

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2013 @ 5:30 P.M.  
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 214 S. LOVE STREET**

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

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

**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. Commissioner Bengé seconded. Motion was approved.

**Approval of the Regular Minutes of November 25, 2013:** Mayor Drummond asked for a motion for approval of the regular minutes of November 25, 2013. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to amend the wording on the consideration of approval of resolution 2013-8: 300 E. Ave D: a tract of land of 0.46 acres (23X140), this section of land will be given to the City. Commissioner Granath seconded. Motion was approved.

**NON-ACTION ITEMS:**

**Discussion of Quarterly Financial Report:** Commissioner Bengé stated that the Percentage Projected Revenue/Original Budget is mostly 100% and commented that was excellent.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Consideration of Appointments to Senior Citizens Board:** Mayor Drummond called for a motion to approve the recommendations from the Senior Citizens Board. The following individuals have been recommended by the Board.

- Shirley Choate
- Fred Browning
- Ben Quiroz
- Thomas Griffin

Commissioner Bengé so moved to reappoint the individuals whose names are mentioned above for a two year term. Commissioner Trujillo seconded. Motion was approved.

**Consideration of Appointment to Personnel Board:** Mayor Drummond called for a motion to approve the recommendation from the Personnel Board. Jeanette Faris has been recommended by the Board. Commissioner Granath so moved to reappoint Jeanette Faris for a one year term. Commissioner Bengé seconded. Motion was approved.

**Consideration of Approval of Resolution 2013-8: 300 E. Ave D:** Mayor Drummond called for a motion to approve Resolution 2013-8: 300 E. Ave D. The resolution will provide for the sale of the described property as well as obtaining property for existing utilities. The City of Lovington will issue a quitclaim for such property to Haarmeyer Electric, Inc. whose address is 310 E. Ave D, Lovington, NM 88260. Commissioner Bengé so moved. Commissioner Trujillo seconded. Motion was approved.

**Consideration of Approval of Resolution 2013-9: Open Meetings Act:** Mayor Drummond called for a motion to approve the Resolution 2013-9: Open Meetings Act. The resolution is required to be adopted each year by Commission. The resolution this year has been changed to reflect the change in State Law about the meeting agenda and public notice that must be provided within a minimum of 72 hours in advance. Commissioner Granath so moved. Commissioner Gandy seconded. Motion was approved.

**Consideration of Approval of 2014 Meeting Dates:** Mayor Drummond called for a motion to approve the 2014 Meeting Dates. The City prepared the legal notices stating the dates of the City Commission, other Board Meetings and City holidays for 2014. Commissioner Trujillo so moved. Commissioner Gandy seconded. Motion was approved.

**Consideration of Approval of Ordinance 519 – Authorizing Execution of Intergovernmental Agreement & Project Participation Agreement with NMEDD & Lovington Warehouse:** Mayor Drummond called for a motion to approve Ordinance 519 – Authorizing Execution of Intergovernmental Agreement & Project Participation Agreement with NMEDD & Lovington Warehouse. This ordinance will grant the City ability to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with NMEDD & Project Participation Agreement with Lovington Warehouse. The documents will provide \$100,000 of funding from the State Economic Development Department for the development of the loading and unloading zone for rail cars. The City will serve as the fiscal agent for this project and will request reimbursement from the NMEDD for the \$100,000. Commissioner Granath so moved. Commissioner Bengé seconded. Motion was approved.

**Consideration of Approval of Lea Theater LEDA Funding:** Mayor Drummond called for a motion to approve Lea Theater LEDA Funding. The LEDA funding will be utilized to secure the \$400,000 loan in which \$50,000 of the funding is to start up and \$200,000 in matching funds for donations and grants that are obtained. Commissioner Trujillo addressed his concerns to Randy Pettigrew about who will be handling the funds, who will be in charge of the financial statements and how often will the financial reports be reported to the Commissioners. City Attorney McMahon stated that Finance Director Stephens could keep track of the financial report for audit purposes. City Manager Williams stated that the financial reports are required to be completed on a quarterly basis. Assistant City Manager Cobb stated that the City has separate funds for LEDA and each project has its own identifying number to be able to see what the expenses are. Commissioner Trujillo so moved. Commissioner Bengé seconded. Motion was approved.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Tabatha Lawson on behalf of Lovington MainStreet gave Thanks to the City Commissioners and John Graham for the use of the giant snowflakes.
- Connie Sevier on behalf of Lovington MainStreet gave Thanks to the City Commissioners for the opportunity of the Lea Theater.

**OTHER:**

- Commissioner Granath mentioned the Annual Banquet will be tomorrow Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lovington Youth Center.
- Commissioner Gandy mentioned a pothole on 9<sup>th</sup> & Jefferson Street. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas!
- Commissioner Trujillo wished everyone a Merry Christmas!
- Commissioner Bengé mentioned that Dee Robinson passed away yesterday Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Dee Robinson worked as the Lea County Assessor for many years. Mrs. Robinson will be greatly missed.
- Chief of Police Bryant mentioned that five recruits will be graduating from the Police Academy at NMJC on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> @ 2 p.m.
- City Manager Williams mentioned that with the freezing days and low temperatures it caused a few valves at MLK Park to bust. Due to the bursting of the valves there are no working restrooms at the park. Dennis Martin, Parks Supervisor, is working on fixing the valves that busted. Roadwork will begin on 9<sup>th</sup> from Polk to Dogwood. The streets will not be closed. Christmas Light Parade will be Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7: 00 p.m. The swimming pool is not completed due to some delays. The restrooms for Harold Runnels and Ave D Park have been ordered today. The concession stands at Harold Runnels will be demolished.
- Mayor Drummond stated that the Commissioners will evaluate City Manager Williams on January 13, 2014.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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

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