



THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF FANNIN §

November 10th, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Leonard, Fannin County, Texas was begun and held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on November 10th, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

Members Present: Mayor Steven Bolin, Mayor Pro-Tem Jay Barker, Councilmembers Darrell Grintz, Peyton Webster, Leonard Phillips and Andrew Shelton

Staff Present: City Administrator Terry McCalpin, City Secretary Leath Robinson, Police Chief Brian Meserole, Public Works Director Chris Kitts.

Guests Present: Karen Murphy, Don Murphy, Brett Payne, Theresa Nixon, Noel Nixon, Donna Rushing, Margy Hall, Debra Wilcox, Gay Doyle, Michael Pye, Alisha Pye, Tommy Moore, Lisa Moore, Tyler McCarley, Douglas Morfeld, Betsy Blevins

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

- 1. Invocation** The invocation was led by Councilman Grintz. **Pledges of Allegiance to the United State and Texas Flags** Mayor Bolin led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags. **Call to Order, Proof of Posting of Notice of Meeting and Verification of Quorum** Mayor Bolin called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm with a quorum of four councilmembers. Mayor Bolin noted the proof of posting of meeting by City Secretary Leath Robinson and noted the quorum of four councilmembers (Councilman Shelton arrived at 5:50 P.M. making it a quorum of five councilmembers).
- 2. Proclamation**
Mayor Bolin gave a proclamation thanking all Medical Staff for their hard work during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 3. Canvass of votes from November 3, 2020 Municipal General Election**
Mayor Bolin read the number of cast votes for each candidate for Mayor and Councilmembers at large. Councilman Barker made a motion to accept the canvassing of votes for the November 3rd 2020 General Election. Second by Councilman Webster. Mayor Bolin called for a vote— All were in favor -the motion carried.

City of Leonard Mayor								
MICHAEL PYE	15	60.00%	209	64.31%	169	72.22%	393	67.29%
JOE ARISTONDO	10	40.00%	116	35.69%	65	27.78%	191	32.71%
Cast Votes:	25	89.29%	325	95.87%	234	93.60%	584	94.65%

City of Leonard Council Member								
JAY BARKER	18	37.50%	168	32.25%	118	28.71%	304	31.02%
KEVIN BROCKUS	5	10.42%	55	10.56%	62	15.09%	122	12.45%
DARRELL GRINTZ	10	20.83%	121	23.22%	95	23.11%	226	23.06%
NOEL NIXON	15	31.25%	177	33.97%	136	33.09%	328	33.47%
Cast Votes:	48	85.71%	521	76.84%	411	82.20%	980	79.42%

4. Swearing in of new Mayor: Michael Pye

City Secretary Leath Robinson swore in Michael Pye as the new Mayor for the City of Leonard

5. Swearing in of new Councilman: Noel Nixon

City Secretary Leath Robinson swore in Noel Nixon as the new At-Large Councilmember for the City of Leonard.

6. Thanks of service for outgoing Mayor Steven Bolin and outgoing Councilman Darrell Grintz

City Administrator Terry McCalpin and Leonard Residents acknowledged and thanked outgoing Mayor Steven Bolin and Councilman Darrell Grintz for their service to Leonard, Texas.

7. Newly appointed Mayor and Councilmember take their seats

Mayor Pye and Councilman Nixon took their seats.

8. Consider and appoint Mayor Pro-Tem

Discussion ensued: Mayor Pye asked what Council wanted to do, keep Councilman Barker as Mayor Pro-Tem or consider someone else. Councilman Phillips motioned to appoint Councilman Nixon as the new Mayor Pro-Tem. Mayor Pye asked Councilman Nixon if he would accept, to which Councilman Nixon said yes. Mayor Pye asked for a second, to which Councilman Webster motioned to keep Councilman Barker as the Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilman Nixon replied that Councilman Barker could not be considered again as the Mayor Pro-Tem because the position is a one-year term. Councilman Webster questioned again if Mayor Pro-Tem is just a one-year term. City Administrator McCalpin replied that it could be more than one term. Councilman Phillips said it is only a one-year term, to which City Administrator McCalpin questioned if it was only one. Councilman Phillips said yes. Councilman Webster said then he would second Councilman Phillip’s motion. Mayor Pye called for a vote— 3 FOR, 1 ABSTAIN. -the motion carried.

NAME	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Mayor Pye	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mayor Pro-Tem Barker	X		
Councilman Phillips	X		
Councilman Webster	X		
Councilman Nixon			X
Councilman Shelton	N/A		

9. Citizens Forum:

Karen Murphy thanked the Leonard Chamber of Commerce for doing a great job on Halloween on the Square.

Reports from Staff and Others:

10. Report from City Administrator and Department Heads

- a. Police Department Report - Chief Meserole gave a report to Council.
- b. Fire Department Report – Tyler McCarley gave a report to Council.
- c. Department of Public Works Report - Public Works Director Chris Kitts gave a report to Council.
- d. City Administrator Report - City Administrator McCalpin gave his report to Council
- e. Water Billing Report – Utility Billing/Court Clerk Melissa Verde gave her report to Council.

Consent Items:

This section shall provide for items that require action by the Council, but where little or no discussion is anticipated. By a single motion, second and affirmation majority vote. Items under this section are approved without further discussion or action.

11. Approval of October 2020 Minutes

Councilman Barker made a motion to approve the October 2020 Minutes. Second by Councilman Webster. Mayor Pye called for a vote— 4 FOR, 1 ABSTAIN

NAME	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Mayor Pye	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mayor Pro-Tem Barker	X		
Councilman Phillips	X		
Councilman Webster	X		
Councilman Nixon			X
Councilman Shelton	X		

12. Financials

Councilman Webster made a motion to table the October Financials. Second by Councilman Phillips. Mayor Pye called for a vote— All were in favor -the motion carried.

Ordinance / Resolution / Other Action Items:

This section shall provide for all other official discussion and action items provided for consideration by the Council.

- 13. Discussion and possible action on moving City Council meetings to 6:30 P.M. or 7:00 P.M.**
Councilman Nixon made a motion to move City Council meetings to 7:00 P.M. to allow Councilmembers to arrive to the meetings on time. Second by Councilman Phillips. Mayor Pye called for a vote— All were in favor -the motion carried.
- 14. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 11102020-1 Water and Sewer Rates**
Councilman Nixon made a motion to table Ordinance 11102020-1 Water and Sewer Rates. Second by Councilman Shelton. Mayor Pye called for a vote— All were in favor -the motion carried.
- 15. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 11102020-2 Solid Waste/Trash Rates**
Councilman Nixon made a motion to table Ordinance 11102020-2 Solid Waste/Trash Rates. Second by Councilman Phillips. Mayor Pye called for a vote— All were in favor -the motion carried.
- 16. Discussion and possible action on authorization to issue requests for proposals (RFP) for administrative services and requests for qualifications (RFQs) for engineering services related to the 2021-2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA).**
Councilman Nixon made a motion to approve authorization to issue requests for proposals (RFP) for administrative services and requests for qualifications (RFQs) for engineering services related to the 2021-2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). Second by Councilman Barker. Mayor Pye called for a vote— All were in favor -the motion carried.

Announcements and Adjournment:

17. Announcements

Mayor Pye thanked everybody for their support. Councilman Nixon thanked the citizens of Leonard for their support and votes and thanked all the veterans for their service. Councilman Phillips thanked the Citizens for showing up. Ms. Margy Hall thanked the First Responders for their professionalism and quick response.

18. Adjournment

Councilman Barker made a motion to adjourn. Second by Councilman Webster. Mayor Pye called for a vote— All were in favor -the motion carried.

THE CITY OF LEONARD, TEXAS

By: _____
Michael Pye, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
Leath Robinson, City Secretary