

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The governing body of the CITY OF LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS convened at 6:00 p.m. the 28th day of March, 2017 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 3 (absent)
Rene Duran, District 3

City Manager Mitch Grant, City Secretary, Treasurer Andrew Eisenwine

Audience: 9 (6 staff)

1. Call to order

Mayor Eric Turpen called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

2. Invocation

Mayor Turpen led the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pro tempore Johnny Williamson led the pledge.

4. Citizen Comments

None

5. Introduction of new City Employees

New Code Enforcement Officer Jeremy Ybarra will begin 4/6. New Police Officer Jacie Anstead, not present, will begin 3/29.

6. Consider and Approve Minutes From the February 28th and March 10th Meetings

The motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro tempore Johnny Williamson. The second motion was made by Council member Lottie Spencer. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Consider and Approve Monthly Departmental Reports: Police Dept.; Fire Dept.; EMS; Code Enforcement; Animal Control; Landfill; Water/Wastewater; Streets and Parks; 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 the monthly reports was made by Council member Lottie Spencer. The second motion was made by Council member Rene Duran. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Consider A RESOLUTION DECLARING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES IN THE MAY 6, 2017 GENERAL CITY ELECTION FOR DISTRICT 3 AND MAYOR ELECTED TO OFFICE; CANCELING THE GENERAL CITY ELECTION FOR DISTRICT 3 AND MAYOR, PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CONSIDERAR UNA ORDENANZA QUE DECLARA A CANDIDATO DE SIN OPOSICION EN LA ELECCION EL 6 DE MAYO DE 2017 GENERAL DE LA CIUDAD PARA LOS DISTRITO 3 Y ALCALDE ELEGIDO A LA OFICINA; CANCELANDO LA ELECCION, PROPORCIANANDO UNA CLAUSULA DE DIVISIBILIDAD; Y PROPORCIANANDO LA FECHA DE VIGENCIA.

The motion to approve was made by Council member Lottie Spencer. The second motion was made by Council member Rene Duran. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Consider an ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LITTLEFIELD TEXAS, APPROVING A NEGOTIATED RESOLUTION BETWEEN THE ATMOS WEST TEXAS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE ("WTX CITIES") AND ATMOS ENERGY CORP., WEST TEXAS DIVISION REGARDING THE COMPANY'S 2016 RATE REVIEW MECHANISM ("RRM") FILING; DECLARING EXISTING RATES TO BE UNREASONABLE; ADOPTING TARIFFS THAT REFLECT RATE ADJUSTMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT; FINDING THE RATES TO BE SET BY THE ATTACHED TARIFFS TO BE JUST AND REASONABLE AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST; ESTABLISHING A PROCESS FOR RENEGOTIATING THE RRM TARIFF IN 2017; REQUIRING THE COMPANY TO REIMBURSE CITIES' REASONABLE RATEMAKING EXPENSES; DETERMINING THAT

THIS ORDINANCE WAS PASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; ADOPTING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND REQUIRING DELIVERY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND THE WTX CITIES' LEGAL COUNSEL.

The motion to approve the ordinance was made by Mayor Pro tempore Johnny Williamson. Council member Lottie Spencer made the second motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Consider and Approve Lamb County Lease Agreement for Ball Park

The motion to approve the lease agreement with the change to Section V to allow at least one hundred eighty (180) days written notice for either party termination to prevent disruption of an ongoing season was made by Mayor Eric Turpen. The second motion was made by Mayor Pro tempore Johnny Williamson. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Consider and Approve Preliminary Swimming Pool Plans

Mayor Eric Turpen provided potential plans for the proposed pool facility. He answered and asked questions of City Council members. This is a "Legacy project built by citizens for citizens." The motion to approve the presented plans was made by Mayor Pro tempore Johnny Williamson. The second motion to approve was made by Council member Rene Duran. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Consider and Approve Engineer for Swimming Pool

City Manager Mitch Grant recommended Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. The motion to approve was made by Mayor Turpen. The second motion was made by Mayor Pro tempore Williamson. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Consider and Approve Various Budget Amendments

Treasurer Andrew Eisenwine presented midyear budget adjustments. There are increased expenditures:

01-626-430	Mowers	2,889
01-623-101	Code Enforcement Salary	2,000
01-606-109	Holiday Pay Police	14,000
01-606-105	Overtime Police	11,000
01-606-330	Tahoe Collision repair	5,835
01-609-101	T Johnson raise	4,160
01-616-320	EMS Garage door expansion	2,000
02-603-113	Correction Budgeted Health Ins	5,200
		<u>47,084</u>

Decreased expenditures/ Increased Revenue:

01-5610	Insurance proceeds Tahoe	5,835
01-609-120	Certification pay T Johnson	1,100
01-624-430	Sirens expensed last year	47,764
		<u>54,699</u>

14. Executive Session Regarding Real Property (TGC\$551.072 Deliberations about Real Property)

None

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

Property is in contract for the proposed swimming pool. The surveying and then closing should be soon.

16. Adjourn

Mayor Turpen adjourned the meeting at 7:00p.m.


Mayor Eric Turpen Pro Tempore

Attest:


City Secretary