



City of Llano
Special Called City Council Town Hall Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Reagor called the Special called City Council Town Hall meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Those in attendance were Alderwoman Puryear, Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel, Alderman Decker, Alderwoman Simpson, and Alderman Hefner.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

Mayor Reagor recognized Councilmembers in attendance, Chen Lee with Hejl, Lee Associates, along with Wes Birdwell with Half & Associates.

C. WORKSHOP ITEMS

1. Presentation on water issues, strategies, and solutions

City Manager, Finley deGraffenried gave a presentation on water issues, strategies, and possible solutions. An overview was given as to the events that occurred in 2011, recommended changes in the Drought Contingency Plan, conservation incentives. He gave an overview of lessons learned from 2011; reviewed projects under consideration and then asked the public for their comments. Some of the various projects covered included Alluvia Well Development with a 2-3 year completion time frame; available quantities could only be estimated, however, it would be able to capture water we would not be able to otherwise. The Wellfield Development would be the development of 3 wells in Hickory/San Saba Aquifer with a 4-5 year timeframe for completion. Many of the wells in this area are high in Radionuclides, additional treatment/blending may be necessary, approximately 16 miles. The Wellfield Development would be the development of one well @ 65,000 gallon storage from Riley Mountain Hickory and with a 2-3 year timeframe for completion. In emergency water transported by truck or HDL on ground, sustained yield difficult to determine during drought. Another option would include additional storage – installation of flashboards on Robinson Park Dam with a one year timeframe for completion. This may however require permit amendment to increase storage. Additional storage – lower dam – Fischer Report, the construction of dam east of Town Lake with a 5-10 year timeframe for completion. This project would require Corp 404 permitting, environmental and possible lease back of water from LCRA. Dredging – mechanical/hydraulic dredging of sedimentation with a 1-2 year for study, 6-12 months dredging and up to 6 years to haul. Fill volume and fill properties need further assessment. Two firms have been interviewed. The Fischer report also contradicts some of the effectiveness of dredging. Lastly, conservation which would increase the yield could be done now. The City has budgeted \$25,000 per year for conservation incentives to the public.

2. Public Comments

At this time, Mayor Mike Reagor asked for the audience to participate in a public comment portion. The following were comments from those in attendance:

Janet Brown inquired about the watering of athletic fields and the golf course.

Comment from attendee who was concerned about the infrastructure, leaks is a concern. Asked what the pipes are composed of and does the City have the material to repair quickly? Mr. deGraffenried responded there is aging pipes all over town, and in most cases the City has the material to fix quickly, but in some cases a special part would need to be ordered.

Dave Franks asked if there had been any consideration give to rainwater harvesting, specifically at the new Community Center, expensive to do when it comes to storing.

Kay Stewart concerned about the added water usage in apartments, soccer fields at the Community Center and has the increase been budgeted for. Also concerned about people pulling water out of the river. Currently, the City cannot control that, as river right holders can pull water from the river.

Joyce Cowan asked if we were to build storage tanks how much could be saved from evaporation and could a grant be applied for.

Superintendent Dennis Hill's comment, would like to see research on a viable need for an alternative water source. TCEQ wants the City to redo the lagoons at a cost of \$2.5 million, should be looking at reuse of water.

Carl Shannon spoke and offered thanks to the Mayor, Council, and Staff for the job they've been doing.

3. Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel thanked everyone for coming out and is looking for the citizens' comments and input. He thanked Staff for their work on putting the Town Hall meeting together. Mr. Hazel commented he would ask that Council be sensitive to fixed income residents and Council will need to weigh out all of the different options. He also stated he would like to see pumpage from the Aquifers.

Alderswoman Sherry Simpson thanked everyone for coming out. She asked if anyone would be interested in setting up a committee and to share what their ideas would be and to help others with what they're doing with water conservation efforts.

Warren Goff asked what the time frame was and when is Council going to get started, 5-15-20 years? Mayor Reagor mentioned some short term, mid-term and long term projects.

Brian Ratliff spoke to there being \$2.8 million in a rainy day fund, and the City needs to use this money and quickly for the projects.

Brian Miiller spoke on behalf of business owners, stating if there is no water, small business could be forced out of business; he asked Council to take a more aggressive approach, invest in the options and encouraged Council to take the aggressive approach.

Kay Stewart, told the Mayor and Council to get a plan of action and go with it, had the same sentiments as Brian Miiller.

Stan Venable stated he likes the dam idea; nothing but storage.

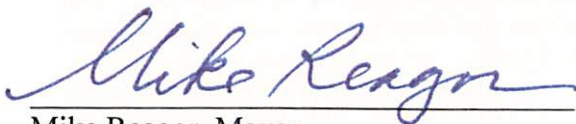
Marc Sewell would like to see an equitable way the City could charge per gallon for water.

Kinder McDonald asked if the money on the chart included getting water here. City Manager, Finley deGraffenried staged that would be a turnkey estimate based on engineering costs.

4. Closing Remarks

Mayor Reagor gave closing remarks. Door prize drawings were held.

D. ADJOURNMENT 7:40 p.m.



Mike Reagor, Mayor





Toni Milam, City Secretary