

**CITY OF LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
August 27, 2019 6:00PM**

The governing body of the CITY OF LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS met at 6:00 p.m. the 27th day of August 2019 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 Michael Rangel, Mayor Pro tempore, District 2
 Ben Warren, District 1 Buddy Holmes, District 3
 Kenny Rucker, District 4

City Manager Mitch Grant; City Secretary Janine Butler; Treasurer Andrew Eisenwine;
City Attorney Bryan Guymon
16 including 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

Kenny Rucker led the pledge.

4. Citizen Comments

2 Citizens had comments and questions.

5. Introduction of New City Employees

There were 2 new employees introduced: Jamie Sanchez in Public Works and Pepper in Police Dept. as K-9 officer with Police Officer Matthew Howard.

6. Consider and Approve Minutes from the July 25th Regular Meeting.

Mayor Pro tempore Michael Rangel made the motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Buddy Holmes made the second motion. 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 minutes, if Boards met.

Council Member Kenny Rucker was proud of city employees for taking care of drop in water pressure during last month. Kenny Rucker made the motion to approve the monthly reports. Michael Rangel made the second motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Consider and Approve Appointment of Municipal Court Judge.

The motion to approve appointment of Municipal Court Judge Leslie Perkins for two years was made by Council Member Ben Warren. Mayor Pro tempore Michael Rangel made the second motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Consider and Approve a Vote for 2019 Board of Trustee for TML Health Benefits Pool Members – Region 3.

Mayor Eric Turpen made the motion to approve David Riley to the Region 3 Board of Trustees. Mayor Pro tempore Michael Rangel made the second motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Consider and Approve Authorization of City Manager and Treasurer to Act on Letters of Credit, Loans, and Deposit Accounts.

Mayor Pro tempore Michael Rangel made the motion to approve the authorization of City Manager and Treasurer to act on Letters of Credit, loans, and deposit accounts. Mayor Eric Turpen made the second motion. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Discuss and Consider Awarding Request for Qualification for Engineers on Downtown Revitalization Project (DRP).

Council Member Kenny Rucker made the motion to award the Engineering DRP project to Parkhill, Smith & Cooper Engineering Firm. Council Member Buddy Holmes made the second motion. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 27, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 525 Phelps Ave, Littlefield, Texas, to Receive Comments Regarding the Proposed Disannexation of an Area on Request of the Owner of the Property, the City of Littlefield.

Mayor Turpen closed the regular session at 6:28p.m. and opened Public Hearing. There was no one to comment at this time. Mayor closed the public hearing and reopened the regular session at 6:29p.m.

13. Consider and Approve AN ORDINANCE TO DISANNEX CERTAIN TERRITORY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LITTLEFIELD, TO WIT: THE LAND SOUTH OF MARSHALL HOWARD BOULEVARD INCLUDING TEXAS CIVIL COMMITMENT CENTER – BILL CLAYTON FACILITY (BILL CLAYTON DETENTION CENTER AND ½ OF THE ROADWAY); SAID LEGAL DESCRIPTION PROVIDED HEREIN; TO AMEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY TO COMPLY WITH THE SAID DISANNEXATION; PROVIDING FOR REPEALING, SAVINGS, AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; FINDING THAT ALL NECESSARY AND REQUIRED LEGAL CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN SATISFIED; FINDING PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

No action to be taken at this time. Council Member Ben Warren requested an executive session with Council Members and City Attorney Bryan Guymon. Mayor Turpen closed the regular session at 6:31p.m. and Council went into executive session. Mayor Turpen closed the executive session and reopened the regular session at 6:50p.m. No action taken.

14. Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget.

Mayor Turpen closed the regular session and opened the public hearing at 6:52p.m. No had comments or questions. Mayor closed the public hearing and reopened the regular session at 6:53p.m.

15. Consider and Approve AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR EACH DEPARTMENT, PROJECT, ACCOUNT, AND DEBT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

After lengthy discussion, Council Member Ben Warren made the motion for Police Officers to have 84-hour pay period including policy procedures and changes. Council Member Buddy Holmes m the second motion.

The motion did not pass: Ayes- Ben Warren and Buddy Holmes

Nays- Eric Turpen, Michael Rangel and Kenny Rucker

Mayor Turpen made the motion to raise Police Dept. Overtime budget additional \$18,500.00. Mayor Pro tempore Michael Rangel made the second motion. The motion passed: Ayes- Eric Turpen, Michael Rangel, Kenny Rucker

Nays- Ben Warren, Buddy Holmes.

Mayor Turpen made the motion to approve the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget for 10/012019-09/30/2020 with amended Police Dept. Overtime increase \$18,500.00. Council Member Kenny Rucker made the second motion. The motion passed 4 Ayes to one Nay- Ben Warren.

16. Consider Proposing Tax Rate for 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget; if Proposed Tax Rate Will Exceed the Rollback Rate or the Effective Tax Rate (whichever is lower), take record vote.

Mayor Turpen made the motion to propose effective tax rate that will generate the same amount as last year at \$0.7467/100. Mayor Pro tempore Michael Rangel made the second motion. The motion passed unanimously: Eric Turpen-Aye; Ben Warren-Aye; Michael Rangel-Aye; Buddy Holmes-Aye; Kenny Rucker-Aye.

17. Discuss and Consider Approval of Chapter 4. Article 4.06 Section 4.06.010 Rotation List; towing procedures.

After some discussion, no action was taken at this time. This will be on next month's agenda for consideration.

18. Consider and Appoint Parks Advisory Committee Members to Fill Vacancy and Reappointments for 3 Year Terms.

Council Member Kenny Rucker made the motion to approve appointment of Eric Saenz to fill a vacancy to the Parks Advisory Committee and reappoint the sitting committee members. Ben Warren made the second motion. The motion passed unanimously.

19. Consider and Approve an Ordinance 2019-0827 Franchise Agreement between City of Littlefield and Southwestern Public Service DBA Xcel Energy.

Mayor Pro tempore Michael Rangel made the motion to approve the franchise agreement. Council Member Kenny Rucker made the second motion. The motion passed unanimously.

20. Consider and Approve an Ordinance 2019-0827 Franchise Agreement between City of Littlefield and Lamb County Electric Cooperative.

Mayor Eric Turpen made the motion to approve LCEC franchise agreement. Mayor Pro tempore Michael Rangel made the second motion. The motion passed unanimously.

21. Consider and Approve Resolution By The City Of Littlefield ("CITY") Suspending The Effective Date Of Southwestern Public Service Company's Proposed Increase In Rates As Allowed By Statute; Approving Temporary Rates; Authorizing The City's Continued Participation With Other Cities In The Alliance Of Xcel

Municipalities ("AXM") To Direct The Activities Of Lawyers And Consultants; Authorizing The Hiring Of Attorneys And Consultants; And Authorizing The Intervention And Participation In Related Rate Proceedings; Requiring Reimbursement Of Reasonable Legal And Consultant Expenses.

Council Member Ben Warren made the motion to approve the resolution. Council Member Buddy Holmes made the second motion. The motion passed unanimously.

22. Consider and Approve A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Littlefield, Texas, Approving A Negotiated Settlement Between The Executive Committee Of Cities Served By Atmos West Texas ("CITIES") And Atmos Energy Corp., West Texas Division Regarding The Company's 2019 Rate Review Mechanism 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 Settlement Tariffs To Be Just And Reasonable And In The Public Interest; Approving And Attached Exhibit Establishing A Benchmark For Pensions And Retiree Medical Benefits; Approving An Attached Exhibit Regarding Amortization Of Regulatory Liability; Requiring The Company To Reimburse Cities' Reasonable Ratemaking Expenses; Determining That This Resolution 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 Cities' Legal Counsel.

Mayor Michael Rangel made the motion to approve the resolution. Council Member Ben Warren made the second motion. The motion passed unanimously.

23. Adjourn

Mayor Turpen adjourned the meeting at 7:51p.m.



Mayor Eric Turpen

Attest:



City Secretary

