



THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF FANNIN §

November 9, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT the City Council of the City of Leonard, Fannin County, Texas held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on November 9, 2021, a Regular Meeting at 6:30 P.M.

Members Present: Mayor Michael Pye, Mayor Pro Tem Noel Nixon, Council members Garry Doyle, Billy Wayne Martin, Debra Wilcox, and Al Stephens.

Staff present: Melissa Verde, Kim Davis, Police Chief Brian Meserole

Guests Present: Richard Brand-Linebarger, Mike Ward-CPA, Tommy and Lisa Moore, Margy Hall, George Evanko, Gaye Doyle, Teresa Nixon, John Donnis, Donna Martin, AJ Self, Karen Murphy

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION

1. Invocation, Pledges of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags, Call to Order, Proof of posting of Notice of Meeting, Verification of Quorum

Mayor Pye called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

2. 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 affirmative majority vote, items under this section are approved without further discussion or action.

October 6, 2021, Minutes

October 12, 2021, Minutes

October 26, 2021, Minutes

Mayor Pro Tem Nixon motioned to approve consent items. Second by Councilmember Stephens. Mayor Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried.

3. Department Reports

4. Citizens Forum:

Comments are limited to three (3) minutes. Council is not required to comment or deliberate regarding such statements or comments during this period. Sec. 551.007 of Open Meeting Act 2020.

AJ Self spoke about the Courthouse Rededication to take place on March 10, 2022, at 10 A.M. and invited all citizens to attend.

5. Presentation from Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP and possible action on: proceeds received from City owned property sale.

Richard Brand presented a check of \$27,244.33 to council from excess proceeds received and that money is available to go to any project.

6. Presentation by Diane Newby on: Bash for Cash fundraiser request for the Leonard varsity football team at the City Park.

This agenda item was removed due to the event already took place.

Unfinished Business

7. Discussion and possible on action: Engagement Letter for Mike Ward, CPA to perform annual audit of financial reports fiscal year ending September 30, 2021

Councilmember Stephens motioned to accept Engagement Letter for Mike Ward, CPA to perform annual audit of financial reports fiscal year ending September 30, 2021. Second by Mayor Pro Tem Nixon. Mayor Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried.

8. Discussion and possible action on: increasing Texas Municipal Retirement System match.

Councilmember Wilcox motioned to increase Texas Municipal Retirement System match to 1.5:1. Motion failed for lack of a second.

9. Discussion and possible action on: Resolution 09142021-A Security Benefit to provide an optional retirement program for municipal employees.

Councilmember Stephens motioned to accept Resolution 09142021-A Security Benefit. Second by Mayor Pro Tem Nixon. Mayor Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried.

10. Discussion and possible action on: Justice of the Peace – Precinct 2 office updates and proposals.

Councilmember Stephens motioned to accept M3 big for Justice of the Peace – Precinct 2 with the contractor to meet all city ordinance requirements. Second by Councilmember Wilcox. Mayor Pye called for a vote – Mayor Pro Tem Nixon, Councilmember Doyle, Councilmember Stephens, and Councilmember Wilcox in favor, Councilmember Martin against, and the motion carried.

New Business

- 11. Discuss, consider, and adopt: Resolution 11092021-1 designating a management service provider for the Texas Hazard Mitigation Assistance program application and project implementation.**

Mayor Pro Tem Nixon motioned to adopt Resolution 11092021-1. Second by Councilmember Martin. Mayor Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried.

- 12. Discussion and possible action on: Leonard Crossing Update.**

Mayor Pro Tem Nixon motioned to table until more information is gathered. Second by Councilmember Stephens. Mayor Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried.

- 13. Discussion and possible action on: Proposal from Bob Owens Electric to upgrade lights on square to LED.**

Councilmember Wilcox motioned to accept proposal from Bob Owens Electric to upgrade lights on square to LED. Second by Mayor Pro Tem Nixon. Mayor Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried.

- 14. Discussion and possible action on: Ordinance 11092021 creating Utility/Development Committee**

Councilmember Doyle motioned to table Ordinance 11092021 creating Utility/Development Committee for next City Administrator. Second by Councilmember Martin. Mayor Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried.

- 15. Discussion and possible action on: Resolution 11092021-2 Fannin Central Appraisal District Election of Board of Directors for Term 1-1-2022 Thru 12-31-2023.**

Mayor Pro Tem Nixon motioned to split the votes for Resolution 11092021-2 between Karen Murphy and James Watson. Second by Councilmember Doyle. Mayor Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried.

- 16. Executive Session – under Texas Government Code Section 551.074 Personnel matters, deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a pub Flooding/Ditching at 303 E Thomas St, Leonard, TX 75452**

- i. Flooding/Ditching at 303 E Thomas St, Leonard, TX 75452**
- ii. City Administrator**
- iii. Employee Compensation**

Mayor Pro Tem Nixon motioned to go to executive session. Second by Councilmember Martin. Mayor Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried at 7:26 P.M.

- 17. Reconvene into open session.**

Open session reconvened at 8:18 P.M.

18. Discussion and possible action on matters discussed in executive session:

- i. Flooding/Ditching at 303 E Thomas St, Leonard, TX 75452**
- ii. City Administrator**
- iii. Employee Compensation**

Councilmember Wilcox motioned on item i. that Council is consulting attorney and waiting for additional information, item ii. presenting offer to George Evanko, and item iii. processing retention incentive payments to Melissa Verde and Kim Davis. Second by Councilmember Martin. Mayor Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried.

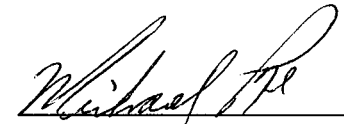
19. Announcements

No announcements were made.

20. Adjournment

Councilmember Martin motioned to adjourn. Second by Councilmember Stephens. Mayor Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried at 8:20 P.M.

THE CITY OF LEONARD, TEXAS



Michael Pye, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kim Davis, City Clerk