

MINUTES FOR THE 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2015

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT on Tuesday, September 15, 2015, 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 Bob Zeman, Arleen Taveras, David Hernandez and Matthew Dawley present and with Kim Harris being absent. Staff members present were Jim Cox, Brenda Jackson, Chris Henson, Michelle Nance, Pat Samuels and Paul Fitte. Tykisha Presley, Director of EDC also attended. A list of visitors is attached to the agenda on file.

Mayor O'Docharty 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

Mary Zeman requested that a proclamation be approved making October 2, 2015 "Red Stocking Follies Day".

Mayor O'Docharty accepted the proclamation.

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: Special Budget Workshop Session August 11, 2015
Special Session August 17, 2015
Special Budget Workshop August 18, 2015
Regular Session August 18, 2015
- b. Approval of City Holidays for FY 2015-2016

A motion was made by Bob Zeman and seconded by Arleen Taveras to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Consider Approval of Ordinance No. 15-O-06, Manufactured Homes (City Administrator)

A motion was made by Matt Dawley and seconded by Arleen Taveras to table this item. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Consider Approval of Street Dance for Groesbeck Ex-Student Association

A motion was made by David Hernandez and seconded by Matt Dawley to approve the street dance agreement for Groesbeck Ex-Student Association. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Discussion/Action Concerning Property Clearance on Washington Street (Bernadette Boldware)

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After a lengthy discussion concerning property clearance on Washington Street with Mrs. Bernadett Boldware, a motion was made by David Hernandez and seconded by Matt Dawley to end this discussion and include in the minutes Mrs. Boldware's complaints and concerns on the matter. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Consider Approval to Remove \$5.00/Month Water Plant Upgrade Fee from Utility Bills Effective October 1, 2015 (City Administrator)

A motion was made by David Hernandez and seconded by Arleen Taveras to approve the removal of the \$5.00/month water plant upgrade fee from utility bills effective October 1, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Consider Approval of Ordinance No. 15-O-05, Abandoned Vehicles (Police Chief)

Mayor O'Docharty presented Ordinance No. 15-O-05, Abandoned Vehicles to the council for approval.

A motion was made by Arleen Taveras and seconded by Matt Dawley to approve Ordinance No. 15-O-05. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO.15-O-05 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 01-O-10 ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE ABANDONMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE CITY OF GROESBECK, TEXAS AND PROVIDING FOR PROCEDURES TO DISPOSE OF ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES AND JUNKED MOTOR VEHICLES.

- (c) "Junked Motor Vehicle" means any motor vehicle as defined in Section 1 of Article 670d-11, Texas Revised Civil Statutes, as amended, which:
- (1) is inoperative and which does not have lawfully affixed thereto an unexpired license plate or plates*or a valid motor vehicle safety inspection certificate and which is wrecked, dismantled, partially dismantled, or discarded; OR
 - (2) remains inoperable for a continuous period of more than 72 consecutive hours, if the vehicle is on public property, or 30 consecutive days, if the vehicle is on private property.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Groesbeck, Texas on the 15th day of September, 2015.

CITY OF GROESBECK

BY: s/ Ray O'Docharty
Ray O'Docharty
Mayor

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ATTEST:

s/Brenda Jackson

Brenda Jackson

City Secretary

13. Consider Approval of Budget Amendment for Economic Development (EDC Director)

A motion was made by Bob Zeman and seconded by Arleen Taveras to approve the EDC budget amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Consider Approval of Ordinance No. 15-O-07, Adoption of FY 2015-2016 City Budget (City Administrator)

Mayor O'Docharty presented Ordinance No. 15-O-07, Adoption of FY 2015-2016 City Budget to the council for approval.

A motion was made by Arleen Taveras and seconded by Bob Zeman to approve Ordinance No. 15-O-07. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-O-07

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF GROESBECK, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2015 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Groesbeck, Texas on the 15th day of September, 2015.

CITY OF GROESBECK

BY: s/ Ray O'Docharty

Ray O'Docharty

Mayor

ATTEST:

s/Brenda Jackson

Brenda Jackson

City Secretary

15. Consider Approval of Ordinance No. 15-O-08, Adoption of City Tax Rate for 2015 (City Administrator)

Mayor O'Docharty presented Ordinance No. 15-O-08, Adoption of City Tax Rate for 2015 to the council for approval.

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A motion was made by Bob Zeman and seconded by Arleen Taveras to approve Ordinance No. 15-O-08. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-O-08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GROESBECK, TEXAS LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF GROESBECK, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND TERMINATING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016; PROVIDING FOR APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES, AND PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015, by the following motion, "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.7656/\$100" which in effectively a 0.00 percent increase in the tax rates which was made by Council Member Bob Zeman and seconded by Council Member Arleen Taveras to approve this ordinance. Voting for were: Bob Zeman, Arleen Taveras, David Hernandez, Matt Dawley voting against were: None. Abstaining: None Absent: Kim Harris.

APPROVED:

CITY OF GROESBECK

By: s/Ray O'Docharty
Ray O'Docharty
Mayor

ATTEST:

s/Brenda Jackson
Brenda Jackson
City Secretary

16. Consider Approval Annual Budget for Economic Development for FY 2015-2016 (City Administrator)

A motion was made by David Hernandez and seconded by Matt Dawley to approve the budget for Economic Development for FY 2015-2016. Motion carried unanimously.

17. Consider Approval of Appointments to the Groesbeck Housing Authority board (Jana Raymond)

A motion was made by David Hernandez and seconded by Arleen Taveras to reappoint Joe Rosas and Bobby Golden to the Groesbeck Housing Authority Board. Motion carried unanimously.

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18. Consider Approval of Appointment to the Fort Parker Board

A motion was made by Bob Zeman and seconded by David Hernandez to reappoint Tom Levi and Ron Franks to the Fort Parker Board. Motion carried unanimously.

19. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 15-R-14, Nominating Candidates to Serve as Directors of the Limestone County Central Appraisal District Board of Directors

Mayor O'Docharty presented Resolution No. 15-R-14, Nominating Candidates to Serve as Directors of the Limestone County Central Appraisal District Board of Directors to the council for approval.

A motion was made by Matt Dawley and seconded by Arleen Taveras to re-nominate all that are presently serving as directors. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-R-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROESBECK, LIMESTONE COUNTY, STATE OF TEXAS, NOMINATING CANDIDATES TO SERVE AS DIRECTORS OF THE LIMESTONE COUNTY CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, according to the terms of S.B. 621 passed and approved by the 66th Legislature, Regular Session, 1079, and as revised by Subsequent Legislation, a Board of Directors will be elected by the taxing jurisdictions of the Central Appraisal District of Limestone County;

WHEREAS, it is necessary that a list of nominees be submitted to the Chief Appraiser on or before October 15, 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROESBECK, LIMESTONE COUNTY, STATE OF TEXAS, places the following names in nomination as candidates for membership on the Board of Directors of the Limestone County Central Appraisal District Board: Mack Jones, George Humble, Rene Turner, John McCarver, and Wanda Fewell.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Groesbeck, Limestone County, State of Texas on the 15th day of September, 2015 at Groesbeck, Texas.

CITY OF GROESBECK

APPROVED:

BY: s/Ray O'Docharty
Ray O'Docharty
Mayor

ATTEST:

By: s/Brenda Jackson
Brenda Jackson
City Secretary

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20. Consider Approval Waiver for Relay for Life to Solicit Contributions under Ordinance No. 09-O-02 at Intersection of Yeagua and Hwy 14 (*Lisa Stewart*)

A motion was made by Matt Dawley and seconded by Bob Zeman to approve the Relay for Life to solicit contributions at the intersection of Yeagua and Hwy 14. Motion carried unanimously.

21. Consider Approval of Budget Amendment for Police Department (Police Chief)

A motion was made by Matt Dawley and seconded by David Hernandez to approve a budget amendment for the Police Department from the current budget. Motion carried unanimously.

22. Council and City Administrator Comments Relating to Items of Public Interest: Announcements Regarding Local or Regional Civic and Charitable Evens, 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.

Jim Cox stated that he enjoyed his time at the City of Groesbeck as City Administrator.

23. 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 7:12 p.m.

**APPROVED:
CITY OF GROESBECK**

BY: _____
Ray O'Docharty
Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Jackson
City Secretary