theatre opening weekend, showed The Star throughout the entire weekend 124 people attend; City Manager Williams informed Commissioners that the weekend of January 5, 2018 showed the

movie Coco; during the entire weekend 206 people attended and sold out on January 5, 2018. City Manager Williams informed Commissioners that he is still waiting for the quote for the remaining parts to outfit the rest of the auditorium; making small improvements as it goes. City Manager informed Commissioners that on the weekend of January 19, 2018 planning to have an adult date type of atmosphere.

- Commissioner Gandy commented he was glad to be part of the sold out crowd at the Lea Theatre
- City Manager Williams informed Commissioners that on January 17, 2018 the Chamber of Commerce is starting the Community Breakfast Program at the Troy Harris Building; the invitation was extended for everyone to stop by for a cup of coffee and a breakfast sandwich.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- David Muñoz, lives at 806 W Jackson, stated his opinion on the mobile homes that are planned to be set behind his house. Mr. Muñoz stated he wants the mobile homes to be pit set like his home, that way the mobile homes are considered a house and don't lose value or make the surrounding houses lose value.
- Levi Whitley from Young's Homes stated that the pit set is not required by the City or State. Mr. Whitley stated that the mobile homes will be set on permanent cement foundation and the purpose of setting mobile homes is to grow the community by making affordable housing.

ACTION ITEMS:

Consider Resolution 2018-01: Consider Approval for a variance for mobile home lot dimensions for Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, Block 10, Gore Addition to the City of Lovington (8th Street and Van Buren): Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to consider Resolution 2018-01: Consider Approval for a variance for mobile home lot dimensions for Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, Block 10, Gore Addition to the City of Lovington (8th Street and Van Buren); Commissioner Butcher seconded. City Manager Williams informed Commissioners that Young's Homes meet all setback requirements. City Manager Williams stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission Board recommended the approval of the request to allow the variance on the condition that the plot owner, Young's Homes will add ADA sidewalks, curb cuts, and one parking space on each lot. Commissioner Trujillo asked about the utilities; Public Works Director Duncan responded the utilities were extended about 5-6 years ago, so the utilities will run in front of the mobile homes. Commissioner Sanchez asked if the gas was also in front of the mobile homes like the other utilities; Public Works Director responded, yes. Mr. Muñoz commented that he wants the mobile homes be pit set, so the mobile homes are titled as a house. Levi Whitley from Young's Homes stated they do not have to be pit set; the mobile homes will be on cement foundation and they will have deactivated titles. Planning and Zoning Coordinator Ball stated that there is no record that stated Mr. Muñoz was required to have his mobile home pit set. Planning and Zoning Ball stated Young's Homes had enough space to set the mobile homes and did not have any issues with request. There being no further discussion; motion carried unanimously.

Consider Resolution 2018-02: Consider Amendment to City of Lovington and Lea County Memorandum of Agreement for the improvement and reconstruction for portions of Love Street and Washington Avenue: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to consider Resolution 2018-02: Consider Amendment to City of Lovington and Lea County Memorandum of Agreement for the improvement and reconstruction for portions of Love Street and Washington Avenue; Commissioner Sanchez seconded. City Manager Williams informed Commissioners about the Love Street and Washington Street Project; the costs will be split between the City and the County. The County has some items they would like to add, which will be at the County's expense. City Manager Williams stated that the sidewalk and the gutter on Washington Street will be replaced. County Manager Gallagher stated he appreciated the City for taking in the recommendation for the Love Street and Washington Street project. Mr. Gallagher mentioned that he appreciates working with Public Works Director Duncan and City Manager Williams. There being no further discussion; motion carried unanimously.

Consider Resolution 2018-03: Consider award of bid for Love Street and Washington Avenue Improvements: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Gandy so moved to consider Resolution 2018-03: Consider award of bid for Love Street and Washington Avenue Improvements; Commissioner Sanchez seconded. City Manager Williams informed Commissioners that three bids were received from Constructors Inc, J&H Services, and Ramirez & Sons. City Manager Williams stated that the Project Engineer recommends accepting the bid from Ramirez & Sons. Commissioner Trujillo asked if there will be access to sewer and water without having to tear up the new streets. City Manager responded that there will be no need to tear up the new streets, part of the project is to incorporate irrigation improvements and also anticipation upgrades to the existing courthouse. There being no further discussion; motion carried unanimously.

Consider Resolution 2018-04: Consider Approval of 3rd Quarter Lodgers Tax Funding Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to consider Resolution 2018-04: Consider Approval of 3rd Quarter Lodgers Tax Funding; Commissioner Butcher seconded. City Manager informed Commissioners about the Lodgers Tax Meeting events; the recommended funding total of \$16,598. City Manager Williams stated that one of the discussions of the Lodgers Tax Meeting was the new City entrance signs; they are in need of replacement. City Manager stated that the City was approached by a third party about the signs; the question is how will the City pay for the signs when it costs anywhere from \$10,000-\$15,000 per sign. City Manager recommends budgeting in anticipation for next year and completing a formal quote for the signs. City Manager Williams informed Commissioners about the vendor submitted a quote using the existing base and framework; new electrical components upgraded and everything else given a modern look. City Manager Williams stated that one of the projects listed on the Lodgers Tax Meeting was the installation of a signage of the Lea County Museum on Highway 18. Commissioner Trujillo commented he would like to see a big sign at new City Limits. City Manager Williams stated that the plan right now is to just update the existing signs. There being no further discussion; motion carried unanimously.

Consider Accounts Payable: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Sanchez so moved to Consider Accounts Payable; Commissioner Trujillo seconded. Finance Director Chapman explained to Commissioners the highest expenses. Commissioner Sanchez asked who the Alfredo Gomez expense was for; City Manager Williams responded, it was for Wild bunch Softball reimbursement. Commissioner Sanchez asked what the \$10,000 to Capers for; Chief of Police Rodriguez responded, the Police Department Record Management System. Mayor Campos asked what vendor B.I.C.I. LLC was for; City Manager Williams responded, Waste Water Supplies. There being no further discussion; motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Mayor Campos called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to adjourn meeting; Commissioner Sanchez seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
PAUL CAMPOS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
ANNA JUAREZ, CITY CLERK