

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2013 @ 5:30 P.M.
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 214 S. LOVE STREET**

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

Also present: City Manager James Williams, Finance Director Mashell Stephens, Administrative Assistant Imelda Gutierrez, City Clerk Carol Ann Hogue, Chief of Police Danny Bryant and City Attorney Patrick McMahon.

Not Present: Assistant City Manager Jared Cobb

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

Invocation: Commissioner Granath gave the invocation

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Granath led the pledge

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

Approval of the Regular Minutes of May 28, 2013: Mayor Drummond asked for a motion for approval of the regular minutes of May 28, 2013. Commissioner Gandy so moved. Commissioner Granath seconded. Motion was approved.

ACTION ITEMS:

Consideration of Approval of Youth Center Board Appointment: Mayor Drummond called for a motion to approve the Youth Center Board Appointment. The Youth Center Director Jami Bailey has recommended Megan Hardin to serve on the Board for a four year term. Commissioner Trujillo so moved. Commissioner Gandy seconded. Motion was approved.

Consideration of Approval of Planning & Zoning Board Appointment: Mayor Drummond called for a motion to approve the Planning & Zoning Appointment. The P&Z Chairman Kallie Richards has recommended Abel Cabello to serve on the Board for a four year term. City Manager James Williams stated that Mario Garcia was interested in filling one position and also waiting on response from utility companies that have been asked for employees to serve on the board. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to appoint Abel Cabello and wait until the next regular commission meeting to fill the second position. Commissioner Gandy seconded. Motion was approved.

Consideration of Approval of Parks & Recreation Board Appointments: Mayor Drummond called for a motion to approve the Parks & Recreation Board appointments. Commissioner Granath so moved to appoint Mike Gallagher, Evelyn Holguin, Clint Laughrin, Marla Price, Tanner Gandy & Victoria Ochoa as representatives. Commissioner Gandy seconded. Motion was approved.

Consideration of Approval of Drought Conditions Proclamation: Mayor Drummond called for a motion to approve the Drought Conditions Proclamation which bans the sale and use of certain fireworks within the City of Lovington. This will ensure that the July 4th holiday is covered. Commissioner Bengé so moved. Commissioner Gandy seconded. Motion was approved.

Consideration of Approval of Resolution 061013-01 – PERA Plan: Mayor Drummond called for a motion to approve the Resolution 061013-01 -PERA (Public Employees Retirement Act) Plan. This plan will change from a 30 year to a 20-22 year retirement plan for the Fire Department. The Fire Department is not receiving the 3% COLA (Cost of Living Act). Commissioner Gandy so moved. Commissioner Granath seconded. Motion was approved.

Consideration of Approval of Alcohol & Gaming Special Dispenser Permit for 2013 Lea County Fair & Rodeo – Lovington Inn: Mayor Drummond called for a motion to approve the request from Lovington Inn for a beer garden special dispenser permit at the Lea County Fair & Rodeo. Commissioner Bengé so moved. Commissioner Trujillo seconded. Motion was approved.

Consideration of Approval of Temporary Street Closure at 17th & Ave I – Wounded Warrior Fundraiser, June 22, 2013: Mayor Drummond called for a motion to approve the temporary street closure for the wounded warrior fundraiser from 11a.m. – 1p.m. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to amend and change the time from 8:30a.m. – 2:00p.m. Commissioner Bengé seconded. Motion was approved.

Consideration of Approval to Sell Property – Main & Jefferson: Mayor Drummond called for a motion to approve the selling of the property at the corner of Main & Jefferson. City Manager Williams is requesting permission to advertise for sealed bids to sell the property. He also stated that the approximate appraisal for this property is \$21,000. Commissioner Bengé so moved. Commissioner Gandy seconded. Motion was approved.

Consideration of Approval of CAPERS Software Purchase Agreement: Mayor Drummond called for a motion to approve the CAPERS software agreement. This software is a dispatch records management system that will replace outdated CAD system. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to table and resubmit at the next regular City Commission meeting due to the wording “State of Illinois” in the applicable law section in the agreement. Commissioner Gandy seconded. Motion was approved. Chief of Police Bryant stated that the purchase of this software would cost more next year.

Consideration of Approval to Advertise Ordinance 511 – Planning & Zoning

Commission Membership: Mayor Drummond called for a motion to approve to advertise Ordinance 511. This ordinance will modify the definition to incorporate the language “own real property within the City or reside within a five mile radius of the corporate boundaries of Lovington”. Current members and future members are part of our community and can provide valuable knowledge, expertise, and guidance in the planning & zoning issues that we face in the community. Commissioner Bengé so moved. Commissioner Trujillo seconded. Motion was approved.

Consideration of Approval of Accounts Payables: Mayor Drummond called for a motion to approve the accounts payables submitted. Commissioner Bengé so moved. Commissioner Trujillo seconded. Motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Betty Price addressed the Commissioners about temporary portable potties at the Ave D Park. The summer food program is there Monday through Friday.
- Tanner Gandy thanked the Commissioners for appointing him to the Parks & Recreation Board.

OTHER:

- City Manager Williams mentioned the Water Usage Association Board members term expired. Neil Granath would like to be reappointed & John Norris needs to be reappointed if still interested. He mentioned to the Commissioners that Assistant Manager Cobb was out of town.
- Commissioner Granath mentioned that the Convenience Station Center was doing a great job.
- Mayor Drummond mentioned the NMML conference will be held August 27-30, 2013 in Taos, NM. She will be attending this conference.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
DIXIE DRUMMOND, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CAROL ANN HOGUE, CITY CLERK