

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2014 @ 5:30 P.M.  
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 214 S. LOVE STREET**

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

**Present and answering roll call:** Commissioner Bengé, Commissioner Trujillo, Commissioner Butcher, Commissioner Campos and Mayor Gandy

**Also Present:** City Manager James Williams, Assistant City Manager Jared Cobb, City Finance Director Gary Chapman, City Clerk Carol Ann Hogue, City Attorney Patrick McMahon, and Interim Police Chief David Rodriguez

**Invocation:** Mayor Gandy gave the invocation

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Gandy led the pledge

**Approval of Agenda:** Mayor Gandy called for a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Trujillo so moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Campos seconded and a roll call was taken: Commissioner Campos – Yes, Commissioner Butcher – Yes, Commissioner Bengé – Yes, Commissioner Trujillo – Yes and Mayor Gandy - Yes.

**Approval of the Regular Minutes of September 8, 2014:** Mayor Gandy called for a motion to approve the regular minutes of September 8, 2014. Commissioner Bengé so moved. Commissioner Butcher seconded and a roll call was taken: Commissioner Butcher – Yes, Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, Commissioner Bengé – Yes, Commissioner Campos – Yes, and Mayor Gandy – Yes.

**COMMISSIONER AND STAFF REPORTS:**

- Finance Director Gary Chapman mentioned employees were responsive and complying to signing up or opting out with PERA
- Mayor Gandy mentioned to consider posting proper signage informing taxpayers where their tax money is being spent, like LEDA, Chamber, Mainstreet, etc.... Mentioned concern with potholes on 1500 block on Aspen
- Commissioner Bengé agreed with Mayor Gandy with proper signage; asked about the scheduling of the lights on Central and Mainstreet changing too quickly from green to red was an issue, State Hwy Dept. is in charge of the lights
- City Manager Williams updated Commissioners of ICMA conference in Charlotte, NC where Assistant City Manager and City Manager Williams attended a wide range of lectures such as: emphasizes on social media, retail development, and different innovation on parks and recreation.

**NON-ACTION ITEMS:**

**Discussion of Ordinance 528 – Local Option Hold Harmless 3/8’s Tax Public Comment:**

Commissioners all agreed Ordinance will be good for the community, asked community to understand that the State has placed the burden on the City, funds will be allocated to infrastructure, and feel Ordinance will serve Lovington as a positive return. Virginia Spears asked if funds will only be used for infrastructure. Mayor Gandy responded by stating 30% of funds is allocated to the general fund and 70% is allocated to infrastructure. Ms. Spears commented that she did not agree with Ordinance. No action was taken.

**Discussion of School Resource Officer MOU:** City Manager Williams after discussion with school administration and City proposed a MOU with two options of either a 3 year or a 5 year contract; cost is broken down to include 50/50 split between the City and the School District of SRO (School Resource Officer) annual salary, benefits, vehicle, and equipment. A concern from school district of SRO is time and cost split with the City. Commissioner Campos’s mission for SRO is to create and maintain safe, secure, and orderly learning environment for students, teachers and staff. Commissioners discussed having an SRO at the younger grade schools, to provide a positive impact at a young age. No action was taken.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Consideration of Approval of Lodger’s Tax Board Appointment:** Mayor Gandy called for a motion to approve the Lodger’s Tax Board Appointment. Chamber Executive Director RaeLynn Stuart asked Commissioners to delay the Lodger’s Tax Board appointment to give more business owners an option to be appointed to the board. Commissioner’s discussed delaying or continuing with the process of appointment to the board. Commissioner’s suggested more information on candidate and more advertisement to appoint the best candidate for the job. Art Sanchez of Cornerstone Coffee was nominated by the Commission Board to serve on the Lodger’s Tax Board. Commissioner Benge so moved to appoint Art Sanchez to the Lodger’s Tax Board. Commissioner Trujillo seconded and a roll call was taken: Commissioner Benge – Yes, Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, Commissioner Butcher – No, Commissioner Campos – No, and Mayor Gandy – Yes. Motion was approved.

**Consider Approval of Resolution 2014-46: Pay and Classification Plan Professional Services Agreement:** Mayor Gandy called for a motion to consider approval of resolution 2014-46: pay and classification plan professional services agreement. City Manager Williams addressed the Commissioners to approve the resolution to continue to be competitive with other municipalities. The study will help with: gathering information for job description and classification review, salary surveys, on site visits, report preparation and fiscal impact reports. City Manager Williams informed Commissioners of reduced project fee of \$8,500 because of the number of municipalities joining the study. Commissioner Trujillo so moved. Commissioner Campos seconded and a roll call was taken: Commissioner Butcher – Yes, Commissioner Campos

– Yes, Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, Commissioner Bengé – Yes, and Mayor Gandy – Yes. Motion was approved.

**Consider Approval of Ordinance 528 – Local Option Hold Harmless 3/8’s Tax:** Mayor Gandy called for a motion to approve the Ordinance 528 – local option hold harmless 3/8’s tax. No further discussion. Commissioner Bengé so moved. Commissioner Trujillo seconded and a roll call was taken: Commissioner Bengé – Yes, Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, Commissioner Campos – Yes, Commissioner Butcher – Yes, and Mayor Gandy - Yes. Motion was approved.

**Consider Approval of Acceptance of Historic Theater Initiative Funding Letter:** Mayor Gandy called for a motion to approve the acceptance of Historic Theater Initiative Funding Letter. City Manager Williams addressed the Commissioners to accept the Historic Theater Initiative Funding letter to receive funding for the Lea Theater Project. Additional documentation will be required before City is able to adopt the project by Ordinance. Commissioner Campos so moved. Commissioner Bengé seconded and a roll call was taken: Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, Commissioner Bengé – Yes, Commissioner Campos – Yes, Commissioner Butcher – Yes, and Mayor Gandy – Yes. Motion was approved.

**Consider Approval of Accounts Payable:** Mayor Gandy called for a motion to approve the accounts payable. Commissioner Bengé so moved. Commissioner Campos seconded and a roll call was taken: Commissioner Campos – Yes, Commissioner Butcher – Yes, Commissioner Trujillo – Yes, Commissioner Bengé – Yes and Mayor Gandy - Yes. Motion was approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Wilma Kimbell lives on 1202 West Polk Avenue and on 1206 West Polk Avenue the yard is solid with goat heads. Ms. Kimbell begged Commissioners to find out who owned property and not to mow it, unless a bag is used on lawnmower.

Chamber Executive Director RaeLynn Stuart invited Commissioners to attend After Hours Ribbon Cutting Hours and Grand Opening for Lemke Development at the Energyplex real-estate at 1216 West Carter at 4:30 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**SCOTTY GANDY, MAYOR**

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