



THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF FANNIN §

May 11th, 2021

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 May 11th, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Members Present: Mayor Michael Pye, Mayor Pro-Tem Peyton Webster, Councilmembers Noel Nixon, Jay Barker and Leonard Phillips (arrived at 6:41 P.M.)

Staff Present: City Administrator Terry McCalpin, City Secretary Leath Robinson and Police Officer Marco Robles

Guests Present: Margy Hall, Janie Ware, Donna Martin, B.W. Martin, Mike Ward, Teresa Nixon, Donna Rushing, Josh Davis, Gaye Doyle, Tiffany Pitts, Darrell Grintz, Debra Wilcox, Dafne Stengel, Kaitlyn Stengel, Rusty Wilcox, Karen Murphy, Don Murphy, Jerald Johnson, Betsy Blevins, Bettye Barker, Debbie Morfeld, Doug Morfeld.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

- 1. Invocation** The invocation was led by Mayor Pye. **Pledges of Allegiance to the United State and Texas Flags** Mayor Pye 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 Pye called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with a quorum of three councilmembers. Mayor Pye noted the proof of posting of meeting by City Secretary Leath Robinson and noted the quorum of three. Councilman Phillips arrived at 6:41 P.M.
- 2. Discussion and Action on RESOLUTION 05112021-A: A Resolution by the city council of the City of Leonard, Texas, Canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the General Election held on May 1, 2021 for the purpose of electing three (3) at large council members and the reauthorization of a local sales and use tax in the City of Leonard at the rate of ¼% to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets. The tax expires on the fourth anniversary of the date of this election unless the imposition of the tax is reauthorized.**

Mayor Pye read the number of cast votes in the General Election. Councilman Barker made a motion to accept the canvassing of votes for the May 1st, 2021 General Election. Second by Councilman Nixon. Mayor Pye called for a vote— All present were in favor -the motion carried.

3. Swearing in of new Councilwoman: Debra Wilcox

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

4. Swearing in of new Councilman: Billy Wayne Martin

City Secretary Leath Robinson swore in Billy Wayne Martin as the new At-Large Councilmember for the City of Leonard.

5. Swearing in of new Councilman: Garry Doyle

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

6. Thank you for your service for outgoing Mayor Pro-Tem Peyton Webster, Councilman Leonard Phillips and Councilman Andrew Shelton.

City Administrator Terry McCalpin and Leonard Residents acknowledged and thanked outgoing Mayor Pro-Tem Peyton Webster, Councilman Leonard Phillips and Councilman Andrew Shelton for their service to the City of Leonard.

7. Newly appointed Councilmembers take their seats

Councilmembers Debra Wilcox, Billy Wayne Martin and Garry Doyle took their seats.

8. Consider and appoint Mayor Pro-Tem

Councilman Barker nominated Councilwoman Wilcox. Mayor Pye called for a vote— 1 FOR (Councilman Barker), 2 AGAINST (Councilman Nixon, Councilman Doyle), 2 ABSTAIN (Councilwoman Wilcox and Councilman Martin). -the motion failed.

Councilman Doyle nominated Councilman Nixon. Mayor Pye called for a vote— 2 FOR (Councilman Nixon, Councilman Doyle), 1 AGAINST (Councilman Barker), 2 ABSTAIN (Councilwoman Wilcox and Councilman Martin). -the motion carried.

9. Presentation from Auditor Mike Ward

Auditor Mike Ward gave his Audit presentation to Council.

10. Presentation from Jerald Johnson: Non-Compliant Hot Water Heaters Within the City

Mr. Jerald Johnson spoke to Council in regards to the installation of Non-Compliant Hot Water heaters within the city.

11. Planning and Zoning Presentation: Proposed variance for Property ID 127987, legally described as JOHNSON ADDN NUMBER 1, LOT 3, ACRES .219—commonly known as Lot 3 West Austin Street for building a single-family residence in an MH-1 District with restriction of using SF-2 setback requirements.

Councilman Doyle made a motion to approve the variance request. Second by Councilwoman Wilcox. Mayor Pye called for a vote— All were in favor -the motion carried.

12. Citizens Comments:

Mr. Peyton Webster spoke in regards some of the items that Planning and Zoning will be working on and welcomed any suggestions from Council.

Mrs. Gaye Doyle spoke in regards to an issue of the sewer backing up during rainstorms

Consent Items:

13. Reports from Department Heads

Individual written Department reports were given to the Mayor and Council in their Council packets prior to the council meeting.

Approval of April 2021 Minutes

Councilman Barker made a motion to approve the April 2021 Minutes. Second by Councilman Nixon. Mayor Pye called for a vote— All were in favor -the motion carried.

Financials

Councilman Barker made a motion to approve the Financials. Second by Councilwoman Wilcox. Mayor Pye called for a vote— 3 FOR (Councilman Barker, Councilwoman Wilcox, Councilman Martin) 2 AGAINST (Councilman Nixon, Councilman Doyle)-the motion carried.

Ordinance / Resolution / Other Action Items:

14. Discussion and action on appointing Mr. Joshua Davis to the Leonard Planning & Zoning Commission and Parks & Recreation Board, and appointing Mr. Darrell Grintz as an alternate to the Leonard Planning and Zoning Commission.

Councilman Barker made a motion to appoint Mr. Joshua Davis to the Leonard Planning & Zoning Commission and Parks & Recreation Board and to appoint Mr. Darrell Grintz as an alternate. Second by Councilman Martin. Mayor Pye called for a vote— 3 FOR (Councilman Barker, Councilwoman Wilcox, Councilman Martin) 2 AGAINST (Councilman Nixon, Councilman Doyle)-the motion carried.

15. Discussion on Kayaks on the City Pond.

Discussion ensued: It was decided to move forward with signage for the City Pond and that all people in Kayaks on the City Pond will need to wear life jackets.

16. Discussion on delivering Council Packets via email.

Discussion ensued: It was decided to keep packets on paper and delivered by hand to Council.

17. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 05112021: An Ordinance of the City of Leonard, Fannin County, Texas: Establishing a rule for operation of golf carts upon the City of Leonard public Streets. Repealing any existing golf cart ordinance; providing severability and providing an effective date.

Councilman Barker made a motion to table Ordinance 05112021. Second by Councilman Martin. Mayor Pye called for a vote— All were in favor -the motion carried.

Announcements and Adjournment:

18. Announcements

No announcements.

19. Adjournment

Councilman Barker motioned to adjourn at 8:31 P.M.

THE CITY OF LEONARD, TEXAS

By: _____
Michael Pye, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
Leath Robinson, City Secretary