

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
MONDAY, MAY 08, 2017 @ 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 Sanchez, Commissioner Trujillo, Commissioner Gandy, Commissioner Butcher, and Mayor Campos

**Also Present:** City Manager James Williams, City Attorney Patrick McMahon, Chief of Police David Rodriguez, Fire Chief Terrance Lizardo, Finance Director Gary Chapman, City Clerk Anna Juarez, and Administrative Assistant Joanna Barrera.

**Invocation:** Commissioner Sanchez gave the invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Sanchez 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 April 24, 2017:** Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 24, 2017 as submitted; Commissioner Sanchez seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMISSIONER AND STAFF REPORTS:**

- Finance Director Chapman informed commissioners of a meeting with Tyler Technologies will be scheduled for a better review and demonstration of Incode software Express.
- Manager Williams informed commissioners that the schedule for placement of water meters is running well.
- Commissioner Sanchez thanked residents who attended the Keep Lovington Beautiful Event.
- Mayor Campos commended Evelyn Holguin on the Cinco de Mayo Celebration.
- Commissioner Gandy informed commissioners he was unable to attend the Keep Lovington Beautiful Event due to being at a training.
- Fire Chief Lizardo informed commissioners that the Fire Department took ownership of the new ambulance last Monday. Fire Chief Lizardo informed commissioners that the 10<sup>th</sup> Fire Academy is taking place; Fire Academy runs twelve weeks and is attended by seven cadets.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Estela Garcia thanked members who organized the Cinco de Mayo Celebration; event was family oriented and very successful. Ms. Garcia commended Convenience Station and Water Department employees for excellent customer service.
- Mr. Snipes informed commissioners that he looks forward to having the Disc Golf Course approval in Lovington and stated that he has local subcontractors that may help with the project. Mr. Snipes commended commissioners on making good decisions for the City of Lovington.

**NON ACTION ITEMS:**

- **Discussion of Judicial Complex Roadway work:** City Manager Williams informed commissioners that discussions with the County and staff have concluded that it would be in each parties best interests to replace all of the roadway on Love Street between Central Avenue and Washington Avenue as well as Washington Avenue between Love Street and Eddy Street that has been disturbed by the utility relocations for the judicial complex construction. For this project, the City would serve as the fiscal agent and would be responsible for issuing bids, award of bid, and payment of the contracts. The County would reimburse the City for their portion. This agreement will be submitted for final approval at the May 22, 2017 Commission meeting. If the project is approved it will go out to bid and construction will begin in June. City Manager Williams informed commissioners that this project will help alleviate some of the drainage problems in that area.
- **Discussion of FY 2017 – 2018 Budget:** City Manager Williams presented a chart with rate increase options for the utilities and garbage. City Manager Williams informed commissioners budget will need to be adopted at the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Commissioners discussed rate increase options, amounts, expenses, and discount options for fixed and/or low income residents. City Attorney McMahan informed commissioners depending on the option that is selected, discussion may be held to decide if discount is possible for fixed and/or low income residents. Commissioners agreed that the general fund reserve must not be touched and that the utility increase is necessary.

**ACTION ITEMS: Consider Approval of Ordinance 550: Amendment Chapter 12.28 of the Lovington Municipal Code: Public Park Regulations:** Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to consider Approval of Ordinance 550: Amendment Chapter 12.28 of the Lovington Municipal Code; Public Park Regulations; Commissioner Sanchez seconded. Manager Williams Informed commissioners that part one of the ordinance allows special dispenser permits and public celebration permits to be issued for allocation within Chaparral Park; the serving of alcohol and public celebration permits will only be permitted for public events. Part two of the ordinance amends the rules of Chaparral Park to allow the use of non-powered watercraft. To meet insurance requirements signs stating use at your own risk will be posted at six locations around the park. Commissioner Sanchez stated his concern is the over

consumption of alcohol. City Manager Williams informed commissioners control access is required and the serving of alcohol will be regulated by the State standards. Commissioner Sanchez abstained from voting. There being no further discussion; motion carried unanimously.

**Consider Resolution 2017-45: Approval of zoning change in Extraterritorial Zone from R-1 (Residential) to R-4 (Industrial) for a portion of a tract of land located in Section 35, Township 15 South, Range 35 East, approximately ½ mile West of the intersection of 17<sup>th</sup> and Gum and ½ mile North of Gum Street:** Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to consider Resolution 2017-45: Consider Resolution 2017-45: Approval of zoning change in Extraterritorial Zone from R-1 (Residential) to R-4 (Industrial) for a portion of a tract of land located in Section 35, Township 15 South, Range 35 East, approximately ½ mile West of the intersection of 17<sup>th</sup> and Gum and ½ mile North of Gum Street; Commissioner Butcher seconded. City Manager Williams informed commissioners that the owners of a tract of land located 0.5 miles West of Lovington on Gum Street and 0.5 miles North of Gum Street have requested a change in Extraterritorial Zoning class from R-1 (Residential) to R-4 (Industrial). The purpose of this change is to allow for the construction and operation of a solar energy farm; City Manager Williams informed commissioners that the ETZ board members recommended zoning change approval from Commission. Planning and Zoning Coordinator Ball provided a copy of a comprehensive plan for land use. Commissioner Sanchez asked for the input of property owners; Manager Williams informed commissioners that the adjacent property owners were notified by letter and they were not present at the ETZ meeting. City Manager Williams informed commissioners there will be additional time for public to make their comments at the ETZ Authority Board Meeting. There being no further discussion; motion carried unanimously.

**Consider Resolution 2017-46: Approval of Street Closure Permit - Central Avenue between Main Street and Love Street on May 12, 2017:** Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to consider Resolution 2017-46: Resolution 2017-46: Approval of Street Closure Permit - Central Avenue between Main Street and Love Street on May 12, 2017; Commissioner Gandy seconded. City Manager Williams informed commissioners that Lea County requested the street closure to have an annual safety day; fire department will volunteer to promote fire safety to children. There being no further discussion; motion carried unanimously.

**Consider Accounts Payable:** Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Sanchez so moved to approve the accounts payable; Commissioner Butcher seconded. 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 Gandy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PAUL CAMPOS, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ANNA JUAREZ, CITY CLERK**