SPECIAL MEETING
LOCKHART CITY COUNCIL AUGUST 25, 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
Mayor Lew White
Councilmember Derrick David Bryant
Councilmember Brad Westmoreland

Council absent:
Councilmember Kara McGregor
Councilmember Jeffry Michelson

Staff present:
Steven Lewis, City Manager
Monte Akers, City Attorney
Sean Kelley, Public Works Director
David Fowler, Senior Planner
Connie Constancio, City Secretary
Victoria Maranan, Public Information Officer
Ernest Pedraza, Police Chief

Citizens/Visitors Addressing the Council: Oliver Johnson, Sarah Fricke and Stephine Connelly of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission; Jonathan Gonzales of the Greater Caldwell County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; and Citizens: Taylor Burge, Sally Daniel, Alexandra Worthington, and Ronda Reagan.

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER.
Mayor Lew White called the special meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ITEM 2-A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING DOWNTOWN ALCOHOL BEVERAGE REGULATIONS & ENFORCEMENT.
Mayor White stated that the meeting will consist of general discussion regarding alcohol related events in the downtown district, how businesses can make the best use of the opportunities and continue to operate as a downtown business responsibly with regard to alcohol. He stated that Mr. Akers reviewed the city's current ordinances and will ask questions to Representatives of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC).

Mr. Lewis introduced the following TABC Representatives:
Oliver Johnson, Major, Enforcement Division
Sarah Fricke, Regional Licensing Supervisor, Licensing Division
Stephine Connelly, Auditor, Audit and Investigations Division

Mayor White announced that Councilmembers Kara McGregor and Jeffry Michelson were not able to attend the meeting.

Mr. Akers provided information regarding the City of Lockhart's current ordinances that does not allow consumption of alcoholic beverages on city streets or sidewalks, without approval of a special activity permit through the Lockhart Police Department.

There were questions and answers with the TABC Representatives.

TABC Representatives clarified that they are only authorized to regulate the parameters of the license premises of the TABC permit. The consumption of alcohol on city streets and sidewalks is enforceable by the city, not TABC.

Mayor White requested the following to address the Council:

Taylor Burge, 406 S. Church Street, requested that the City allow citizens to drink alcoholic beverages on sidewalks in the downtown district on a daily basis, not only during special events.

Mayor White clarified that there are some instances where a business owner's property in the downtown district extends to the sidewalk, and some to the street. The City is currently researching property ownership of sidewalks in the downtown district.

Sally Daniel, 113 E. San Antonio Street, Alexandra Worthington, 701 Campbell, Ronda Reagan, 412 W. San Antonio Street, and Jonathan Gonzales of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce conducted a question and answer session with TABC Representatives regarding TABC regulations.

Mayor White thanked the TABC Representatives for attending the meeting to provide their expertise and guidance in regard to TABC regulations and alcohol consumption in the downtown district.

ITEM 3. ADJOURNMENT.
Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Mendoza seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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

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Lew White
Lew White, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie Constancio
Connie Constancio, TRMC
City Secretary

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