



City of Llano
 Regular Called City Council Minutes
 January 6, 2013 – 5:30 p.m.

- A. CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Virdell called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following present: Alderman Hopson, Alderwoman Puryear, Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel, Alderman Keller, and Alderman Miiller
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – led by Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel
- C. INVOCATION** – led by Ervin Light
- D. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Non Agenda Items
 Keenan Fletcher spoke regarding the discontent of residents in Llano recently and encouraged Council to make wise decisions.
- E. SPECIAL RECOGNITION**
1. Mayor Virdell and Council to formally recognize Billy Joe Isenberger for his 25 years of service with the City of Llano.
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 2. Mayor Virdell and Council to formally recognize Narcotics Canine, “Cora” congratulating her on her retirement from the Llano Police Department.
 Mayor Virdell formally recognized Narcotics Canine, “Cora” congratulating her on her retirement.
 3. Mayor Virdell and Council to formally recognize outgoing Planning and Zoning Commissioner Letitia McCasland for her outstanding dedication and commitment to the City of Llano while serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission.
 Mayor Virdell formally recognized outgoing Planning and Zoning Commissioner Letitia McCasland for her service to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
 4. Mayor Virdell and Council to formally recognize outgoing Planning and Zoning Commissioner Marcy Methvin for her outstanding dedication and commitment to the City of Llano while serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission.
 Outgoing Planning and Zoning Commissioner Marcy Methvin was not in attendance to be recognized.
 5. Eugene Long, Director of Public Works to introduce Sam Whitaker, recently hired with the City.
 Eugene Long, Director of Public Works introduced recently hired employee Sam Whitaker in the Electric Department.

F. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS All consent agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

1. Approval of the regular called Llano City Council meeting minutes dated December 2, 2013.

Mayor Mike Virdell/Toni Milam, City Secretary

2. Approval of a Backflow Testing Services Contract between the City of Llano and D & R Plumbing for the testing of all non-fire flow backflow devices connected to the City water system, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract.

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3. Approval of the annual Texas Main Street Local Designated Program 2014 Contract Program, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract.

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Julie Pici, resident of Llano spoke regarding the Backflow Testing letter she received, asking why the 62.5% increase once the charge for having the backflow tested is required. After a brief discussion and clarification regarding agenda item #F-2, Alderman Hopson asked the Backflow Ordinance be brought back.

Motion by Alderman Müller, with a second by Alderman Keller to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Motion approved.

G. PUBLIC HEARING

1. The City of Llano City Council will hold a public hearing to receive written and/or oral comments regarding the special use permit to place a bed and breakfast in a single family – 1 (SF-1) District at 700 E. Sandstone Street. The legal description of this property is WOOLEY ADDN BLK 4, LOT 1 and a portion of LOT 2. At said times and place all such persons shall have the right to appear and be heard.

Mayor Virdell opened the public hearing at 5:42 p.m. Ida Schuessler spoke regarding the request to convert a residence to a bed and breakfast. With no other discussion during the public hearing, Mayor Virdell closed the public hearing at 5:45 p.m.

H. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

1. Discuss and consider action on the approval of Ordinance 1264 authorizing a specific use permit to place a bed and breakfast in a single family – 1 (SF-1) District at 700 E. Sandstone Street. The legal description of this property is WOOLEY ADDN BLK 4, LOT 1 and a portion of LOT 2.

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Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel, with a second by Alderman Müller to approve Ordinance 1264 authorizing a specific use permit to place a bed and breakfast in a single family – 1 (SF-1) District at 700 E. Sandstone Street. Motion approved.

2. Discuss and consider action on a request authorizing the City to provide water to a customer living outside the City, requiring the water tap to be terminated inside the City and charging the customer out of city water rates.

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Linda Carta, along with Kelly Carta came before Council requesting the City to provide water to them as customers living outside the City Limits. Ms. Carta indicated they would be acquiring easements across property that is contiguous to her property, placing a tap, also understanding there would be an "out of city water rate" that would apply and also would adhere to the watering restrictions. Motion by Alderman Miiller, with a second by Alderman Hopson to approve the request authorizing the City to provide water to Ms. Carta, living outside the City, requiring the water tap to be terminated inside the City and charging Ms. Carta the out of city water rates. Motion approved.

3. Discuss and consider the appointment/reappointment of three Planning and Zoning Commissioners to serve a term of two years, expiring December 2015 and to appoint one Planning and Zoning Commissioner to serve an unexpired term, expiring December 2014.

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Motion by Alderwoman Puryear, with a second by Alderman Hopson to appoint Drucilla Banner to serve the unexpired term, expiring December, 2014. Motion approved.

Motion by Alderwoman Puryear, with a second by Alderman Miiller to appoint Diana Firestone, Stan Venable, and Sam Oatman to serve a two year term, expiring December 2015. Motion approved.

4. Discuss and consider the approval of requirements for interconnection and parallel operation of distributed electric system and prohibiting interconnection and/or parallel operation of distributed generation of distributed generation without compliance with this ordinance and establishing penalties for failure to comply.

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Marc Sewell, resident of Llano requested this agenda item be tabled as there were inconsistencies, questioned the automatic cut-off switch accessed by the employees; asked for the agreement to be reevaluated. Connie Bishop, resident of Llano spoke regarding this agreement. She re-emphasized the request made of Marc Sewell to table this agenda item. She asked that citizens be given the opportunity to have a discussion with anyone who has installed this type of system. Alderwoman Puryear agreed that citizens should have input. Motion by Alderman Keller, with a second by Alderwoman Puryear to table this agenda item.

5. Discussion only regarding the procedures to close, vacate, abandon, and convey a city street or alley.

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Mayor Virdell spoke regarding his conversations with Marble Falls, Horseshoe Bay, Fredericksburg, and Mason. These entities also base their appraisals on the County Tax Rolls. Alderman Keller also has spoken with others. No formal action taken.

6. Discussion, review, and consider action regarding the progress of the dredging project and the maintenance of the Llano River.

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City Manager Brenton Lewis gave an update on the removal of material @ Blue Hole. Chanas Aggregates has signed the agreement to begin the work. The duckweed is largely at Flag Creek and the dredging will begin on the south end. Binky Morgan inquired as to how long the dredging would take, with a response from Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel "30 days".

Alderman Miiller asked Staff to get a cost estimate on having divers to come in to manually remove the duckweed. No formal action taken.

7. Discuss and consider action on the approval of new website and redesign, and entering into a contract with CivicPlus, authorizing the Mayor to execute the documents.

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Ralph Pici, resident of Llano spoke in favor of contracting with CivicPlus and going with the Premium package. The Core package would be of no more use than what the City currently has. Stan Venable spoke regarding this agenda item, as did Binky Morgan. Motion by Alderman Hopson, with a second by Alderwoman Puryear to approve the Premium Package and enter into a contract with CivicPlus, authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract. Motion approved.

I. WORKSHOP AND ACTION

1. Mayor and Council to hold a workshop with Republic Metering Group regarding the automatic meter reading system.

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Tracy Irwin, Representative with Republic Metering Group presented information regarding the automatic meter reading system as a turnkey project. Alderman Keller asked Mr. Irwin about safeguards. Once the meter is in place, the chip is burned and cannot be tracked once it's gone into the meter. The only information would be the address of the residence and what the meter reading is; military encryption; no billing information, no telephone numbers. All of the information is held in the billing system. Alderman Keller also asked about the life of the battery. They are stainless steel water meter and the housing has been guaranteed for 20 years. The first 10 years is warranted. The second 10 years is prorated. Mr. Irwin also explained the megahertz system as opposed to the tower system. Collectors are used and installed but uses less frequency. These are basic meter reading systems, and do not communicate with other electrical devices. Alderman Miiller asked how close to the meters do you have to drive to the meters. Mr. Irwin responded with up to two streets over. A laptop in a vehicle drives down the streets and reads these meters. Alderman Hopson stated these meters are capable of reading up to 100th of gallon accuracy. Meter testing is done throughout the life of the meter. Alderman Miiller ask what other cities are using these meters. Mr. Irwin responded, Marble Falls, Bertram, Cottonwood Shores, Horseshoe Bay, Lago Vista, Dripping Springs to name just a few. Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel inquired about the number of meters that need to be serviced. What would the cost be to the City to do this work, Director of Water/Wastewater, Josh Becker stated just materials alone would be \$290,000.00 alone. After 100% complete, the meter readings would begin 90 days after the completion. The City Staff would continue to read meters until such time all of the meters are installed. At this time, Mayor Virdell closed the workshop and read a statement. Comments from individuals will be heard from only those who have not already spoken at previous meetings or public hearings.

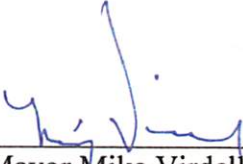
2. Discuss and consider action on the automated meter reading system and authorizing the Mayor and Council to negotiate and execute the purchasing and financing of the same.

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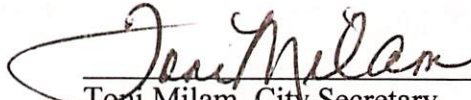
Glenn Conner spoke against this meter project. Joseph Jaworski spoke against this meter project. Linda Gammage spoke against this meter project. Motion by Alderman Hopson, with a second by Alderman Miiller to approve the automated meter reading system, authorizing the Mayor and Council to negotiate and execute the purchasing and financing this project. Motion approved.

K. ADJOURNMENT 7:15 p.m.





Mayor Mike Virdell



Tom Milam, City Secretary



Date