

**REGULAR MEETING
LOCKHART CITY COUNCIL**

SEPTEMBER 17, 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
Joseph Resendez, Assistant City Manager
David Fowler, Planning Director
Travis Hughes, Parks Director
Holly Malish, Economic Development Director

Brad Bullock, City Attorney
Julie Bowermon, City Secretary
Sean Kelley, Public Works Director
Keeli Micha, Finance Director
Tatiana Salazar, Public Information Officer

Citizens/Visitors Addressing the Council: Ramon Rivera and Janice Bruno of CAPCOG; Citizens: Jessie Hernandez, Cesar Ochoa, Robert Lee Lewis, and Linda Hinkle.

Work Session 6:30 p.m.

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

DISCUSSION ONLY

A. PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 23-27, 2024 AS NATIONAL GEAR UP WEEK IN LOCKHART.

Mayor White presented the proclamation to Representatives of the Lockhart Independent School District.

B. PRESENTATION BY WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS RURAL CAPITAL AREA REGARDING TRAINING AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

Janice Bruno and Ramon Rivera of Capital Area Council of Governments provided information about the program. Their organizational focus is to work with employers to identify their employment needs and train, recruit employees. Continued investment in developing a skilled workforce is a high priority for economic development initiatives and promotes a healthy, robust economy necessary for future talent skill sets. The organization currently partners with Austin Community College, Texas State University, Blinn College, ATDS Trucking School and many more.

C. DISCUSS ORDINANCE 2024-27 VACATING AND ABANDONING APPROXIMATELY 0.101 ACRES OF UNUSED PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY CONSISTING OF AN ALLEY APPROXIMATELY 20 FEET IN WIDTH EXTENDING FROM THE 200 BLOCK OF WEST CHINA STREET TO THE 200 BLOCK OF APPLE STREET, LOCATED WEST OF 202 CHINA STREET AND EAST OF 1124 NORTH BLANCO STREET.

Mr. Fowler stated that the owner of the property on China Street requested that that city abandon a city right-of-way that is 20 feet wide and 221 feet long. This right-of-way separates a residential property at 202 China Street from a garage business that is located at 1124 North Blanco Street. If the abandonment is approved, the alley will be split evenly between the abutting properties. The owner of 202 China Street

initiated the abandonment by filing a petition for abandonment. The family of the owner of 202 China Street intends to subdivide the lot after acquiring their share of the alley into two lots, fronting on China and Apple Streets, respectively. The owner of 1124 North Blanco has not signed the abutting property owner consent form, due to concerns that he would be required to relocate a fence he installed that encroached the alley to the extent that it would also encroach on the neighbor's lot after the alley is divided between the two abutting owners. The City Attorney has advised staff that City Council can legally approve the abandonment of the alley and its division between the abutting properties without the consent of both affected owners. There was discussion.

D. DISCUSS RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD BID TO O & A CLASSIC COATINGS AND PAINTING CO. OF HURST, TEXAS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$162,000 FOR THE SAN JACINTO ELEVATED STORAGE TANK PAINTING PROJECT.

Mr. Kelley stated that the painting of the 250,000 gallon elevated storage tank (EST) located on San Jacinto Street is a routine maintenance project. The EST was last painted in 2007. The EST receives inspections annually and the tower is in good condition but requires painting to maintain its condition. The project consists of abrasive blast/spot repair/painting of the interior, pressure wash/spot repair/painting of the exterior and painting of two logos on the EST. The project also consists of an ADD Alternative Bid including shrouding of the tank during all washing and painting work on the tank's exterior. The purpose of the shrouding it is to protect property located close to the tank site from debris and paint as this EST is located close to residential properties. Bids were advertised in compliance with State Law for the San Jacinto Tank Repaint Project. Fifteen (15) sealed bids were received, ranging from \$161,123.00 to \$359,500.00. The lowest bidder, Five 12 Painting & Remodeling, LLC submitted a total bid of \$161,123, however their reference checks were unsatisfactory. The second-lowest bidder, O & A Classic Coating and Painting Co. has completed similar projects in the past and received satisfactory references from both owners and engineers. O & A Classic Coating and Painting Co.'s total bid for the project was \$162,000.00. The difference between the two total bids is \$877.00, which includes the Base Bid and the ADD Alternative to provide shrouding. Therefore, it is recommended that the City award the project to O & A Classic Coating and Painting Co. in the amount of \$162,000.00 for the Base Bid and the Add Alternative.

E. DISCUSS RESOLUTION 2024-23 TO APPROVE A CONTRACT PROPOSAL FROM STUDIO STEINBOMER TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE FIRE STATION NO. 1 REMODEL AT 201 W. MARKET ST. AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE.

Mr. Resendez stated that City staff and Studio Steinbomer (Architect) coordinated with D. Wilson Construction (Construction Manager at-Risk [CMAR]) to finalize terms of the Fire Station No. 1 Remodel project. Resolution 2024-23 outlines the architect's basic services, responsibilities, compensation, and includes a framework for project design and construction administration. This resolution is provided for Council review and approval. Once the Resolution is approved, staff, Studio Steinbomer, and D. Wilson Construction will move forward with the next step in the pre-construction phase. Staff will return to Council at a later date to approve the final project scope and budget.

F. DISCUSS RESOLUTION 2024-24 TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION-MANAGER-AT-RISK (CMAR) SERVICES TO D. WILSON CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR THE FIRE STATION NO. 1 REMODEL AT 201 W. MARKET ST. AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE.

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project. Resolution 2024-24 outlines the CMAR's responsibilities, establishes cost limits, and includes provisions for the construction manager to act as both a consultant during preconstruction and a constructor during the construction phase, ensuring cost control while providing a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) on total expenses. This resolution is provided for Council review and approval. Once the Resolution is approved, staff, Studio Steinbomer, and D. Wilson Construction will move forward with the next step in the pre-construction phase. Staff will return to Council at a later date to approve the final project scope and budget. There was discussion.

G. DISCUSS RESOLUTION 2024-25, AS REQUESTED BY TXDOT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED DESIGNS OF THE GATEWAY MONUMENT AND WAYFINDING SIGNAGE AS DEPICTED IN THE 2022 WAYFINDING MASTER PLAN, AND REQUESTING INSTALLATION WITHIN THE OPERATIONAL HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY.

Mr. Hughes stated that the 2022 Wayfinding Master Plan was approved and adopted during the February 1, 2022 Council Meeting, but no Resolution was presented at that time. As part of the TxDOT application process for installing Gateway Monument Signs in highway right-of-ways, a Resolution must be included. This Resolution was produced with guidance from TxDOT to specifically address their requirements for Gateway Monument Sign installation. There was discussion.

H. DISCUSS ORDINANCE 2024-28 AMENDING THE LOCKHART CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 58, UTILITIES, ARTICLE 2, DIVISION 4, SECTION 58-142(A)(1) AND 58-142(A)(2), ENTITLED "WATER RATES", ADJUSTING THE MONTHLY FIXED SERVICE CHARGE AND CONSUMPTION CHARGE TO COVER INCREASED COSTS IN WATER SUPPLY, DEBT PAYMENTS, AND MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS OF SUPPLYING RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, AND INDUSTRIAL WATER TO ITS CUSTOMERS.

Mr. Resendez stated that at the September 3, 2024 Council meeting, Raftelis, the City's utility rate consultant, gave a presentation providing recommended adjustments to the water and wastewater rates for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (FYE 2025) and Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (FYE 2026). These adjustments are recommendations to account for updated revenue and expenditure requirements in the water utility fund. Specifically, updates to the Carrizo Groundwater Supply Project operating and maintenance costs and debt service requirements and wholesale water costs from the Luling Water Treatment Plant. The Carrizo Project was approved by Council in February 2018 as an agreement with the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) to provide Lockhart citizens with a long-term treated water supply (up to 3,000 acre-feet). This groundwater development project will generate a total of 15,000 acre-feet per year of groundwater which will be distributed to participating utilities like Lockhart. The City is responsible for its proportional share of the project's debt service and operational expenses for the construction of facilities to pump, treat, and transport the groundwater from the well fields in Gonzales and Caldwell County. The facilities and transmission infrastructure are complete and operational. The project is undergoing final treatment and pressure testing and anticipated to go online in Fall 2024. Raftelis' recommended rate adjustments maintain the Tier 0 - "Lifeline Rate" charging \$0 for the first 2,000 gallons of water consumption. This low usage water customer tier represents fixed income customers. In addition, the recommendations include a 50% increase to the pricing signals between Tiers 2 & 3 and Tiers 3 & 4 to address the increased maintenance and operations costs of treated water for high volume residential customers. Finally, the proposed 2025 water and wastewater rate adjustments will still maintain competitive prices for the average Lockhart residential customer when compared to peer communities in Central Texas. Ordinance 2024-28 provides for the implementation of Raftelis' recommended water rates over a two-year phase-in beginning in the second bill cycle of November 2024. If Ordinance 2024-28 is adopted, city staff will provide notice to customers of the upcoming utility rate changes.

I. DISCUSS ORDINANCE 2024-29 AMENDING THE LOCKHART CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 58, UTILITIES, ARTICLE 2, DIVISION 3, 58-108(C), ENTITLED "SCHEDULE OF CHARGES" TO RECOVER COSTS FOR WASTEWATER DEBT PAYMENTS AND MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS OF THE COLLECTION AND TREATMENT SYSTEM AND TRANSPORTING WASTEWATER TO SAID COLLECTION AND TREATMENT SYSTEM.

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J. DISCUSS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR GROUND LEASE WITH CALDWELL COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 5 TO LEASE EMS STATIONS NO. 1 (214 BUFKIN LN.) AND NO. 2 (1914 W SAN ANTONIO RD.) FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 791 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE AND CHAPTER 272 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE.

Mr. Lewis stated that the proposed Interlocal Agreement between Emergency Services District (ESD) No. 5 and the City of Lockhart provides for the City to lease two city-owned EMS stations to the ESD for a one-year term, with the option to renew the lease for an additional year. The proposed rent paid by the ESD to the City is \$1 per month for the term of the agreement. Station #1 is located at 214 Bufkin Ln and provides primary coverage for the south and east portion of Lockhart and the central portions of Caldwell county. Station #2 is located at 1914 W San Antonio Rd and provides primary coverage to the northern and western portions of the city of Lockhart and Caldwell County. The lease also outlines responsibilities for utilities, maintenance, and insurance, and provisions for addressing defaults and damages. For example, ESD No. 5 will be responsible for their pro rata share of all utilities, routine maintenance, and any upgrades to the facility and furnishing any required equipment necessary to perform the ESD's functions. In addition, the ESD will obtain and pay for its own telephone and internet services. As a governmental entity, the ESD is exempt from paying property tax. ESD No. 5 is on schedule to begin operations and provide EMS services in Lockhart on January 1, 2025.

K. DISCUSS APPOINTING TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF LOCKHART TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (CAPCOG).

Mayor White stated that he and Councilmember Michelson are currently serving and would like to continue.

L. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE ELECTION FOR THE REGION 10 DIRECTOR.

After discussion, the consensus of the Council was to vote for Jimmy Jenkins, Councilmember of Smithville, Texas.

RECESS: Mayor White announced that the Council would recess for a break at 7:30 p.m.

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Lew White called the meeting to order at 7:45 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.

Jessie Hernandez, 203 East Pecan, requested that the City of Lockhart change the current decibel limit from 55 to 75. He stated that the residential neighbor near his business continues to complain about the noise level regardless of the new sound barrier wall that he recently built. He provided details about decibel levels. He stated that he wants to be a good neighbor, and he believes that increasing the decibel limit level would deter complaints.

Robert Lee Lewis, 718 Chihuahua, requested additional streetlights on Chihuahua Street because there are a lot of children playing on a dark street. He also thanked staff for filling in the pot holes.

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

ITEM 4-A. HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON AN APPEAL OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION'S DENIAL OF APPLICATION SUP-24-08 BY CESAR ERNESTO OCHOA JR. FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A MANUFACTURED HOME ON 0.458 ACRES IN THE BYRD LOCKHART LEAGUE ZONED RMD RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM DENSITY DISTRICT AND LOCATED AT 1001 PEREZ STREET.

Mayor White opened the public hearing at 7:55 p.m. and requested the staff background report.

Mr. Fowler stated that the item is the appeal of a denial of a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for a manufactured home on 0.458 acres at 1001 Perez Street. The subject property exceeds the minimum lot area and would accommodate the proposed manufactured home while allowing adequate parking on the site. The property is located in an area that includes other manufactured homes, including the adjacent manufactured home park, located to the north. The site is adequately served by public utilities. In denying the SUP, the Planning and Zoning Commission stated their belief that further permitting of manufactured homes in residential zoning districts will discourage construction of site-built homes in nearby areas. Some commission members opined manufactured homes depreciate in value more quickly than site-built homes and are likely to be renter-occupied after the initial occupant moves out. While no letters of support or opposition were received prior to the Planning and Zoning Commission hearing, staff has received one letter opposing the appeal in response to the notification of the appeal hearing. There was discussion.

Mayor White requested the applicant to address the Council.

Cesar Ochoa, Jr., Austin, stated that he and his family would like to move to Lockhart and put a manufactured home on a lot that his father has owned for many years. He requested approval of the specific use permit and mentioned that there are currently several manufactured homes in the neighborhood. He stated that the manufactured home is affordable for his family. There was discussion.

Mayor White requested citizens to address the Council.

Linda Hinkle, 709 South Main Street, stated that there is currently a manufactured home next door to the applicant's property, which she believes should have been mentioned during the Planning and Zoning Commission's meeting. She spoke in favor of manufactured homes that she believes are affordable and they have a nice interior and exterior. She spoke in favor of approving the specific use permit especially since the manufactured home that is currently in the neighborhood was approved fairly recent.

Mayor White requested additional citizens to address the Council. There were none. He closed the public hearing at 8:12 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to approve SUP-24-08, as presented. Councilmember Castillo seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 5-A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON ORDINANCE 2024-27 VACATING AND ABANDONING APPROXIMATELY 0.101 ACRES OF UNUSED PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY CONSISTING OF AN ALLEY APPROXIMATELY 20 FEET IN WIDTH EXTENDING FROM THE 200 BLOCK OF WEST CHINA STREET TO THE 200 BLOCK OF APPLE STREET, LOCATED WEST OF 202 CHINA STREET AND EAST OF 1124 NORTH BLANCO STREET.
Councilmember Michelson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-27, as presented. Councilmember Lairsen seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 5-B. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD BID TO O & A CLASSIC COATINGS AND PAINTING CO. OF HURST, TEXAS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$162,000 FOR THE SAN JACINTO ELEVATED STORAGE TANK PAINTING PROJECT.
Councilmember Lairsen made a motion to award the bid to O&A Classic Coatings and Painting, Co., as presented. Councilmember Mendoza seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 5-C. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING RESOLUTION 2024-23 TO APPROVE A CONTRACT PROPOSAL FROM STUDIO STEINBOMER TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE FIRE STATION NO. 1 REMODEL AT 201 W. MARKET ST. AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE.
Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-23, as presented. Councilmember Westmoreland seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 5-D. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING RESOLUTION 2024-24 TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION-MANAGER-AT-RISK (CMAR) SERVICES TO D. WILSON CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR THE FIRE STATION NO. 1 REMODEL AT 201 W. MARKET ST. AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE.
Councilmember Lairsen made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-24, as presented. Councilmember Michelson seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 5-E. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING RESOLUTION 2024-25, AS REQUESTED BY TXDOT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED DESIGNS OF THE GATEWAY MONUMENT AND WAYFINDING SIGNAGE AS DEPICTED IN THE

2022 WAYFINDING MASTER PLAN, AND REQUESTING INSTALLATION WITHIN THE OPERATIONAL HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-25, as presented. Councilmember Westmoreland seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7 -0.

ITEM 5-F. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2024-28 AMENDING THE LOCKHART CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 58, UTILITIES, ARTICLE 2, DIVISION 4, SECTION 58-142(A)(1) AND 58-142(A)(2), ENTITLED "WATER RATES", ADJUSTING THE MONTHLY FIXED SERVICE CHARGE AND CONSUMPTION CHARGE TO COVER INCREASED COSTS IN WATER SUPPLY, DEBT PAYMENTS, AND MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS OF SUPPLYING RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, AND INDUSTRIAL WATER TO ITS CUSTOMERS.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-28, as presented. Councilmember Mendoza seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

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Councilmember Lairsen made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-29, as presented. Councilmember Mendoza seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 5-H. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR GROUND LEASE WITH CALDWELL COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 5 TO LEASE EMS STATIONS NO. 1 (214 BUFKIN LN.) AND NO. 2 (1914 W SAN ANTONIO RD.) FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 791 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE AND CHAPTER 272 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE.

Councilmember Michelson made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Ground Lease with Caldwell County Emergency Services District No. 5, as presented. Councilmember Lairsen seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 5-I. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION REGARDING APPOINTING TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF LOCKHART TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (CAPCOG).

Mayor White made a motion to appoint Mayor Lew White and Councilmember Jeffry Michelson to the CAPCOG General Assembly. Councilmember Lairsen seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 5-J. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION REGARDING THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE (TML) ELECTION FOR THE REGION 10 DIRECTOR.

Mayor White nominated Jimmy Jenkins, City Councilmember, Smithville for the TML Region 10 Director position. Councilmember Mendoza seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 6-1, with Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez opposing.

ITEM 6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- TXDOT Safety and Mobility Study meeting (US 183 from SH 71 to SH 130) set for Sept. 19th.
- Airport "Fifty to Fifty Romeo Fly-in" – September 20th.
- Comprehensive Plan comment period through October 9th.
- National Night Out – Tuesday, October 1, 2024.
- Reminder: There will not be a City Council meeting on the first Tuesday of October due to the National Night Out event. The meeting has been moved to Thursday, October 3, 2024.
- Evening with the Authors' Fundraiser – October 5th.
- Citywide Bulk Cleanup – Saturday, October 12th.

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

Councilmember Westmoreland congratulated the Lockhart Lions football team for their win at their last game. He encouraged citizens to continue to support the teams.

Councilmember Mendoza thanked Denton, Navarro and Rocha for hosting a free educational event for elected officials. He stated that District 1 will host a National Night Out block party and that the location of the event will be announced soon. He encouraged everyone to donate blood during an upcoming blood drive on October 26.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez expressed condolences to families that have lost a loved one. She congratulated the Lockhart Lions. She thanked all involved with the successful Diez y Seis event. She thanked the Lockhart ISD for hosting grandparents day.

Councilmember Castillo congratulated Marios Tacos for celebrating 5 years of being open on Highway 142.

Councilmember Michelson encouraged everyone to continue to stay safe during the hot weather. He congratulated the Lockhart Lions football team.

Mayor White stated that the Council was invited to tour the subdivision of the developer of Wolf Ranch that is interested in building in Lockhart. Also, the developer of Firefly Subdivision invited the Council to tour the modular homes and possibly tour their factory in Cuero at a later date. He stated that he will meet with the Lockhart Gin Board of Directors about the property that they own near City Park to discuss whether it is suitable for additional park space. He congratulated the Hispanic Chamber for a successful Diez y Seis event.

ITEM 8. ADJOURNMENT

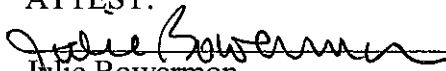
Mayor Pro-Tem Sanchez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Mendoza seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

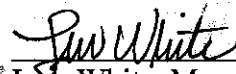
PASSED and APPROVED this the 19th day of August, 2025.

CITY OF LOCKHART



ATTEST:


Julie Bowermon
City Secretary


Lew White, Mayor