

REGULAR CALLED MEETING
OF THE LLANO CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 20, 2011
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Mike Reagor called the meeting to order with the following Council members present: Mike Hazel, J. R. Decker, Gordon Hefner, Jeanne Puryear, and Sherry Simpson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by J.R. Decker

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Mrs. Doris Messer, past Executive Director of the Llano Chamber of Commerce introduced new Executive Director of the Llano Chamber of Commerce, Mrs. JoAnn Smith. City Manager Finley deGraffenried recognized City of Llano Utilities Director, Josh Becker, for receiving a Class A Water License. Mr. deGraffenried presented Mr. Becker a jacket in honor of his accomplishment.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – To hear testimony regarding an annexation request from William Ernest Crow. The Public Hearing opened at 5:32 p.m. and as there were no comments or testimony, the Public Hearing closed at 5:33 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss and consider approval of Regular Called City Council Meeting Minutes of June 6, 2011.
A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mike Hazel and seconded by Councilwoman Jeanne Puryear to approve the Regular Called City Council Meeting Minutes of June 6, 2011. With there being no further discussion, this motion passed.
2. Discussion only – Power point presentation from Llano Idea Lab. – Mr. Jim Beasley and Steve Roberts made presentation to the Llano City Council regarding the Llano Idea Lab. The Llano Idea Lab was presented as an educational tool for the Art and Education Community as well as a tool for Business Incubation. Roadblocks for the Idea Lab were explained as inexperienced students and teachers, funding being almost extinct and the fact that students graduate and leave the City. The high tech aspect of this Lab is to develop ideas. The City's support of the Lab is needed for the Lab to be able to apply for grants. The Lab also asked for the entire community's support to validate what they are doing.
3. Discuss and consider adopting policy of having a prayer before the City Council meeting.
Councilwoman Sherry Simpson advised the Council that the Ministers in the County have voluntarily offered prayers before the City Council meetings. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sherry Simpson and seconded by Councilman J.R. Decker to approve the policy of having ministers voluntarily offer prayers before the City Council meetings. Mayor Pro Tem Mike Hazel advised that extensive study was done regarding this item. With there being no further discussion, this motion passed.
4. Discuss and consider Drought Contingency Plan – Stage 4- Presentation on current conditions.
City Manager Finley deGraffenried made presentation to the City Council regarding the conditions of the Llano River. He estimated that the River is losing 30-40 cfs between the cities of Mason and Llano. Mr. deGraffenried also discussed Water Conservation Plan Stage 4 Triggers. At the end of Mr. deGraffenried's presentation, Mayor Reagor asked Council to consider Stage 4 enactment. Councilman J.R. Decker advised that the City will need to enact Stage 4 either now or later, that there would be no way around it. A motion was made by Councilman J.R. Decker and seconded by Councilwoman Sherry Simpson to approve the enactment of Drought Contingency Plan – Stage 4. With there being no further discussion, this motion passed.
5. Discuss and consider exceptions to watering restrictions for operation of municipal pool. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mike Hazel and seconded by Councilwoman Jeanne Puryear to exempt the municipal pool from Drought Contingency Plan – Stage 4, by keeping it open. With there being no further discussion, this motion passed.

6. Discuss and consider exception to watering restrictions for food plots. A motion was made by Councilman J.R. Decker and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mike Hazel to exempt food plots from Stage 4 restrictions and leave Stage 3 restrictions in place to allow drip irrigation and hand-held hose watering of food plots. With there being no further discussion, this motion passed.
7. Discuss and consider other exceptions to water restrictions including new lawns and Dabb's Hotel. Ms. Phyllis Alexander and Mr. Allen Hopson advised Council that they were conserving water to their best ability but that outside watering is mandatory for their line of business. Mr. Hopson is in the process of hauling water for himself and Ms. Alexander, but that is barely keeping things alive. Mayor Mike Reagor stated that the Council does not want to kill business in town. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sherry Simpson and seconded by Councilwoman Jeanne Puryear to exempt businesses with a commercial utility account from Stage 4 watering restrictions and to allow them to remain under Stage 3 restrictions. With there being no further discussion, this motion passed.
8. Discuss and consider water rates and allocated amounts during Stage 4 and Stage 5. Mr. deGraffenried advised that the current Ordinance is very difficult to administer regarding allocated amounts during Stage 5. Current Stage 5 – Water allocation is based on ½ of the amount of the three (3) year moving average of the Average Winter Consumption. This formula is virtually impossible to bill with our current utility software. Finance Director Lynda Kuder explained that staff is exploring adjusting rates of our current tier system. A tier of over 8,000 gallons usage would trigger doubling the standard water rate. On a residential account who uses 25,000 gallons, this would amount to approximately an additional \$34.00 added to the customer's bill. July 31, 2011, was mentioned as the date billing could start with the adjusted rates. Mrs. Kuder advised that she is working with the software company regarding the billing issues. Mr. deGraffenried advised that staff is seeking direction from Council and has not prepared an Ordinance for tonight's meeting. With there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Councilman J.R. Decker and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mike Hazel for staff to prepare an Ordinance to bill residential water rates at Stage 5 with a trigger that usage over 8,000 gallons would be billed at double the standard water rate. With there being no further discussion, this motion passed.
9. Discuss and consider exception to water tap restriction conditional on no additional water being used. Mr. deGraffenried advised Council that the party that requested the water tap came into City offices on the day that Stage 3 went into effect. A motion was made by Councilwoman Jeanne Puryear and seconded by Councilwoman Sherry Simpson to approve the exception to water tap restriction conditional on no additional water being used. With there being no further discussion, this motion passed.
10. Discuss and consider closing public access ramps at City Parks for commercial use.
No Council action was taken on this item.
11. Discuss and consider engagement letter with Trey Jackson, Water Policy Attorney, for legal representation. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mike Hazel and seconded by Councilwoman Sherry Simpson to approve engagement letter with Trey Jackson, Water Policy Attorney, for legal representation. With there being no further discussion, this motion passed.
12. Discuss and consider Resolution 2011-06-20 regarding weekly regular meetings of City Council thru September, 2011. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mike Hazel and seconded by Councilwoman Jeanne Puryear to approve Resolution 2011-06-20 regarding weekly regular meetings of City Council thru September, 2011. With there being no further discussion, this motion passed.
13. Discuss and consider Resolution 2011-06-21 approving Fireworks safety plan for Rock n Riverfest 2011 and submitting plan to Llano County Commissioner's Court. A motion was made by Councilman J.R. Decker and seconded by Councilwoman Jeanne Puryear to approve Resolution 2011-06-21 approving Fireworks Safety Plan for Rock n Riverfest 2011, and submitting plan to Llano County Commissioner's Court. With there being no further discussion, this motion passed.

14. Discuss and consider exception for re-use (gray water) for landscaped areas, food plots or potted plants. City Manager Finley deGraffenried advised that TCEQ guidelines have been enclosed for Council's information. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mike Hazel and seconded by Councilwoman Sherry Simpson to approve exception for re-use (gray water) for landscaped areas, food plots or potted plants. With there being no further discussion, this motion passed.

15. Discuss and consider amending City of Llano Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan Ordinance No. 1035, Trigger Conditions, Section V: Authorization. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mike Hazel and seconded by Councilwoman Sherry Simpson to amend City of Llano Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan Ordinance No. 1035 to remove the words his/her designee after the words, The Mayor, and replace his/her designee with the words, City Manager. Councilwoman Sherry Simpson commented that the City Manager has demonstrated, through his daily communications with the City Council, that he is on top of the critical water situation facing the City of Llano. With there being no further discussion, this motion passed.

COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS

City Manager Finley deGraffenried

Newsletter – Stage 4 Water Conservation will be discussed in the newsletter.

Chattanooga Water Line Project – The project commenced on June 13, and is progressing.

88 acres – LCRA approval has been acquired. Water for dust control and compaction has been discussed.

ADJOURNED – With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.



Mike Reagor
Mike Reagor, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kerry Williams
Kerry Williams, City Secretary

Resolution No. 2011-06-20

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LLANO, TEXAS THAT REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS BE HELD EVERY MONDAY FROM JUNE 20, 2011 THRU SEPTEMBER 26, 2011 AT 5:30 P.M. AT CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 301 W. MAIN, LLANO, TEXAS.

WHEREAS, The Llano City Council of the City of Llano, Texas has deemed it necessary to conduct the regularly scheduled City Council Meetings every Monday ; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code 22.038; which stipulates the governing body of the municipality shall meet at the time and place determined by a resolution adopted by the governing body; and

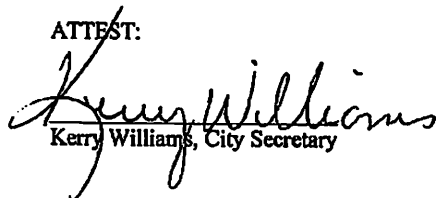
WHEREAS, The Llano City Council has a need to meet every Monday from June 20, 2011 thru September 26, 2011.

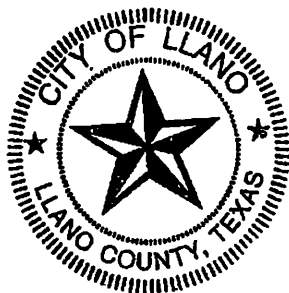
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Llano, Texas does hereby expressly support conducting regularly scheduled City Council meetings every Monday from June 20, 2011, thru September 26, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. at City Council Chambers, 301 W. Main, Llano, Texas.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of June 2011.


Mike Reagor, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kerry Williams, City Secretary



**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-06-21
APPROVING FIREWORKS SAFETY PLAN FOR
ROCK N RIVERFEST 2011
AND SUBMITTING PLAN TO LLANO COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT**

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Llano, Texas has deemed it necessary to approve the fireworks safety plan for Rock n Riverfest 2011; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Llano, Texas does hereby find it necessary to submit the fireworks safety plan for Rock n Riverfest 2011 to the Llano County Commissioner's Court; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Llano, Texas declares its approval and subsequent submittal of the fireworks safety plan for Rock n Riverfest 2011 to the Llano County Commissioner's Court.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of June, 2011.

ATTEST:

Kerry Williams
Kerry Williams, City Secretary



Mike Reagor
Mike Reagor, Mayor