

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2016 @ 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 Trujillo, Commissioner Butcher, Commissioner Sanchez, and Mayor Campos

Not Present: Commissioner Gandy

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

Invocation: Commissioner Trujillo gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Trujillo led the pledge.

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

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2016: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 10, 2016; Commissioner Sanchez seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER AND STAFF REPORTS:

- Commissioner Butcher stated he took a tour of the wastewater plant and got to see the new loader. Commissioner Butcher and Public Works Director Duncan discussed uses for older front end loader and to consider taking loader to auction. Commissioner Butcher asked for City to consider looking into an electrical winch to change out mixers.
- Mayor Campos asked for an update on Tyler Software; Finance Director Chapman stated there has been a delay due to confusion of reports generated with chart of accounts given to Tyler.
- Commissioner Trujillo stated:
 - 31 teams showed up for the softball tournament this weekend; hotel was booked, and lights worked; Commissioner Sanchez stated to consider adding more bathrooms at the softball field.
 - Thanked City Manager Williams for getting 1st street lights fixed by Marshall's furniture.

- Asked City Manager Williams to consider adding new street lights for the entry of 17th Street and Polk due to street being too dark.
- Chief Lizardo invited everyone to attend Halloween on the Plaza and to attend the Haunted House at the old fire station from 7:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. October 31, 2016.
- City Manager Williams reminded Commissioners of:
 - Ground breaking at the Nor-Lea Hospital for the Community Health and Wellness Center at 4:30 p.m., tomorrow.
 - Commissioners received a copy of ordinance of Section K Exemption, this ordinance is already approved when we made changes for the Section K Exemption, this will add language to the code to reflect how vacation hours are accrued for the police department; Ordinance notice will be advertised and will come back to Commission on November 14, 2016 for final approval.
 - Fuel up Local Campaign, for every \$25 gas purchased in Lovington, bring in receipts to enter drawing held on November 21, 2016 for a chance of three \$100 gift cards.
 - Melinda Medellin was hired as the new Youth Center Director will begin full time October 31, 2016, but will work ½ days this week, since Veronica Granger will be resigning October 28, 2016 to move to Canyon.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Laura Brock, Code Enforcement and Keep Lovington Beautiful Member, informed Commissioners of Recycled Art Contest to be held on November 19, 2016 from 1-4 p.m. at the Youth Center.

Mayor Campos thanked MainStreet, EDC, and Chamber Directors for attending commission meetings.

Tabitha Lawson, Lovington MainStreet Director, invited everyone to the Halloween on the Plaza, the Lea Theatre, Haunted House, Holiday Open House Event, and Arts & Craft Show.

Evelyn Holguin, EDC Director, invited everyone to attend October 25, 2016 to meet the candidate forum for District 1 at 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Lister Building; Democrat Candidates David Trujillo and Dean Jackson will be answering public's questions

RaeLynn Stuart, Chamber Director, invited everyone to attend Annual Arts & Craft Festival at the Fair Ground on November 5 & 6, 2016 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Sunday.

NON-ACTION ITEMS:

Discussion Quarterly Financial Report: Finance Director Chapman presented to Commissioners the first quarter Financial Report of Fiscal year 2016-2017; overall expenditures are at 17%.

Discussion of SRO MOU Amendment: City Manager Williams stated Chief Rodriguez and Staff would like to temporarily assign the SRO to Taylor Middle School; after reviewing MOU between the City and the School it does not specifically indicate the SRO assignment. City Manager Williams stated staff is recommending an amendment to the MOU to identify where the SRO may be assigned; Superintendent Gandy is on board with change.

Discussion of 2016-2017 road projects: City Manager Williams presented to Commissioners possible projects to start this fiscal year; one of the priorities is 7th and Polk and 6th Street South end of town starting from Avenue K to Brian Urlacher.

ACTION ITEMS:

Consider Resolution 2016-98: Approval of Budget Adjustments: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to consider Resolution 2016-98: Approval of Budget Adjustments; Commissioner Butcher seconded. Finance Director Chapman stated finance department has begun allocating Health Insurance and Retirement expenses to each department in compliance with audit requirements; therefore, reallocating the budget expense to the effected departments. There being no further discussion; motion carried unanimously.

Consider Resolution approving the vacation of a portion of North East Street and two adjacent alley ways for the construction of the New Lea County Judicial Complex: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Butcher so moved to consider Resolution 2016-99 approving the vacation of a portion of North East Street and two adjacent alley ways for the construction of the New Lea County Judicial Complex; Commissioner Trujillo seconded. Planning and Zoning Coordinator Ball stated Lea County is requesting the vacation of a portion of N. East Street and two adjacent alleys from the City of Lovington to build the new Judicial Complex in this 2 block area. Utility relocations will be a joint effort between the City and County; Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval. County Manager Gallagher thanked and invited Commissioner and City Staff to ground breaking tentatively scheduled for December 15, 2016. There being no further discussion; motion carried unanimously.

Consider Resolution approving street lights for West Avenue L between 13th Street and 17th Street: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to consider Resolution 2016-100 approving street lights for West Avenue L between 13th Street and 17th Street; Commissioner Sanchez seconded. City Manager Williams stated staff is requesting approval to have five new street lights installed in the new housing area on West Avenue L between 13th Street and 17th Street to conform to neighboring

subdivisions. Commissioners and staff discussed the possibility of underground electrical wiring. There being no further discussion; motion carried unanimously.

Consider Resolution approving street lights for East Washington from Commercial to Industrial and posting of speed limit: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to consider Resolution 2016-101 approving street lights for East Washington from Commercial to Industrial and posting of speed limit; Commissioner Sanchez seconded. City Manager Williams stated at the request of area resident, staff is requesting approval for the installation of four new street lights and 30 mph speed limit signs on East Washington Avenue between Commercial Street and Air Drive; this will enhance public safety, especially during Fair and Rodeo. There being no further discussion; motion carried unanimously.

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

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mayor Campos adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
PAUL CAMPOS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CAROL ANN HOGUE, CITY CLERK