



City of Llano  
Special Called City Council Workshop Minutes  
June 25, 2012 – 5:30 p.m.

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-Led by Alderman Decker**

**C. WORKSHOP ITEMS**

1. Discussion with direction to Staff regarding Water projects

- Setting priorities/project discussion
- Water Capacity
- Timelines
- Funding

Finley deGraffenried, City Manager held discussions with the Mayor and Council regarding the water projects and having discussions regarding the different projects, along with discussion on the water capacity, timelines, and funding of the projects. Has there been an adequate amount of public input; public communication efforts; public comments received, and should there be more public communication desired? The best option will be the costliest option, Council spoke about keeping all of the options on the table, but eventually, the projects will need to be budgeted for. In rating the different projects for water supply, things to keep in mind would be the length of supply needed and an alternative source, the cost/benefit, and time lines and approach.

Alluvial Wells – best option but costly. The Water capacity is unknown, however, it would extend the current supply. The estimated time for completion would be 1-2 years, with there being an outstanding issue of diversion point or ground water.

Well field – San Saba Ellenberger – good quantity of water with 4 to 5 years till completion of the project, most costly.

Flashboards – least expensive, with the water capacity at 100-200 acre per feet. One year to completion, and could be leased back to stored water.

Lower Dam – an expensive project, with a water capacity of 455 per acre foot, but with upwards of 10 years before completion.

In further discussions, the question was asked “What are we trying to solve/address?” “Is there enough information about the problem, our current capacity, and our management practices to make a decision?” In reviewing the approach to the project development, do we move forward in phases or fast track; and we will also need to review funding options. Some possible tracks include budgeting for PER for Well Field Development in FY 2012-2013. Depending on scope - \$25,000.00 to \$35,000.00. The current Alluvial Well Development; match funding from Council’s restricted sinking fund, which is approximately \$87,000.00; or budget/seek funding to complete transmission lines.

At this time, Mr. deGraffenried asked for Council input. Alderwoman Simpson shared some scoring sheets to use to grade the different projects and to form a conclusion on each project; adding a positive and negative to come to an end result. She concluded by saying she wants to ensure that Council has looked at a lot of different variables and would like to know she has made her best efforts to know she has spent the tax dollars wisely. There are many variables to consider concerning surface water; 1) TCEQ's use it or lose it states; if quantity of permitted water use is not used within 10 consecutive years, you could lose it. 2) Water Master's may be petitioned by the court by 25 or more water right holders and a water master may be court appointed, 3) the first year cost to municipalities would be for a Water Master Program is \$ 610,768 for the first year and \$464,768 each year after and the Cost of storage for municipalities would be \$0.20 acre foot, 5) new legislation requires an evaluation every 5 years beginning in 2012, to report finds and make recommendations to legislature. 6) Domestic and livestock users do not pay any of the fees associated with a Water Master but may petition the courts. These variables were stated by TCEQ Water Master meeting on June 21, 2012. Mayor Reagor stated each Councilmember would need to make their own decisions, and can't say the scoring would be the final answer. Discussed doing the easier things first, also keeping in mind the Engineer's report. History would say that it could be another 5 years before seeing another drought like in 2011; should also look at the projected growth of Llano. Continue with the conservation efforts. Alderwoman Puryear asked if Council did the flashboards, would we still have to go through the permitting process for a minor amendment from TCEQ for additional storage. At this time, Marc Sewell was recognized and stated he would like to see more detailed information and that the information shown at the Town Hall meeting wasn't enough. Alderwoman Tudyk asked why not do both. "Do the permitting now and be ahead of the game." Alderman Decker stated "We've got to see some action". Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel asked Council to give their opinions on which projects. The Alluvial Wells are not permanent and which price tag is going to be worth the project. The second source is the only source Council should be pursuing, possibly partnering with the County to go with the lower dam or by tapping the Aquifer. Alderman Decker stated the flashboards is a band-aid fix. Alderwoman Simpson concurred that a second source of water would be beneficial. Alderwoman Tudyk stated doing flashboards now and with help from the County doing a lower dam, with more research on the Alluvial Wells and the San Saba Ellenberger Well field. At this time Ervin Light was recognized and stated he would be in favor of flashboards. Mr. Sewell stated doing a further analysis, needing real numbers and also stated trucking water in may be a good idea. After more discussion, Alderwoman Puryear thanked the Ruiz Brothers for their work in preparing the grant application.

2. Discussion with direction to Staff regarding Drainage projects

- Setting priorities/project discussion
- Timelines
- Funding

Mr. deGraffenried discussed the drainage projects, setting priorities/projects/timelines and funding. In reviewing initial strategies, Parkview landscaping and improving the channelization was discussed as was Flag Creek Drive, upgrading culverts, maintaining and upgrading ditches, and acquiring private property easements. Funds available in the current budget is at \$8,471.00 and additional funds would need to be budgeted for FY 2012-2013. Some of the possible projects would include culvert replacements and Maintenance; acquiring easements. Another possible option would be to create a PID (Public Improvement District), however a Public Improvement District can only be petitioned/initiated by the property owners. Total identified in projects \$750,000 to \$900,000.

Some of the next steps identified were to get direction from Council regarding water projects and drainage projects; consideration within 2012-2013 budget well field development, increased budget for initial strategies for water drainage; consideration for initiating PID Petition; inclusion in public works plan for specific maintenance and improvements with City resources of manpower and equipment. Alderman Hazel stated he had reservations about going onto private property. Alderwoman Tudyk stated the City should allow the property owners to remove curbing if need be, as they are taking it

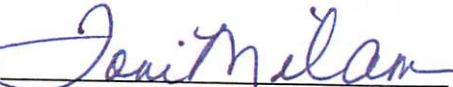
upon themselves to try and eliminate the drainage issues. Alderwoman Puryear asked if the City was responsible for fixing or was it the responsibility of the property owner. Alderwoman Simpson also believes that private property owners would be better able to assess their method concerning drainage needs; when the city maintains what belongs to the city, such as; 1) building low water crossings, 2) building and taking out curbs, 3) cleaning drainage ditches in areas that flood, 4) lining ditches with liners and river rock. Alderwoman Simpson stated she would like to see the street department prioritize and develop a 5 year plan concerning these areas in need of drainage. We need to plan for council budget and for future council to continue implementing.

**ADJOURNMENT – With there being no further discussions, meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.**



Mike Reagor, Mayor



ATTEST:   
Toni Milam, City Secretary