

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The governing body of the CITY OF LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS met at 7:00 p.m. the 10th day of May, 2016 at the City Council Chambers, 525 Phelps Avenue, for the purpose of considering all matters and related incidents to the City of Littlefield.

Present: Eric Turpen, Mayor
Barbara Colbert, District 1
Johnny Williamson, District 4
Michael Rangel, Mayor Pro tem, District 2
Rene Duran, District 3

City Manager Mitch Grant; City Attorney Slater Elza; Treasurer Andrew Eisenwine; City Secretary Janine Butler

Audience: 7 (4 staff)

1. Call to order

Mayor Eric Turpen called the meeting to order at 7:10p.m.

2. Invocation

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Both the invocation and pledge were led by Mayor Turpen.

4. Consider approval of minutes from the April 21st meeting.

The motion to approve the minutes was made by Council member Barbara Colbert; the second motion was made by Mayor Pro tem Michael Rangel; the motion passed unanimously.

5. Consider approval of canvass of the votes of the May 7, 2016 Special Election and approval of Ordinance No. 2016-0510-1 canvassing the votes and declaring the results of the May 7, 2016 Special Election to fill an unexpired term for District 3.

Considere la aprobación del escrutinio de los votos del 7 de mayo de 2016 y elecciones especiales la aprobación de la Ordenanza N° 2016-0510-1 la captación de los votos y declarar los resultados el 7 de mayo de 2016 unas elecciones especiales para llenar una vacante del Distrito 3.

The motion to approve the ordinance canvassing the votes of the special election for District 3 was made by Council member Barbara Colbert; the second motion was made by Council member Rene Duran; the motion passed unanimous. *La moción para aprobar la ordenanza la captación de los votos de la elección especial del Distrito 3 fue hecha por el miembro del Consejo de Barbara Colbert; la segunda moción fue hecha por el miembro del Consejo de René Durán; la moción aprobada por unanimidad.*

6. Presentation of Certificates of Election and Oath of Office for the newly elected Council Members.

7. Consider approval of canvass of the votes of the May 7, 2016 Special Election and approval of Ordinance No. 2016-0510-2 canvassing the votes and declaring the results of the May 7, 2016 Special Election for Proposed Amendment to the Littlefield City Charter.

Considere la aprobación del escrutinio de los votos del 7 de mayo de 2016 y elecciones especiales la aprobación de la Ordenanza N° 2016-0510-2 la captación de los votos y declarar los resultados del 7 de mayo de 2016 elección especial para las propuestas de enmienda a la Carta de la ciudad Littlefield.

The motion to approve the ordinance canvassing the votes of the special election for Charter Amendments was made by Mayor Pro tem Michael Rangel; the second motion was made by Council member Barbara Colbert; the motion passed unanimous. *La moción para aprobar la ordenanza la captación de los votos de la elección especial para las reformas de la Carta fue hecha por el Alcalde Pro Tem Michael Rangel; la segunda moción fue hecha por el miembro del Consejo de Barbara Colbert; la moción aprobada por unanimidad.*

New Council members Lottie Spencer, Michael Rangel, and Rene Duran were sworn in at this time.

Mayor Eric Turpen turned the meeting to Mayor Pro tem Michael Rangel and left during this agenda item.

8. Consider and Discuss inducement resolution authorizing the issuance of industrial revenue bonds to assist Continental Dairy Facilities Southwest, LLC, its successors or assigns in the acquisition and construction of a milk processing facility in Lamb County, Texas.

Jason Grubbs and Slater Elza were present to explain how a manufacturer may have access to tax exempt bonds. This helps them with their project. There is an IRS provision and a State of Texas office out of the Governor's office who have set up a program to take advantage of this IRS provision that if these companies are spending money on wastewater/environmental concerns. A portion of this project appears to qualify for this program. Lamb County is behind this project but does not have and EDC. Cities have Economic Development Corporations. Mr. Elza said he thought the LEDC and city would like to participate in bringing this project here. The LEDC met prior to this meeting and passed a resolution of intent to participate. It is not binding now and when the bonds are set up it will be brought before LEDC and City Council again.

Jason Grubbs is with Frasier Lanier Co. and Continental Dairies is working with them. They have used this type financing for their plant in Michigan. They can finance with industrial revenue bonds with access of a governmental entity in name only, no debt and no obligation. The Littlefield Economic Development Corp. approved the resolution of intent. When the necessary approvals are obtained from the Attorney General's office and Bond Revue Board with Governor's office, we will come back and request consent to concede to LEDC action.

There is no action to take this is for information only.

9. Adjourn

The motion to adjourn was made by Council member Lottie Spencer; the second motion was made by Council member Rene Duran; the motion passed unanimously and meeting adjourned at 7:30p.m.

Mayor Eric Turpen

City Secretary