

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
Monday, November 26, 2012 @ 5:30 p.m.
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 214 S. LOVE STREET

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

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

Not Present: Administrative Assistant Gutierrez

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

Invocation: Commissioner Gandy gave the invocation

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Gandy led the pledge

Approval of Agenda: Mayor Drummond asked for a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Trujillo so moved. Commissioner Gandy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Regular Minutes of November 12, 2012: Mayor Drummond asked for a motion for approval of the November 12, 2012 regular minutes. Commissioner Gandy so moved. Commissioner Trujillo seconded. Mayor Drummond called for a vote. Motion was approved.

NON-ACTION ITEMS:

Discussion of Sale of Property - 1201 W. Tyler: Commissioner Bengé said the property value would probably be \$12,000 on the lot. Mayor Drummond asked City Manager James Williams to get an appraisal on the property.

Discussion of Display Matrix Board Agreement: City Manager Williams mentioned he has received an agreement from Lea County in which they will provide \$50,000 for the purchase of a digital display board at a location to be determined in the City of Lovington. After a conversation with Lyn Edwards, she has advised Mr. Williams that the City would be responsible for providing power to the unit. The City would cover maintenance for one year. Commissioner Gandy suggested a different place outside of town due to traffic flow. Mayor Drummond made a motion to move the decision to the next regular meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

Consideration of MOU between Lea County & City for Lobbyist, Vikki Cooper of Lyles Marketing: Mayor Drummond called for a motion to contribute \$10,800 for

public consulting services that would be performed by Vikki Cooper. Commissioner Bengé so moved. Commissioner Trujillo seconded. Motion was approved.

Consideration of Approval of Travel & Per Diem Policy: Mayor Drummond called for a motion to approve this policy that conforms to State of New Mexico DFA regulations. Commissioner Trujillo so moved. Commissioner Bengé seconded. Motion was approved.

Consideration of Approval of City Personnel, Medical, & Law Enforcement IA Files Policy: Mayor Drummond called for a motion to approve the proposed policy that will outline the means in which City employees files are stored, controlled, and accessed. Commissioner Bengé so moved. Commissioner Granath seconded. Motion was approved.

Consideration of Approval to Fund Christmas Decorations: Mayor Drummond called for a motion for the City to provide \$5,000 now and \$3,000 each year thereafter to decorate all of downtown Lovington during Christmas. John Graham thanked the City for their help & participation. He also mentioned that the Christmas Card Fund brings in about \$2,500 – \$3,000 each year but cost \$1,800 a year for storage. Commissioner Trujillo so moved. Commissioner Bengé seconded. Mayor Drummond, aye; Commissioner Trujillo, aye; Commissioner Bengé, aye; and Commissioner Granath, aye. Commissioner Gandy was opposed.

Consideration of Approval of West Jefferson Traffic Control: Mayor Drummond called for a motion to approve the installation of a three-way stop sign. Commissioner Gandy suggested flexible poles instead of concrete on the street. Robert DeLaCruz - Principal of 6th Grade Academy said that getting parents to drop off in the horseshoe has helped some but has not fixed the problem. Commissioner Trujillo so moved. Commissioner Granath seconded. Motion was approved.

Consideration of Approval of LEDA Housing Incentive RFP: Mayor Drummond called for a motion to approve project will build 150 to 200 homes proposed by Rick Soutar and Evelyn Holguin. City Manager Williams commented that it needs to adopt what standards these houses must follow (APWA). Motion made by Commissioner Granath. Commissioner Gandy seconded to approve grant for \$450,000 match with up to \$3,000 per unit. This will provide for 150-200 homes. Commissioner Granath amended the motion to include wording to keep roads and curbs to certain standards, Seconded by Commissioner Gandy. Motion was approved.

Consideration of Approval Plat in area of Six Shooter Rd. & Water Ave: Mayor Drummond called for a motion to approve a plat submitted by Lee Ann Williams to divide up family property to her children. Commissioner Trujillo so moved. Commissioner Bengé seconded. Motion was approved.

Consideration of Request to Vacate Harrison between Love St. & East St: Mayor Drummond called for a motion to approve a request from Imelda Gutierrez to vacate Harrison Ave between Love Street and East Street. No road or utilities in this area. City

Attorney Patrick McMahon suggested it for street use. Commissioner Granath so moved. Commissioner Bengé seconded. Motion was withdrawn and tabled until January.

Consideration to Change to 17.20.070 – Intensity of Use: Mayor Drummond called for a motion to change City Code 17.20.070 – Intensity of Use from 7,000 square feet per lot to 6,000 square feet per family. Commissioner Trujillo so moved. Commissioner Gandy seconded. Pat Wise addressed the Commissioners the reason why they should lower the square feet from 7,000 to 6,000. Commissioner Granath suggested 5,000 square feet minimum. Commissioner Gandy withdrew second. Commissioner Trujillo amended motion to 5,000 square feet. Commissioner Granath seconded. Mayor Drummond, aye; Commissioner Trujillo, aye; and Commissioner Granath, aye. Commissioner Gandy and Commissioner Bengé opposed. Motion was approved.

OTHER:

City Manager James Williams

- He commended Mainstreet for the Christmas decorations in Lovington.
- Christmas Light Parade will be on Monday, December 3, 2012 @ 6:30 p.m.
- Awards Banquet will be on Thursday, December 6, 2012 @ 6:30 p.m.
- Begin advertising for Assistant City Manager this week.
- Legislative Day in Santa Fe will be in February 20, 2013.
- Informed the Commissioners we were expanding kennels and should be finished by the end of December.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Drummond called for public comment.

Pat Wise commented that volunteers have been decorating the Mainstreet Plaza and suggested to the Commissioners to go by and look.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

APPROVED: _____

DIXIE DRUMMOND, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____

CAROL ANN HOGUE, CITY CLERK