

REGULAR MEETING

LOCKHART CITY COUNCIL

AUGUST 16, 2022

6:30 P.M.

CLARK LIBRARY ANNEX-COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 217 SOUTH MAIN STREET, 3RD FLOOR, LOCKHART, TEXAS

Council present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Angie Gonzales-Sanchez
Councilmember Juan Mendoza
Councilmember Jeffry Michelson

Mayor Lew White
Councilmember Derrick David Bryant
Councilmember Kara McGregor (via Zoom)
Councilmember Brad Westmoreland

Staff present:

Steven Lewis, City Manager
Monte Akers, City Attorney
Sean Kelley, Public Works Director
Jesse Bell, Police Captain
Pam Larison, Finance Director
Travis Hughes, Parks Director

Connie Constancio, City Secretary
Julie Bowermon, Civil Service Director
Ernest Pedraza, Police Chief
Dan Gibson, City Planner
David Fowler, Senior Planner
Cean Charles, EMS Director

Citizens/Visitors Addressing the Council: Diana Coker of the Lockhart Area Senior Citizen Activity Center; Thomas Hughes, Citizen; and Travis Krause of KBar Group.

Work Session 6:30 p.m.

Mayor White announced that the work session and advised the Council, staff and the audience that staff would provide information and explanations about the following items:

DISCUSSION ONLY

Mayor White introduced Cean Charles as the new EMS Director. Mr. Charles provided information about his extensive public safety background.

A. DISCUSS THE ANNUAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR 2022-2023.

Ms. Larison stated that the City of Lockhart annually reviews and renews a service agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. for maintenance, repairs, and replacement of the 700/800 mhz radio infrastructure system which supports radio communications for the City of Lockhart, Concessions Group, Caldwell County, City of Luling, and City of Martindale. According to an existing interlocal agreement with each entity, the City of Lockhart is responsible for billing each entity according to the number of radio units owned and in operations in the system. The current total number of radios on the infrastructure system is 765, of which the City of Lockhart owns 205 radios (26.8%) and our share of the service agreement for the fiscal year of 2022-2023 would be \$42,345. The service agreement is for the fiscal year from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. The total amount of the 2022-2023 agreement reflects a 3% increase from last year's agreement. Ms. Larison recommended approval. There was discussion.

Mayor White announced that Councilmember Kara McGregor will be attending the meeting via Zoom.

B. DISCUSS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN LOCKHART INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CITY OF LOCKHART REGARDING SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS.

Chief Pedraza stated that this interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Lockhart Independent School District (ISD) and the City of Lockhart is to set forth guidelines to ensure that the Lockhart Police Department and Lockhart ISD have a shared understanding of the role and responsibility of each in maintaining safe schools, and supporting educational opportunities for all students. This agreement is for the 2022-2023 school year. The Lockhart Police department will provide one additional School Resource officer. The additional School Resource officer will be at the rank of Sergeant and will be paid at 100% of his salary during the school calendar year plus two additional days as per Article 6, Section 6.2 of the agreement. Historically, the agreement between the Lockhart ISD and the City of Lockhart has been 30% of the supervisor's salary during the school calendar year. Chief Pedraza recommended approval. There was discussion.

C. DISCUSS REQUEST BY LOCKHART AREA SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITY CENTER (LASCAC) TO RENEW LEASE AGREEMENT AT 901 BOIS D' ARC STREET TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SERVICES TO SENIOR CITIZENS AND THE COMMUNITY.

Mr. Kelley stated that the LASCAC has provided beneficial services to the seniors of Lockhart for the past 20 years. Their current lease is set to expire on the 31st of August 2022. LASCAC has requested that the property lease be renewed for an additional five (5) years to enable them to continue to provide service to the community. LASCAC currently leases approximately 6,700 square feet of space on the first floor of 901 Bois D' Arc that includes an activity center, workout room and kitchen along with an onsite thrift store. The lease requires the LASCAC to provide general liability insurance naming the City of Lockhart as an additional insured (\$1,000,000/ \$3,000,000/ \$50,000), to maintain 501 (c)(3) status, pay for onsite utilities (Telephone, Gas, Electricity), and operate a minimum six (6) hours a day for five (5) days a week. Mr. Kelley recommended approval. There was discussion.

Diana Coker, Board member of the LASCAC provided information about the services that they provide to the elder citizens and the community. She requested approval of renewing the lease.

D. DISCUSSION REGARDING SETTING THE 2022 COMBINED MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS AND INTEREST AND SINKING PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE OF THE CITY OF LOCKHART.

Ms. Larison stated that action taken by the City Council in reference to the property tax rate is required by the State of Texas in adherence with the Truth-In-Taxation laws. If the proposed tax rate exceeds either the no new revenue rate or voter approval rate, a record vote must be taken to place a proposal to adopt the rate on the agenda for a future Council meeting. If the motion passes, the Council must schedule and announce the date, time, and location of one public hearing regarding the proposed tax rate set by the Council. As directed by Council, the public hearing is scheduled on September 6, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers located in the Clark Library Annex - Council Chambers, 217 South Main Street, 3rd floor, Lockhart, Texas. Senate Bill 2 has limited the percentage increase from No New Revenue to Voter Approval Rate by 3.5% but has added a new unused incremental rate adjustment. Because of this, the City's adjusted Voter Approval Rate has been increased by the unused incremental rate received from last year, which is 0.0228/\$100 setting the new Voter Approval Rate to 0.6007/\$100 assessed valuation. There was discussion regarding the proposed 2022 property tax rate.

E. UPDATE FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING THE ANIMAL SHELTER & ANIMAL CONTROL POLICIES.

Chief Pedraza stated that a consultant was hired to conduct a Lockhart Animal Services Performance Program Evaluation Report. The report included several recommendations for the Lockhart Animal Shelter (LAS), which were approved by the City Council. As a result, in 2021, the Lockhart Animal Shelter was assigned to the Lockhart Police Department. The main phone number for the LAS was assigned to the main phone number of the Police Department. The policies and procedures manual has been updated and distributed to LAS employees. Field personnel communicate through police dispatch and calls for service for residents go directly through the police department for dispatch. The telephone system has also been upgraded at the LAS. Staff recently initiated a RFQ to contract with a veterinarian to oversee the shelter's sanitation and animal care responsibilities. Staff has been in communication with stakeholders, such as Take Me Home, Caldwell County Animal Coalition, Lockhart Lionhearts, Luling Animal Shelter Manager, and Bastrop Animal Shelter Manager to review animal limitation and breeding restriction ordinances, and a trap and neuter release program. Currently, the Animal Shelter has three full-time and two part-time animal shelter employees. Because the consultant recommended the staffing for the animal shelter to be 2.47 shelter attendance, staff is recommending adding two additional full-time shelter attendants and reducing the part-time position to one. Adding the additional staff would meet the recommended staffing by the consultant. There was discussion.

F. DISCUSS ORDINANCE 2022-38 ESTABLISHING THE CLASSIFICATIONS WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN EACH CLASSIFICATION; AND REPEALING UN-CODIFIED ORDINANCE 2019-16.

Ms. Bowermon stated that in compliance with civil service, the number of classified police and fire positions are set by an ordinance, which is referred to as the "Strength of Force." The proposed ordinance increases the number of sergeants in the Lockhart Police Department from 4 to 6. The first additional sergeant being added in proposed Ordinance 2022-38 is a result of the interlocal agreement between the Lockhart Independent School District and the City of Lockhart to provide an additional School Resource Officer during the 2022-2023 school year. The second additional sergeant being added in proposed Ordinance 2022-38 pertains to the reassignment of the Animals Services Division from Public Works to the Police Department. Recommendations made in the Animal Control & Care Academy Program Evaluation Report included reassigning the administration of Animal Services to the Police Department, which has knowledge of public safety and health issues, and creating additional administrative support such as a Police Sergeant. During the October 19, 2021 City Council meeting, City Councilmembers and City Staff participated in a lengthy discussion regarding Animal Services, reassignment, and the future need to create an additional Police Sergeant that would be assigned supervision of the Animal Services Division operations. The consensus was that City Staff would return back to the City Council with an ordinance, as discussed. With reassignment to the Police Department complete, proposed Ordinance 2022-38 increases the number of Police Sergeants as discussed during the October 19, 2021 City Council meeting. There was discussion.

G. DISCUSS RESOLUTION 2022-29 DISAPPROVING THE CALDWELL COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT'S FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR 2023.

Mayor White stated that he contacted several other taxing entities about the large employee wage increases that the Caldwell County Appraisal District (CCAD) included in their 2023 budget. They also expressed concern about the large salary increases. The CCAD has contracted an outside firm to conduct a salary survey, which concluded that the salaries should be increased yet the taxing entities believe that the salary increases should be spread out in three budget cycles. The CCAD is having issues with hiring and

retaining good employees because the neighboring appraisal districts pay a significant amount more than the CCAD. He stated that even though the city has passed the required 30-day notice to formally reject the CCAD's budget, he believed that providing the Lockhart City Council's Resolution disapproving their 2023 budget should still be submitted to the CCAD. Shanna Ramzinski, CCAD Chief Appraiser, stated that the CCAD Board of Directors will meet next week to reconsider the wages in their 2023 budget.

H. DISCUSS ORDINANCE 2022-39 DESIGNATING CITY ELECTION POLLING PLACES AND AMENDING EARLY VOTING HOURS FOR THE JOINT ELECTION OF THE CITY OF LOCKHART AND CALDWELL COUNTY TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022.

Ms. Constancio stated that On July 5, 2022, the City Council approved Ordinance 2022-27 ordering the November 8, 2022 General Election for the positions of Councilmember District 1, Councilmember District 2, and Two At-Large Councilmembers, and approved the Joint Election Agreement with the Caldwell County Elections Administrator (County EA) to conduct the election on behalf of the City of Lockhart. Early voting dates and times were included in the Ordinance 2022-27, which have changed. Polling locations were not included in Ordinance 2022-27 because the County EA was working on designating polling locations. Ordinance 2022-39 provides accurate details about the early voting dates and times, and Election Day polling locations as approved by the Caldwell County Commissioners Court on August 9, 2022. Ms. Constancio recommended approval.

I. DISCUSS THE NOMINATION OF YOLANDA STREY TO THE LOCKHART ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVID BRYANT WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE IN NOVEMBER 2022.

Mayor White stated that the nomination will return to the Council for a vote during the next meeting.

J. DISCUSS THE NOMINATION OF THOMAS HUGHES TO THE AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD BY COUNCILMEMBER KARA MCGREGOR WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE IN NOVEMBER 2023.

Mayor White stated that the nomination will return to the Council for a vote during the next meeting.

Mayor White invited Thomas Hughes to address the Council.

Thomas Hughes stated that he is a pilot, owns an airplane is interested in serving on the Airport Advisory Board.

RECESS: Mayor White announced that the Council would recess for a break at 7:45 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Lew White called the meeting to order at 7:55 p.m.

ITEM 2. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor White gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Mayor White requested citizens to address the Council. There were none.

ITEM 4-A. HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATIONS ZC-22-08 AND PDD-22-01 BY JAMES TRAVIS KRAUSE ON BEHALF OF PATTON 3, LLC AND DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2022-37 FOR A ZONING CHANGE FROM RLD RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY DISTRICT TO PDD PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INCLUDING A PDD DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR LOCKHART PLACE TOWNHOMES PLANNED DEVELOPMENT, ON 19.798 ACRES IN THE FRANCES BERRY SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 2, LOCATED AT 903 STATE PARK ROAD (FM 20) POSTPONED ON JULY 5, 2022, TO AUGUST 16, 2022.

Mayor White opened the public hearing at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Fowler stated that James Krause, the applicant, proposed a zoning change and development plan for 19.798 acres of land on the east side of Patton Road, and between State Park Road and Center Street, from RLD to PDD. The property is addressed as 903 State Park Road. The proposal is to build a townhouse development. This agenda item encompasses both ZC-22-08 for the zoning change and PDD-22-01 for the development plan. The Planning and Zoning Commission considered the zoning change and PDD development plan at its June 22, 2022 meeting. As submitted, the project had 246 townhouses, mostly on 20-foot by 90-foot lots. The proposed development was two and three-story townhouses with one and two car garages. Among the notable features in the proposed development were an internal network of local streets resulting in eight connections to outside streets and the upgrading of Patton Road into a collector. Patton Road would be the location of the development's intersection with State Park Road (FM 20), so the development would not have a direct entrance to the busy, high-speed road. The development was designed to minimize negative external visual impact, with no garages fronting on Patton or Center Streets and only two-story units backing to the homes on the west side of San Jacinto Street. The proposed layout also included a central park space and greenbelts with mid-block walkways throughout the development. The dedicated amenity and park lots are proposed to be city-owned but maintained by the project's homeowner's association (HOA). After the public hearing, the Commissioners described what they believed were issues with the development's proposed density adding so many residential units to the area. After much discussion with the applicant, the commission voted to recommend approval of the Zoning Change and PDD development plan subject to the condition that the development be redesigned to have a maximum density of 10 units per acre (the original proposed density had been approximately 12.5 units per acre), while addressing several technical comments city staff had made regarding the PDD plan, Subdivision Development Plan, and Preliminary Plat submissions. The applicant has resubmitted the PDD Plan to have 198 residential units on 19.798 acres, or 10.001 units/acre. With the lower density, each townhouse unit became wider, with a building width of 22 feet, as opposed to the original 20 foot width. The reduced density has also resulted in the deletion of any residences from the block that is the site of the project's central park area, making the entire block a park and detention area. The other effect of the reduced density is to make the corner lots much wider, allowing for larger lot widths and side setbacks for the corner units. Several residences that would have had narrow street frontages at the southeast corner of Roku Lane and Michelle Avenue were also eliminated in the redesign of the PDD plan. Mr. Fowler stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zoning change and the PDD plan subject to the condition that the project's overall density was reduced to 10 units per acre and that the townhouses' driveways were clustered to allow for more on-street parking, and that staff recommends approval of Ordinance 2022-37, including applications ZC-22-08, changing the zoning from RLD Residential Low Density District to PDD Planned Development District, and PDD-22-01, the PDD Development Plan, for 19.798 acres located at 903 State Park Road (FM 20). There was discussion.

Mayor White requested the applicant to address the Council.

Travis Krause, applicant, provided details and there was discussion regarding the proposed development of Townhouses. He recommended approval of the zoning change.

Mayor White requested citizens in favor of or against the zoning change to address the Council. There were none. He closed the public hearing at 8:46 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-37, as presented. Councilmember McGregor seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 4-B. HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CITY OF LOCKHART AND THE LOCKHART ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BUDGET.

Mayor White opened the public hearing at 8:40 p.m.

Ms. Larison stated that the City Charter requires that the City Council hold one public hearing for the City of Lockhart budget to allow for public comments. It was staff's recommendation to hold two hearings to allow citizens two opportunities to comment on the proposed budget. This is the first public hearing. The second public hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. on September 6, 2022 in the Clark Library Annex, Council Chambers, 217 South Main Street, Lockhart.

Mayor White requested citizens in favor of or against the proposed budget to address the Council. There were none. He closed the public hearing at 8:43 p.m.

ITEM 6-F. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING PARK AND RECREATION CAPITAL AND OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES.

Mr. Hughes provided information and there was discussion regarding the following:

Goals Guiding the Development & Implementation of 2018 Master Plan:

- Goal 1 -Recreational Facilities Should be Multi-purpose and Adaptable
- Goal 2 -Recreational Improvements Should be Shared if Appropriate
- Goal 3 -Preserve Open Spaces and Acquire Additional Park Land
- Goal 4 -All Parks Should be Accessible to All Citizens/Users
- Goal 5 -Relationship Between Recreation/Parks and Economic Development
- Goal 6 -New Subdivisions Should Pay for Their Own Recreation Facilities
- Goal 7 -Park Equipment Should be Renovated/Replaced Every 15-20 Years
- Goal 8 -More Recreation Facilities Place a Financial Responsibility on City
- Goal 9 -Recreational Opportunities Should Celebrate the Variety of Cultures
- Goal 10 -Recreation Should be Coordinated to Avoid Duplication
- Goal 11 -Recreation Should be Integrated with Other Public Services
- Goal 12 -Citizens Should be Involved in all Phases of Planning for Recreation
- Goal 13 -Local Recreation Should be Integrated with Regional/State Plans

Needs Based on 2017 Online Survey Results (Rank Ordered):

- General Park & Facility Upgrades
- Aquatics Upgrades
- Trails & Connectivity
- Adult Sports

- Existing Sports Complex Upgrades
- Indoor Recreation
- Events & Event Space

Facilities Challenges:

- Park Facilities
Aging Amenities, Aesthetics, Lighting, Security
- Park Space
Current Acreage = 115 acres Future Need (2027) = 165 acres (+50)
- Population Proximity to Existing Parks
More than a 15 Minute Walk for Two Quadrants of the City
- Trails & Connectivity
Connecting Neighborhoods to Parks and Parks to Each Other
- Existing Recreation Complex Upgrades
Swimming Pool, Soccer Complex, Little League Complex
- Indoor Recreation Facility
Identified as a Recreational Need in the 2017 Citizen Survey

Recreation Programming Challenges:

- Youth Sports/Activities
Support Existing (soccer/baseball), Expand Offerings, Aquatics, Camps
- Adult Sports/Activities
Non-existent
- Recreation Leagues
Facilities, Referees, League Supervision

Current Facilities Analysis - Nine Existing Developed Parks:

- Existing Parks Facilities
Generally Old and Need Replacement (Restrooms, Picnic tables, Play Structures, Bridges, Swing Sets, Way Finding)
- Trails & Connectivity
4 Parks are Connected by Trails (Pecos, Navarro, Arredondo, City Park)
- Safety and Security
Need to be Improved (lighting, cameras, locking restrooms)
- Increase Shade and Seating
Trees, Shade Structures, Benches, Picnic Tables

Priorities for Development**Short Term:**

- Renovate Existing Park Facilities (create plans for each park -rank ordered)
-City Park, Lions Park, Soccer Complex, Maple Park, Nueces Park, Pecos Park, Braun Park, Navarro Park, Arredondo Park.
- Add Amenities to Existing Facilities
Splash Pads, Seating, Shade, Trees, Trails, Lighting
- Improve Athletic Fields
Grading, Irrigation, Turf Grass, Seating, Lighting
- Connections
Trails and Sidewalks

Long Term:

- Aquatic Facility to Replace Existing Facility
- City Park Upgrades to Event Spaces and Amphitheater
- Indoor Recreation Facility

There was also discussion regarding current city park amenities, different types of pavilion options, outdoor and indoor swimming pool options, amphitheater examples, ballfield updates, and proposed rubberized playground surfaces.

ITEM 5. CONSENT AGENDA.

Councilmember Michelson made a motion to approve consent agenda items 5A, 5B, and 5C. Councilmember Mendoza seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

The following are the consent agenda items that were approved:

- 5A: Approve the Annual Service Agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. and authorize the City Manager to execute the Service Agreement for 2022-2023.
- 5B: Approve Interlocal Agreement between Lockhart Independent School District and City of Lockhart regarding School Resource Officers
- 5C: Approve request by Lockhart Area Senior Citizen Activity Center (LASCAC) to renew lease agreement at 901 Bois D' Arc Street to provide public services to senior citizens and the community.

ITEM 6-A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING SETTING THE 2022 COMBINED MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS AND INTEREST AND SINKING PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE OF THE CITY OF LOCKHART.

Ms. Larison stated that information about the proposed tax rate was discussed during the work session. She requested that the Council vote on a set the 2022 tax rate and that the Council take a record vote.

There was discussion regarding additional employees for the Lockhart Animal Shelter.

Mayor White read the motion as follows:

Mayor White made a motion to set the City of Lockhart's current ad valorem tax rate at 0.6006; which includes a debt rate of 0.1502 and a maintenance and operations rate of 0.4504 and authorize staff to place on the agenda for adoption by ordinance on September 6, 2022.

The record vote is as follows:

Mayor Lew White - for
Mayor Pro-Tem Angie Gonzales-Sanchez - for
Councilmember Juan Mendoza - for
Councilmember David Bryant - for
Councilmember Kara McGregor - for
Councilmember Jeffry Michelson - for
Councilmember Brad Westmoreland - for

The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 6-B. UPDATE FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING THE ANIMAL SHELTER & ANIMAL CONTROL POLICIES.

Mayor White announced that the presentation was made during the work session.

There was discussion regarding presenting a list of items that have been completed at the animal shelter at a future council meeting.

Councilmember Bryant made a motion to approve the update report about the Lockhart Animal Shelter. Councilmember Mendoza seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 6-C. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2022-38 ESTABLISHING THE CLASSIFICATIONS WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN EACH CLASSIFICATION; AND REPEALING UN-CODIFIED ORDINANCE 2019-06.

Councilmember Michelson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-38, as presented. Councilmember Westmoreland seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 6-D. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2022-29 DISAPPROVING THE CALDWELL COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT'S FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR 2023.

Mayor White made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-29, as presented and directed staff to send to the Caldwell County Appraisal District. Councilmember Westmoreland seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 6-E. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2022-39 DESIGNATING CITY ELECTION POLLING PLACES AND AMENDING EARLY VOTING HOURS FOR THE JOINT ELECTION OF THE CITY OF LOCKHART AND CALDWELL COUNTY TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022.

Councilmember Westmoreland made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-39, as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 6-F. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING PARK AND RECREATION CAPITAL AND OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to approve the report, as presented. Councilmember Mendoza seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 6-G. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING SIDEWALK REHABILITATION AND REPLACEMENT PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023.

Mr. Kelley stated that staff has received increasing inquiries about sidewalk replacement and maintenance. For the last several months, City Council and staff have considered potential ordinances and programs to address deficient sidewalks throughout the city. However, no specific policy has been adopted. Staff also inventoried and assessed deficiencies in sidewalks using criteria like surrounding municipalities. During the May 17, 2022 City Council meeting, the Council designated projects that would be funded by a tax note. Those projects include replacing/repairing deficient sidewalks that are in the most critical need for repair, in the amount of up to \$350,000. Addressing the suggested repairs from staff's initial assessment will bring many sidewalks in compliance with conventional standards, and it will ease future sidewalk maintenance needs. There was discussion.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to approve the report about sidewalks. Councilmember Westmoreland seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 6-H. CONSIDER THE NOMINATION OF YOLANDA STREY TO THE LOCKHART ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVID BRYANT WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE IN NOVEMBER 2022.

Mayor White announced that the motion for appointment will be held during the next Council meeting.

ITEM 6-I. CONSIDER THE NOMINATION OF THOMAS HUGHES TO THE AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD BY COUNCILMEMBER KARA MCGREGOR WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE IN NOVEMBER 2023.

Mayor White announced that the motion for appointment will be held during the next Council meeting.

ITEM 6-J. DISCUSSION REGARDING MATTERS RELATED TO COVID-19.

Mayor White encouraged everyone to stay safe.

ITEM 7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION.

- Evening with the Authors met on August 11, 2022 in the Clark Building at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the 2022 EWA event that will be held in the Library.
- The Library will offer a Medicare education class on Friday, August 19, 2022 in the Clark Library Building at 2:30 p.m.
- Caldwell County is hosting a Community Collection Event on Saturday, August 20, 2022, 8 a.m. – noon, or when dumpsters are full. It will be held at 423 San Marcos Hwy, west of downtown Luling.

ITEM 7. COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMENTS - ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST.

Councilmember Mendoza congratulated Water Tree for being open for seven years. He wished the students and school staff good luck during the new school year. He announced that he has filed for a place on the ballot for Councilmember District 1.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez expressed condolences to family of Angela Allred for their loss. She wished students and school staff good luck during the new school year. She congratulated Louis and Connie Amaya for their generosity in giving free backpacks to students in the Lockhart and Uvalde communities.

Councilmember McGregor thanked city staff for preparing technology to allow her to attend tonight's meeting remotely. She wished students well during the new school year and encouraged everyone to stay safe.

Councilmember Bryant wished students and school staff good luck during the new school year.

Councilmember Michelson thanked city staff for the updates and hard work on future city improvements. He wished students and school staff good luck during the new school year. He encouraged everyone to stay safe.

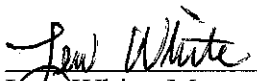
Mayor White wished students and school staff good luck during the new school year. He thanked all involved with the free school supply distribution in Uvalde, which was very much appreciated by the Uvalde community. He provided an update about improvements on Maple Street that will be completed soon. He stated that he has met with one candidate for the Municipal Court Judge position and stated that an Executive Session will be held during the next meeting for Council to interview.

ITEM 8. ADJOURNMENT.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Mendoza seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED this the 6th day of September 2022.

CITY OF LOCKHART


Lew White, Mayor

ATTEST:



Connie Constancio, TRMC
City Secretary

