

MINUTES FOR THE 17th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2015

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT on Tuesday, February 17, 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, David Hernandez, Arleen Taveras, Kim Harris and Matthew Dawley being present and with no one being absent. Staff members present were Jim Cox, Brenda Jackson, Chris Henson, Michelle Nance, Keith Tilley, Gary Beard, Emily Freel, Jimmy Rincker and Paul Fitte. Tykisha Presley-EDC Director also attended. A list of visitors is attached to the agenda on file.

Pastor Randy Ayers of Word of Life Church gave the invocation and Bob Zeman and Kim Harris led the pledge to the flags.

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. Mary Zeman and members of the YAC Group gave an update on what had occurred with the group and the future plans to look forward to.

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 January 20, 2015

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

8. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 15-R-06, Waiving Pilot Taxes as Part of TDHCA Tax Grant Application (Housing Authority Director)

Mayor O'Docharty presented Resolution No. 15-R-06, Waiving Pilot Taxes as Part of TDHCA Tax Grant Application to the council for approval.

A motion was made by Bob Zeman and seconded by David Hernandez to approve Resolution No. 15-R-06. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-R-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROESBECK, TEXAS, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE APPLICATION OF LIBERTY HOUSING ALLIANCE, INC. TO THE TEXAS

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR 2014
COMPETITIVE NINE-PERCENT HOUSING TAX CREDITS AND FOR
THE REHABILITATION OF LIBERTY SQUARE AND LIBERTY TRACE,
TWO EXISTING APARTMENT COMMUNITIES LOCATED IN
GROESBECK, TEXAS AND RECOGNITION OF A COMMITMENT OF
FUNDING ASSISTANCE BY THE CITY OF GROESBECK TO THE
PROJECT

DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Groesbeck, Texas on this the 17th day of February, 2015.

CITY OF GROESBECK

s/Ray O'Docharty

Ray O'Docharty

Mayor

ATTEST:

s/Brenda Jackson

Brenda Jackson

City Secretary

9. Consider Approval for Placement of Manufactured Home at 709A East Navasota (*Gerald Hammer*)

A motion was made by David Hernandez and seconded by Arleen Taveras to approve the placement of a manufactured home at 709A East Navasota. Voting for: David Hernandez, Arleen Taveras. Voting against: Bob Zeman, Matt Dawley, Kim Harris. The request was not approved.

10. Consider Approval of Express Inn Request for Hotel/Motel Tax Funding for Billboard (*Raj Patel*)

A motion was made by Matt Dawley and seconded by David Hernandez to approve Express Inn request for Hotel/Motel Tax Funding for billboard advertising in the amount of \$1050.00 for a six month period. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Consider Approval to Rename Humble Road to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive and Build a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Garden (*MLK Commission*)

A motion was made by Bob Zeman and seconded by Matt Dawley to approve the renaming of Humble Road to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive and support the building of a community garden in his honor. Motion carried unanimously.

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12. Discussion/Action Concerning Closing City Park at Nights (*Chief of Police*)

After Chief Henson expressed various law enforcement concerns, a motion was made by Matt Dawley and seconded by David Hernandez to set the city park hours at 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Sunday through Saturday with possibility of adjusting according to special events. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Consider Acceptance of Racial Profiling Report (*Chief of Police*)

A motion was made by Kim Harris and seconded by Arleen Taveras to accept the racial profile report. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 15-R-04, Ordering City Officers' Election (*City Secretary*)

Mayor O'Docharty presented Resolution No. 15-R-04, Ordering City Officers' Election to the council for approval.

A motion was made by Bob Zeman and seconded by David Hernandez to approve Resolution No. 15-R-04. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-R-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROESBECK, LIMESTONE COUNTY, STATE OF TEXAS, ORDERING AN ELECTION FOR CITY OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF GROESBECK, LIMESTONE COUNTY, STATE OF TEXAS FOR THE ELECTION OF A MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF GROESBECK, MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION; SETTING THE HOURS, DATES AND LOCATION OF EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE AND PROVIDING CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING EARLY VOTING BY MAIL.

Duly passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Groesbeck, Limestone County, State of Texas on the 17th day of February 2015.

APPROVED:

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

ATTEST:

**s/Brenda Jackson
Brenda Jackson
City Secretary**

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15. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 15-R-05, Appointment of Election Judges and Setting Compensation for Judges and Clerks (*City Secretary*)

Mayor O'Docharty presented Resolution No. 15-R-05, Appointment of Election Judges and Setting Compensation for Judges and Clerks to the council for approval.

A motion was made by Kim Harris and seconded by Matt Dawley to approve Resolution No. 15-R-05. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-R-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROESBECK, LIMESTONE COUNTY, STATE OF TEXAS, APPOINTING THE ELECTION OFFICIALS FOR THE MAY 9, 2015 CITY COUNCIL ELECTION; SETTING THE RATE OF PAY FOR THE ELECTION OFFICIALS, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ELECTION CLERKS, AND DESIGNATION OF THE EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD

Duly passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Groesbeck, Limestone County, State of Texas on the 17th day of February 2015.

APPROVED:

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

ATTEST:

**s/Brenda Jackson
Brenda Jackson
City Secretary**

16. Consider Approval to Lease Election Equipment from Limestone County for May 9, 2015 City Election (*City Secretary*)

A motion was made by David Hernandez and seconded by Arleen Taveras to lease election equipment from Limestone County for May 9, 2015 City Election. Motion carried unanimously.

17. Consider Approval of Joint Election Agreement with Groesbeck ISD for May 9, 2015 City Election (*City Secretary*)

A motion was made by David Hernandez and seconded by Kim Harris to approve joint election agreement with Groesbeck ISD for May 9, 2015 City Election. Motion carried unanimously.

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18. Discussion Concerning Complaint on City Employee (*Phillip Webster*)

After a lengthy discussion concerning a complaint by Phillip Webster about the treatment he and the Fire Department received from City Administrator Jim Cox, Mayor O'Docharty recommended that a meeting be set up with Mr. Webster, Mr. Cox and the Fire Department to try and work the issues out.

19. 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

Three new city employees were introduced to the Council: John Blanco-Police Officer, Jimmy Rincker-Customer Service Clerk, Emily Freel – Administrative Assistant.

20. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Matt Dawley and seconded by Bob Zeman to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED:
CITY OF GROESBECK

BY: _____
Ray O'Docharty
Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Jackson
City Secretary