

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2013 @ 5:30 P.M.  
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 214 S. LOVE STREET**

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

**Not Present:** Administrative Assistant Gutierrez

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

**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 Bengé seconded. Motion was approved.

**Approval of the Regular Minutes of February 11, 2013:** Mayor Drummond asked for a motion for approval of the regular minutes of February 11, 2013. Commissioner Granath so moved. Commissioner Gandy seconded. Motion was approved.

**NON-ACTION ITEMS:**

**Discussion of City Debt:** City Manager Williams stated to the Commissioners that the only debt the City currently owed was the financing of the wastewater treatment facility, which is split into two separate loans. The first loan from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund is in the amount of \$5,813,966.28 for a 20 year term with a 2.00% interest rate. The annual payment on this debt is \$355,563.10. The City currently owes \$5,081,662.23 to this present time. The second loan is through the NMFA. The payments began in 11/1/2008 with principal payments beginning on 5/1/2011. The original loan amount was for \$3,535,000.00 with an interest rate at 1.750% the City is still obligated for another 18 years. The present balance of this loan is \$3,398,448.00

**Discussion of Utilities Operating Costs:** City Manager Williams explained to the Commissioners that the cost to treat every 1,000 gallons of water is \$10.98 and to treat every 1,000 gallons of wastewater is \$2.32. He also stated that maybe putting a metered fill station at the convenience station and sending the bill to the companies. Foreman Wyatt Duncan stated that in Hobbs the first 1,000 gallons is \$7.01 and 6,000 gallons for trucks is \$45.00. The City is selling water for trucks at \$15.00.

**Discussion of Synthetic Intoxicants Ordinance:** City Manager Williams and Chief Bryant met with the Lea County Community Drug Coalition on February 11, 2013 and discussed an ordinance that the City of Hobbs recently adopted, which includes the chemicals being used to manufacture these substances. Mr. Williams mentioned that a copy of the Hobbs Ordinance was attached for the Commissioners to review. Mayor Drummond asked City Attorney McMahon to draw up a similar ordinance for Lovington.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Consideration of Approval of Proclamation 022513-01-Smokin' on the Plaza:** Mayor Drummond called for a motion to approve the Proclamation 022513-01-4<sup>th</sup> Annual Smokin' on the Plaza on June 14 & 15, 2013. Commissioner Trujillo so moved. Commissioner Granath seconded. Motion was approved.

**Consideration of Approval of HGAC Purchasing Agreement:** Mayor Drummond called for a motion to approve the HGAC agreement. Commissioner Benge so moved. Commissioner Granath seconded. Motion was approved. City Manager explained that the City can go out for more brands and types of equipment that are not available through CES.

**Consideration of Temporary Closure of Streets for Relay for Life:** Mayor Drummond called for a motion to approve the Temporary Street Closure on May 3 & 4, 2013. Commissioner Trujillo so moved. Commissioner Gandy seconded. Motion was approved. This event has been moved from the Park to the Courthouse.

**Consideration of Approval for Replat of Property 119 E. Simpson Dr:** Mayor Drummond called for a motion to approve to replat property at 119 E. Simpson Dr. Commissioner Benge so moved. Commissioner Granath seconded. Member Betty Price of the Planning & Zoning stated that property owner Mary Ann Marquez was asked to come to the Commission Meeting to consider her request. Due to that Mrs. Marquez was not present at the meeting the Commissioners all voted nay. Motion was not approved.

**Consideration of Approval for a Cinder Block Fence at 1404 S. Love St:** Mayor Drummond called for a motion to approve a 10 ft. cinder block fence on the south side of 1404 S. Love St. Commissioner Trujillo so moved. Commissioner Granath seconded. Motion was approved.

**Consideration of Review/Approval: Ameri-Tech Assignment:** Mayor Drummond called for a motion to approve to assign its rights to another company for the City of Lovington. It gives Mr. Williams authority to sign the form. Commissioner Trujillo so moved. Commissioner Benge seconded. Motion was approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mayor Drummond called for public comment: None

**OTHER:** City Manager Williams:

- The Police Department has been training with active shooters the last two Saturday's-Exceptional job by Police & Fire Department.
- Day of Service will be March 16, 2013 all employees will work on Ave D Park to give back to the community.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DIXIE DRUMMOND, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CAROL ANN HOGUE, CITY CLERK**