

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
MONDAY, August 14, 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 Gandy, Commissioner Trujillo, Commissioner Butcher, 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 Joanna Barrera.

Invocation: Commissioner Gandy gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Gandy led the pledge.

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

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2017: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Sanchez so moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 24, 2017 as submitted; Commissioner Gandy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER AND STAFF REPORTS:

- Public Works Director Duncan informed commissioners that NMDOT will be in Lovington this week to do patchwork on Main Street.
- Mayor Campos stated that the Lea County Fair was very successful.
- Commissioner Gandy thanked the Lea County Board members for the lineup of great concerts at the Lea County fairgrounds.
- City Manager Williams informed commissioners that several City facilities will undergo a phone system replacement beginning August 16, 2017; notice has been advertised.
- City Manager Williams reminded commissioners of the Municipal League Conference in Clovis on August 17, 2017.
- City Manager Williams informed commissioners that the ribbon cutting at Drylands Brewery will be taking place on August 18, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Main Street Director Mara Salcido invited commissioners to a vacancies and best practices workshop. And informed commissioners that the Downtown Throw Down event will take place August 26, 2017. Lea County will be lending their portable bleachers for the event and there will be food vendors and a beer garden. Weigh-Ins will take place August 25, 2017.

NON ACTION ITEM:

Discussion of 2019 – 2023 ICIP: City Manager Williams provided commissioners with information on this year's ICIP for review and discussion and informed commissioners that any additional projects will need to be submitted to staff for inclusion into the plan that requires adoption, no later than August 28, 2017.

Discussion of Parks and Recreation Board Appointments: City Manager Williams informed commissioners that Commissioner Trujillo has requested for the Commission to discuss the appointment of Presidents of the various youth sports leagues to the Parks and Recreation Board. Four options were discussed by commissioners. Commissioner Trujillo stated that his objective is to get organizations directly involved with the Parks and Recreation Board and to enhance participation. President of the Boys Baseball League Evelyn Holguin stated she suggest making no changes. Marla Price member of the Parks and Recreation Board stated she agrees with Mrs. Holguin. Commissioner Trujillo stated he suggests option C which is amending the City Code to specify the appointment of each of these individuals as ex-officio members. City Manager Williams informed commissioners that a resolution may be presented at the City Commission meeting of September 25, 2017 to approve advertisement of changes to the ordinance.

ACTION ITEMS:

Consider Resolution 2017-64: Consider approval of parking time limits of the South side of West Avenue K, between 6th and 9th Streets: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to consider 2017-64: Consider approval of parking time limits of the South side of West Avenue K, between 6th and 9th Streets; Commissioner Butcher seconded. City Manager Williams informed commissioners that Resolution 2017-64 was previously tabled on the meeting of June 26, 2017. City Manager Williams informed commissioners that school staff has requested a two-hour limit for parking be placed on the south side of West Avenue K, between 9th Street and 6th Street. The reason for this change is to enhance pedestrian safety within the school zone; City Manager Williams presented a parking plan which identified parking zones. City Manager Williams informed commissioners that the Schools have made adjustments to their parking plan by installing fencing around the band complex and between the cafeteria and A wing. City Manager Williams informed commissioners that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this request at the June 13, 2017 meeting and if approved signage will be posted. City Manager Williams informed commissioners that proof of insurance and license is required in order to be issued a

permit and park on the School grounds. Commissioner Gandy stated he is concerned about students parking on the other side of the street; City Manager Williams stated it is a public right away which allows parking in that area but with the fencing that that school has placed it may help alleviate issues. High School Superintendent Gandy stated that the fencing that has been placed will help alleviate student parking on the other side of the street since students look for fast access to the school and with the fence placed they will have to cross the cross walk and walk a longer distance to enter the school through the security entrance. Ms. Gandy stated that parents will also have safer access during student pick up and drop off. Mara Salcido informed commissioners that she does not believe that the issue with students parking on resident's side of the street will be completely resolved but that the approval of parking time limits is a step in the right direction. A roll call vote was taken: Commissioner Gandy - No, Commissioner Sanchez - Yes; Commissioner Trujillo - Yes; Commissioner Butcher - Yes, and Mayor Campos - Yes. There being no further discussion; motion carried.

Consider Resolution 2017-84: Disposal of fixed asset – police car: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Sanchez so moved to Consider Resolution 2017-84: Disposal of fixed asset – police car; Commissioner Gandy seconded. Police Chief Rodriguez informed commissioners that a recent accident involving a Lovington Police Department unit has resulted in the insurance declaring the vehicle a total loss. The insurance company has provided approximately \$24,837 in reimbursement that will be used to replace the totaled unit. There being no further discussion; motion carried unanimously.

Consider Resolution 2017-85: Approval of updates to Police Department Use of Force Policy: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to Consider Resolution 2017-85: Approval of updates to Police Department Use of Force Policy; Commissioner Gandy seconded. Police Chief Rodriguez informed commissioners that Resolution 2017-85 will authorize the update of language in the Police Department Use of Force Policy. Updates in technology, in particular the Taser system, as well as upgrades to equipment and legal cases requires a change in language. There being no further discussion; motion carried unanimously.

Consider employee compensation and benefits changes: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to Consider Employee compensation and benefits changes selecting option F. Commissioner Butcher seconded. City Manager Williams informed commissioners that Mayor Campos has requested that the Commission evaluate the feasibility of compensation increases for City employees based on longevity; it has been over two years since the last compensation or benefit adjustment. City Manager Williams presented several options for the commission review as well as impacts to the reserve. Commissioner Trujillo and Mayor Campos both stated option F was selected to motivate employees to stay and to reward employees for their time with the City of Lovington. A roll call vote was taken: Commissioner Trujillo - Yes, Commissioner Sanchez - Yes; Commissioner Butcher - Yes; Commissioner Gandy - No, and Mayor Campos - Yes. There being no further discussion; motion carried.

Consider Accounts Payable: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Sanchez so moved to approve the accounts payable; Commissioner Trujillo seconded. There being no further discussion; motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Campos thanked the Chamber for coordinating the Lea County Fair and Rodeo parade and thanked Raelyn Dunlap for many years and dedication she gave to the City of Lovington; Mrs. Dunlap is now working for the Lovington Schools.

CLOSED SESSION: At 6:18 p.m., Commissioner Trujillo moved to adjourn the Regular Session and convene in Closed Session Pursuant to Section 10-15-1 NMSA 1978, Subsection H-7, regarding threatened or pending litigation – T. Hobbs v. Lovington Police Department. A roll call vote was taken: Commissioner Sanchez - Yes, Commissioner Trujillo - Yes; Commissioner Butcher – Yes; Commissioner Gandy – Yes, and Mayor Campos - Yes.

OPEN SESSION: At 6:22 p.m., Commissioner Gandy 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 Sanchez seconded and a roll call vote was taken: Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, Commissioner Butcher - Yes; Commissioner Gandy – Yes; Commissioner Sanchez – Yes, and Mayor Campos – Yes.

Consider Resolution 2017-86: Approval of a settlement agreement between the City of Lovington and Travis Hobbs: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Gandy so moved to Consider Resolution 2017-86: Approval of a settlement agreement between the City of Lovington and Travis Hobbs; Commissioner Trujillo seconded. There being no further discussion; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sanchez commended Lea County on a successful parade and thanked them for being elected to represent the Hispanic community.

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 6:24 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
PAUL CAMPOS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
ANNA JUAREZ, CITY CLERK