

**SPECIAL MEETING/
BUDGET WORKSHOP
LOCKHART CITY COUNCIL**

JULY 23, 2024

6:30 P.M.

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

Council present:

Councilmember John Castillo
Councilmember Juan Mendoza
Councilmember Jeffry Michelson

Mayor Lew White
Councilmember Brad Westmoreland
Councilmember John Lairsen
Mayor Pro-Tem Angie Gonzales-Sanchez

Staff present:

Steve Lewis, City Manager
Julie Bowermon, City Secretary
Bob Leos, Electric Superintendent
Keeli Michna, Finance Director
Will Wachel, TRC Engineering

Joseph Resendez, Assistant City Manager
Sean Kelley, Public Works Director
Travis Hughes, Parks Director
Nikole Lockart, Animal Services Supervisor

Citizens/Visitors Addressing the Council: Will Wachel of TRC Engineering

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Lew White called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ITEM 2-A. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE CITY MANAGER'S WORKING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

Mr. Resendez and department heads provided information and there was discussion regarding the following:

Electric Distribution

- Electric distribution System Study Project 7 includes engineering and design for rehabilitation to replace old copper power lines on the East side of Lockhart.
- Electric System Study Project 5C includes electric pole replacement on the North side of Lockhart.
- Electric System Study Project 6 includes replacing electric poles on Clearfork Street and surrounding streets.

Water/Wastewater (WWW)

- Finalizing WWW Master Plan.
- Painting interior and exterior of the San Jacinto elevated storage tower.
- Replacement of the 18 inch – 24 inch wastewater main along the north side of the railroad tracks
- Improvements at the wastewater lift station on Tank Street.
- Water main replacement project from San Jacinto Street to Bois D'arc Street to commence prior to consideration of repaving.
- Downtown Revitalization Project - water main replacement on North Church Street and sewer main replacement on Market Street.

Street Improvements

- Street resurfacing projects for several streets throughout the city.

Public Works

- Update the Construction Standards.
- Capital Improvements Projects
 - Corridor Study on West San Antonio Street.
 - Improvements on Mockingbird Lane and Borchert Drive.
 - City Line Road, Old Fentress Road, San Antonio Street improvements.
 - Highway 142 from 130 to Highway 80 – engineering and environmental study.
 - Highway 142 from Borchert to Windsor – engineering and environmental study.
 - FM 20 at Highway 183 – engineering and environmental study.

Airport

- Resurfacing the airport taxiway.
- Matching funds for a TxDOT grant to upgrade the office building, fencing, lighting and several other maintenance projects.

Projects not included in the City Manager's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 proposed budget but discussed for consideration if funding is feasible:

- Drainage improvements on Medina Street near FM 20 and Walter Ellison.
- Extend stormwater drainage at Hunters Point.
- Replace aged water main on Prairie Lea Street between Cibola and Rio Grande.
- Aspects involved to install new resource water lines.
- Wastewater pump replacement at the Airport.
- Water main replacement on Elm Street.

Will Wachel of TRC Engineering provided details and there was discussion about the proposed water/wastewater master plan.

Parks

- Parks improvements at Lions Park and City Park.
- Improvements at the sports complexes.
- Begin first phase of new aquatics facility.
- Lions Park – first phase improvements.
- Wayfinding signs – gateway to North entrance to Lockhart, Highway 142, Highway 183 South entrance and 130 South entrance at Maple Street.
- Improvements at the Little League Baseball field.
- Installation of new lights at the youth soccer field.

City Facilities

- Fire Station #1 remodel.
- City Hall renovations.
- Library exterior/interior painting.
- Improvements at the Lockhart Animal Shelter.

There was discussion regarding proposed certificates of obligation funds payments (approximately \$8Million), if the Council chooses to proceed.

There was discussion regarding the current utility, transportation infrastructure, water, and wastewater rates.

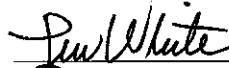
ITEM 3. ADJOURNMENT

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 8:26 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED this the 15th day of July, 2025.



CITY OF LOCKHART


Lew White, Mayor

ATTEST:


Julie Bowermon
City Secretary