

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
MONDAY, March 13, 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 Butcher, Commissioner Trujillo, and Mayor Campos

Also Present: City Manager James Williams, City Attorney Patrick McMahon, 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 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 February 27, 2017: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Gandy so moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 27, 2017 as submitted; Commissioner Trujillo seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER AND STAFF REPORTS:

- Administrative Assistant Joanna Barrera, Water clerk Erica Sanchez, and Accounts Payable Amanda Windham introduced themselves.
- City Manager Williams reports, drive through window unit has been ordered to replace tube system; it should be repaired and operational by the end of March.
- City Manager Williams reports that trash at the park will be picked up.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Kallie Windsor Lovington Main Street President announces Tabitha Lawson has officially resigned from Lovington Mainstreet as the Executive Director. The Lovington Main street board has hired Mara Salcido Alcantar to continue Lawson's legacy and she will officially take over as Executive Director on March 20, 2017.

PROCLAMATIONS: 2017-02: Lea County Centennial: Mayor Campos recognizes March 17, 2017 as the Lea County Courthouse Centennial celebration throughout the City of Lovington and encourages all citizens to participate in activities planned.

ACTION ITEMS:

Consider Resolution 2017-23: Execution of a Quitclaim Deed of Cheese Plant property to Dairy Farmers of America, Inc: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to consider Resolution 2017-23: Execution of a Quitclaim Deed of Cheese Plant property to Dairy Farmers of America, Inc; Commissioner Gandy seconded; City Manager Williams stated 1.96 Acres of where Cheese Plant is located is owned by the City of Lovington, IRV has been paid in full and the land will be transferred to DFA. Benefit to the City of Lovington is that revenue property taxes will be received. There being no further discussion; motion carried unanimously.

Consider Resolution 2017-24: Purchase real property on NM Highway 483: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Butcher so moved to consider Resolution 2017-24: Purchase real property on NM Highway 483; Commissioner Gandy seconded. City Manager Williams reports the city has made an offer for \$189,000 on land located of Arkansas junction. The land is 56 acres which includes 40 acres of water rights; plan for this property is to subdivide it to make a retention pond to alleviate flooding on Denco Addition. Once acres are subdivided, City of Lovington will have the ability to use acres left over for commercial purposes and housing development; plus be able to recuperate investment made. There being no further discussion; motion carried unanimously.

Consider Resolution 2017-25: Support of a Public-Private Economic Development Main Street Project: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to consider Resolution 2017-25: Support of a Public-Private Economic Development Main Street Project; Commissioner Butcher seconded. City Manager Williams stated Resolution 2017-25 is a renewal agreement with the State of New Mexico which takes place every two years, and it is to support the Lovington Mainstreet Program. MOU requirement is to provide a minimum level of funding of \$35,000 a year. There being no further discussion; motion carried unanimously.

Consider Resolution 2017-26: Right of Way Agreement between City of Lovington and Lea County Electric: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to consider Resolution 2017-26: Right of Way Agreement between City of Lovington and Lea County Electric; Commissioner Sanchez seconded. Wyatt Duncan Public Works director stated resolution 2017-26 is requesting City commission to sign agreement with Lea County Electric to allow placement of two poles in the Waste Water Treatment Plant to provide lighting for public safety. Fire hydrants are located directly inside green machine and they sometimes have to get filled at night time. There being no further discussion; motion carried unanimously.

Consider Resolution 2017-27: Security Light Agreement with Lea County Electric: Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Butcher so moved to consider Resolution 2017-27: Security Light Agreement with Lea County Electric; Commissioner

Trujillo seconded. City Manager Williams states Resolution 2017-27 is in reference to placing Security light in right away, it will cost \$9.57 per month. There being no further discussion; motion carried unanimously.

Consider Resolution 2017-28: Approval of MAP Application for North 17th Project:

Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Sanchez so moved to consider resolution 2017-28: Approval of MAP application for North 17th project; Commissioner Trujillo seconded. City Manager Williams stated the Municipal arterial branch is due later this week; MAP Application is to request additional funds to complete the North 17th project phase II. Grant funding was received last year therefore this would be the 2nd year applying. Total grant is \$437,000; requirement is to match it with \$109,250 of local funds. Total estimated project cost is 1.2 Million dollars. There being no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Resolution 2017-29: Approval of LGRF Application for North 17th Project:

Mayor Campos called for a motion. Commissioner Butcher so moved to consider Resolution 2017-29: Approval of LGRF Application for North 17th Project; Commissioner Sanchez seconded. City Manager Williams stated LGRF Application is to apply for a DOT government road fund to complete North 17th project phase II. Total grant is \$62,500 with a 25% match of \$15,625. General fund will not be affected. 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.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 6:02 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-8, regarding the purchase, acquisition, or disposition of real property or water rights – Grazing Lease on City Owned Land and Subsection H-7, regarding pending or threatened litigation- Vilma Michel v. City of Lovington; Commissioner Sanchez seconded, a roll call vote was taken: Commissioner Sanchez – Yes, Commissioner Gandy - Yes; Commissioner Trujillo - Yes; Commissioner Butcher – Yes, and Mayor Campos - Yes.

At 6:23 p.m., Commissioner Trujillo 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 Gandy seconded and a roll call vote was taken: Commissioner Gandy – Yes, Commissioner Trujillo - Yes; Commissioner Butcher – Yes, Commissioner Sanchez - Yes; and Mayor Campos – Yes.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Mayor Campos adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
PAUL CAMPOS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
ANNA JUAREZ, CITY CLERK