

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The governing body of the CITY OF LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS will meet at 6:00 p.m. the 13th day of December, 2016 at the City Council Chambers, 525 Phelps Avenue, to consider all matters and related incidents to the City of Littlefield.

Present: Eric Turpen, Mayor Johnny Williamson, Mayor Pro Tempore, District 4  
Lottie Spencer, District 1 Michael Rangel, District 2  
Rene Duran, District 3

City Manager Mitch Grant; City Secretary Janine Butler; Treasurer Andrew Eisenwine

Audience: 30 (7 staff)

### 1. Call to order

Mayor Eric Turpen called the meeting to order at 6:04p.m.

### 2. Invocation

Mayor Turpen led the invocation.

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Turpen led the pledge.

### 4. Citizen Comments

Several citizens commented on and asked questions regarding the possibilities of a swimming pool or the recent utility bill increases.

### Change in order

### 8. Consider and Approve Resolution Authorizing the Submission of An Application For Funding Through The Texas Department Of Agriculture, Texas Capital Fund For The Small And Microenterprise Revolving Fund

Tim Pierce and Lauren Rodriguez, representing SPAG, explain this process for small or microenterprise funds. There are 5 cities who are eligible for this application. Mayor Eric Turpen made the motion to approve the resolution. The second motion was made by Council member Michael Rangel. Council member Lottie Spencer abstained from this vote due to her committee position with SPAG. The motion passed 3 ayes, 1 absent, 1 abstained.

### 9. Consider and Approve Contract with Caprock Business Finance Corporation Pending Attorney Review

Council member Michael Rangel made the motion to approve. Council member Rene Duran made the second motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 5. Consider and Approve Minutes of the November 22nd and November 29th Meetings

The motion to approve was made by Council member Lottie Spencer. The second motion was made by Council member Michael Rangel. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Consider and Approve Monthly Departmental Reports: Police Dept.; Fire Dept.; EMS; Code Enforcement; Animal Control; Landfill; Water, Wastewater, Streets and Parks; Parks Advisory Committee; Municipal Court; Monthly Financial Reports; Sales Tax Collection; Property Tax Collection reports; LEDC A and B and Parks Advisory Committee minutes, if Boards met.

The motion to approve was made by Council member Michael Rangel. The second motion was made by Council member Lottie Spencer. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Consider and Approve Purchase of Large Brush Truck Through Texas Forestry Service Grant and Authorize Expenditure of Matching Funds

The motion to approve as specified and contingent on sale of older truck and authorize expenditure of matching funds was made by Mayor Eric Turpen. The second motion was made by Council member Rene Duran. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Conduct Public Hearing Regarding Opportunity for New Swimming Pool

Mayor Turpen closed the regular meeting and opened a public hearing at 6:56p.m.

Several citizens spoke for or against the need for a swimming pool. The City Council answered questions.

Mayor Turpen closed the public hearing and reopened the regular meeting at 7:19p.m.

11. Consider and Approve Action Regarding Swimming Pool Plans and Park Fund

Mayor Eric Turpen made the motion to set goal to complete construction of a swimming pool following bid laws and ADA requirements by June 2018, amend the park fund ordinance allowing citizens to either removing the fee or add to the current \$2.00 limit, and \$20,000 of designated park funds for other park projects and balance toward the swimming pool. The second motion was made by Council member Lottie Spencer. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Executive Session Regarding Real Property (TGC§551.072 Deliberations about Real Property)

Mayor Turpen closed the regular session and opened Executive Session at 7:41p.m.

Mayor Turpen closed the Executive session and reopened the regular session at 8:12p.m. No action was taken.

13. Consider and Approve Action Regarding Executive Session – Real Property

No action taken on this item.

14. Consider and Approve Increase for Mower Purchase

The motion to approve purchase of another 72-inch mower was made by Council member Michael Rangel. The second motion was made by Council member Rene Duran. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Consider and Approve A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LITTLEFIELD APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ALLIANCE OF XCEL MUNICIPALITIES ("AXM") AND SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE

COMPANY ("SPS" OR "COMPANY") REGARDING THE COMPANY'S STATEMENT OF INTENT TO CHANGE ELECTRIC RATES IN ALL CITIES EXERCISING ORIGINAL JURISDICTION; DECLARING EXISTING RATES TO BE UNREASONABLE; ADOPTING TARIFFS THAT REFLECT RATE ADJUSTMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND FINDING THE RATES TO BE SET BY THE ATTACHED TARIFFS TO BE JUST AND REASONABLE; FINDING THE CITY'S RATE CASE EXPENSES REASONABLE; DIRECTION SPS TO REIMBURSE THE CITY ITS REASONABLE RATE CASE EXPENSES; DETERMINING THAT THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETING ACT; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALING ANY PRIOR RESOLUTIONS INCONSISTENT WITH THIS RESOLUTION AND REQUIRING DELIVERY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL

The motion to approve this resolution was made by Mayor Turpen. The second motion was made by Council member Michael Rangel. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19p.m.



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Mayor Eric Turpen

Attest:

  
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City Secretary

