

MINUTES FOR THE 16th DAY OF DECEMBER 2014

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, the Groesbeck City Council met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. at the Groesbeck Council Chambers with the Honorable Mayor Ray O'Docharty presiding and with Chris Henson, Bob Zeman, David Hernandez, Kim Harris and Matthew Dawley being present and with no one being absent. Staff members present were Jim Cox, Brenda Jackson, Jerri Almy, Michelle Nance, Tykisha Presley, Josh Bell, Autumn Cox, Keith Tilley and Paul Fitte. A list of visitors is attached to the agenda on file.

Pastor E. V. Cashaw of Head Branch Baptist Church gave the invocation and everyone repeated the pledge to the flags in unity.

Mayor O'Docharty called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Proper posting of the notice of the meeting was verified and a quorum of members was present.

6. Citizen's Comments

Ms. Francis Rhoden invited everyone to the Dr. Martin Luther King program and breakfast on January 19, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Joe Phillips requested that the council consider filling the vacancy of the unexpired term of councilmember with the candidate who had the next highest votes in the May, 2014 election. He also requested that the youth of the community be considered when citizens are needed for city committees and boards.

7. Consent Agenda

(Items placed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine in nature and are considered non-controversial. The Consent Agenda can be acted upon in one motion.)

a. Approval of Minutes: Regular Session November 18, 2014

A motion was made by David Hernandez and seconded by Chris Henson to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Consider Approval to Accept Recommendation From EDC for Citizen Board Member (EDC Executive Director)

A motion was made by Bob Zeman and seconded by Kim Harris to accept recommendation from EDC to appoint Debbie Williams as a citizen board member. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Consider Approval to Appoint Fire Pension Board Member (Fire Chief)

A motion was made by David Hernandez and seconded by Kim Harris to appoint Matthew Dawley as fire pension board member. Motion carried unanimously.

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11. Consider Approval to Accept Appointment of Jeri Penny as At-Large Board Member of Old Fort Parker Board (*City Administrator*)

A motion was made by David Hernandez and seconded by Matt Dawley to approve the appointment of Jeri Penny as at-large board member of Old Fort Parker Board. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Consider Approval of Ordinance No. 14-O-07, Adopting/Amending Investment Policy (*City Administrator*)

Mayor O'Docharty presented Ordinance No. 14-O-07, Adopting/Amending Investment Policy to the council for approval.

A motion was made by Chris Henson and seconded by Bob Zeman to approve Ordinance No. 14-O-07. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-O-07

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN AMENDED CITY OF GROESBECK INVESTMENT POLICY.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day of December, A.D., 2014.

**APPROVED:
CITY OF GROESBECK**

By: s/Melvin R. O'Docharty
Melvin R. O'Docharty
Mayor

ATTEST:

s/Brenda Jackson
Brenda Jackson
City Secretary

13. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 14-R-16, Authorizing the Renewal/Issuance of City Warrant for Fire Department Building (*City Administrator*)

Mayor O'Docharty presented Resolution No. 14-R-16, Authorizing the Renewal/Issuance of City Warrant for Fire Department Building to the council for approval.

A motion was made by Kim Harris and seconded by David Hernandez to approve Resolution No. 14-R-16. Motion carried unanimously.

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RESOLUTION NO. 14-R-16

Chapter 1: **WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Groesbeck, Texas, met in a Regular Session, this 16th day of December, 2014, and

WHEREAS, it was brought to the attention of this body that funds for payment of obligations on the construction of the Fire Department Building are needed to make payment of these obligations, and

WHEREAS, it appearing necessary to this body that arrangements be made for funds to be used in payment of these obligations,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROESBECK, TEXAS, that the Mayor and City Secretary be authorized to issue to the Farmers State Bank, Groesbeck, Texas, a City of Groesbeck Warrant in the principal amount of not more than \$210,000.00, said Warrant to bear simple interest at the beginning rate not to exceed four percent (4%) per annum for a period of approximately twelve months, to be due on or before the 21st day of January, 2016. Monthly payment to be paid in the amount of \$1273.00 as a principal and interest payment based upon a twenty-year amortization for the amount of the loan.

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APPROVED:
CITY OF GROESBECK

By: s/Melvin R. O'Docharty
Melvin R. O'Docharty
Mayor

ATTEST:

s/Brenda Jackson
Brenda Jackson
City Secretary

14. Consider Approval to Purchase Street Banners (City Administrator)

A motion was made by David Hernandez and seconded by Kim Harris to approve to purchase street banners. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Consider Approval for Protest March Against Law Enforcement Brutality (Jeannie Thompson)

There was no action taken on this item.

16. Discussion/Action on Recommendations for Police Chief (Monica Marler)

There was no action taken on this item.

17. Consider Approval to Accept Resignation of Council Member

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A motion was made by Matt Dawley and seconded by Bob Zeman to accept the resignation of Council Member Chris Henson. Motion carried unanimously.

A plaque of appreciation was presented to Mr. Henson by Mayor O'Docharty.

18. Executive Session – Under TGCS 551.074: Deliberation of Appointment of City Council Member

Started: 6:28 p.m. Ended: 6:45 p.m.

19. Consider Appointment of Council Member to Fill Unexpired Term

A motion was made by Kim Harris and seconded by David Hernandez to appoint Arleen Taveras to fill the unexpired term held by Chris Henson. Motion carried unanimously.

20. Swearing in of Newly Appointed Official

The swearing in of the newly appointed official was done by Mayor O'Docharty.

21. Consider Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem

A motion was made by Bob Zeman and seconded by Matt Dawley to appoint David Hernandez as Mayor Pro Tem. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Consider Approval to Accept Police Chief Resignation (*Mayor*)

A motion was made by David Hernandez and seconded by Bob Zeman to approve to accept Police Chief Jerri Almy's resignation. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor O'Docharty presented Chief Almy with a plaque of appreciation.

22. Consider Approval of Appointment of Police Chief

A motion was made by David Hernandez and seconded by Kim Harris to appoint Chris Henson as the new Police Chief. Motion carried unanimously.

23. Council and City Administrator Comments Relating to Items of Public Interest: Announcements Regarding Local or Regional Civic and Charitable Events, Staff Recognition, Commendation of Citizens, Traffic Issues, Upcoming Meetings, Informational Update on City Projects, Awards, Acknowledgement of Meeting Attendees, Birthdays, Request of the City Administrator for Items To be Placed on Upcoming Agendas and Condolences

24. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Matt Dawley and seconded by David Hernandez to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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Ray O'Docharty
Mayor

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