



City of Llano
Regular Called City Council Workshop Minutes
April 5, 2012 – 5:30 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Reagor called the City Council meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Those in attendance were Alderwoman Puryear, Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel, Alderman Decker, Alderwoman Simpson, and Alderman Hefner.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led to J. R. Decker

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments

D. WORKSHOP ITEMS

1. Discussion and review of the Public Communication Plan

- A. Public Meetings
- B. Town Hall Meetings
- C. Written Communications

There was no formal action taken or required on this agenda item. Staff has developed a template for discussion purposes that outlines how information will be shared and received from the public. Council and Consultants were encouraged to provide input to the Plan, and set dates and goals for a Town Hall meeting, and to provide input on printed materials and internet communications. Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel suggested town hall meetings, and to get input from citizens; giving them an idea of what they're willing to pay for the cost of a large project or small project. Notifying the public as to what the drought plan in draft form would be proposed prior to May 3rd, which was the date set for the Town Hall Meeting. Alderwoman Simpson suggesting citizens organizing a group to come up with a long term plan and to involve the youth from the high school. Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel asked Council that prior to the Town Hall meeting, would need to have an idea of what different ideas Council is thinking of in the way of a media blitz. The Mayor mentioned being able to present a proposed draft of the Drought Contingency Plan at the lawn and garden show set for 04-21-12. Some of the different ways of communicating with the public would be to provide information on water supply and drought conditions; to promote water conservation and wise water use; communicate the water conservation requirements necessary to meet drought conditions, incentives to cut back, and the consequences of inaction; and to provide the opportunity for the public to offer input/testimony. Other methods of communicating to the public discussed were printing the contingency plan; advertise in local papers, radio and social media; drought stage street sign; door hangers/flyers to remind citizens who may not be in compliance on an as needed basis.

2. Discussion and review of potential projects and funding
 - A. Review from Engineering Consultants
 - B. Review from Funding Consultants

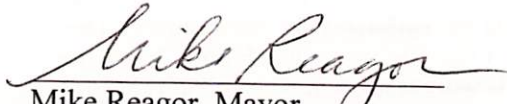
On February 27th, Council conducted a Workshop on Water supply and funding. One of the requests from Council at that time was to solicit recommendations from the consultants on potential projects based on a cost/benefit approach. Council at that time also reviewed statistical information from the Halff report on current water storage and capacity. Consultants also reviewed emergency funding options through the Texas Department of Agriculture due to the State's Emergency Declaration due to the drought. Consultants were asked to provide additional information regarding their recommendation on projects in light of current water capacity. Some of the items identified included resistivity study and additional alluvial well development in the vicinity of the City; offsite well field development, approximately 2 to 4 miles north and west of Valley Springs; development of a third reservoir in the vicinity of Ash and Salem Streets. Other projects Council could consider would be additional storage; wastewater reuse and discharge project; contracting with LCRA for water from the Highland Lakes system. Andy Carter with Halff Associates, by correspondence reported various design options ranging from the construction of third lake to developing an off-site water well field in the Hickory Aquifer was evaluated. In their opinion the option with the highest benefit relative to cost is the addition of a new well adjacent to the Llano River to tap the underflow and metamorphic voids recharged by the river. Prior to installation, Halff recommended that surface resistivity be performed to aide in selecting location that is dense concentrations of sub-surface cracks, vanes, and voids. Dan Hejl with Hejl, Lee offered up data regarding the Valley Spring water well and transmission main and an opinion of probable construction costs. This would include but not limited to constructing three new water wells including pilot wells, well casing, piping, pumps; storage tank; booster pump station; instrumentation and controls and temporary permanent erosion control. For the transmission main, this would include land acquisition; preparing right-of-way; 8" water line including fittings; 8" gate valve; air release valve; boring and steel casing; and connecting to storage tank at existing water treatment plant.

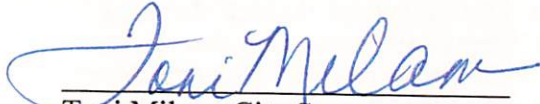
Rudy and Philip Ruiz from Community Development Management Co. was in attendance at the meeting to offer options for grant funding. Llano is eligible to apply for disaster relief funding based on \$350,000, the grant would require a 75/25 match, and cost to the city would be \$87,500. A public hearing and resolution would be required before being able to apply for the grant.

3. Discussion and review draft Conservation and Drought contingency Ordinance.

The City has received input from Halff and Associates regarding recommended changes to the Drought Stages and triggers. Additionally, and with a better understanding of our current capacity, Staff has offered recommendations to Council in memo form. Based on new information related to storage capacity and management practices, staff and consultants believe more liberal triggers and regulations will not impact our water source or capacity. Council was asked to provide input on seeking additional comments from residents. Halff recommendations included using measurements/installing gauge at the Rio Llano; initiate stage 4 when flows at the Rio Llano are less than 5 cfs; make senior call when stage 4 is enacted; rescind senior call on return to stage 2; begin pumping water from Robinson Lake when Stage 4 is enacted; commence pumping from Emergency Well when stage 4 is enacted. Enact Stage 5 when Robinson Park Lake has emptied. Staff recommendations included different triggers; restrictions; and resentions during difference stages of the drought.

E. ADJOURNMENT with there being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.


Mike Reagor, Mayor


Toni Milam, City Secretary, TRMC

