



THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF FANNIN §

November 8, 2022

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 8, 2022, a Regular Meeting at 6:30 P.M.

Members Present: Mayor Michael Pye, Mayor Pro Tem Noel Nixon, Councilmembers Garry Doyle, Al Stephens, and Debra Wilcox.

Absent: Councilmember Billy Wayne Martin

Staff present: City Administrator George Evanko, City Secretary Melissa Verde, Utility Billing Clerk Kim Davis, and Police Chief Brian Meserole.

Registered Guests: D'Anne Carson, Margy Hall, Betsy Blevins, David Perkins, and Carol Dutilly.

MINUTES

1. Call Public Hearing to Order, Verification of Quorum

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

2. Invocation, Pledges of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags

3. Approval of Minutes from October 11, 2022

Mayor Pro Tem Nixon moved to approve. Second by Councilmember Wilcox. Mayor Michael Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried.

4. Department Reports

- a. Police Department
- b. Public Works
- c. Administrative
- d. Financial Report

5. Open Forum:

This portion of the agenda is the public's opportunity to address the Council about any item listed on the agenda, except public hearings. Comments related to public hearings will be heard when the specific hearing begins. Public comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker, unless otherwise required by law. Per the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Council is not permitted to take action on or discuss any item not listed on the agenda. Texas Government Code Sec. 551.007 (Texas Open Meetings Act 2020). No speakers.

6. **Discussion regarding adopting a policy governing the allowance and location of carports in the city limits.**
No action.
7. **Discussion and possible action regarding Ordinance No. 110822-1O authorizing the issuance and sale of City of Leonard, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificate of Obligation, Series 2022; levying an annual ad valorem tax and providing for the security for and payment of said Certificate of Obligation; providing an effective date; and enacting other provisions relating to the subject.**
Councilmember Stephens moved to approve Ordinance No. 110822-1O with the twenty-five year term and ten-year option. Second by Councilmember Wilcox. Mayor Michael Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried.
8. **Discussion and possible action regarding entering a contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for water system improvements.**
Mayor Pro Tem Nixon moved to approve. Second by Councilmember Doyle. Mayor Michael Pye called for a vote: Mayor Pro Tem Nixon and Councilmembers Doyle and Stephens were in favor, Councilmember Wilcox opposed. The motion carried.
9. **Discussion regarding adding a reimbursement policy to Personnel and Procedures Section 11.11, “Calculation of Termination Pay,” Section 15.00, “Professional Development,” and Section 18.04, “Vacation Renumeration.”**
No action.

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. **In accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, the City Council will recess into Executive Session pursuant to the following sections:**
 - a. **Section 551.071, Attorney Consult: consultation with an Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter re:**
 - i. **Status of negotiations with Hickory Creek Special Utility District regarding dual certified water CCN area and possible exchange of CCN areas.**
 - b. **Section 551.072, Real Property: deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.**
 - c. **Section 551.074, Personnel: deliberate the appointment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of public officer or employee: City Administrator.**

Council recessed into executive session at 8:03 P.M.

11. **Reconvene into open session.**
Open session reconvened at 8:45 P.M.
12. **Discussion and possible action on matters discussed in Executive Session.**
Section a:

Councilmember Wilcox moved to decline the offer from Hickory Creek Special Utility District to release land in Hickory Creek CCN area that is inside the Leonard city limits in exchange for the City of Leonard releasing approximately 235 acres inside the City of Leonard CCN. Second by Mayor Pro Tem Nixon. Michael Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried.

Section b:

Councilmember Wilcox moved to authorize the City Administrator to work with the City Attorney and City Engineer to draft and submit an application to obtain or amend a certificate of convenience or necessity CCN under water code section 13.255 to the Public Utility Commission of Texas. Second by Mayor Pro Tem Nixon. Mayor Michael Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried.

Section c:

Councilmember Wilcox moved to continue the contract for one year. Second by Councilmember Doyle. Mayor Michael Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried.

13. Announcements

No announcements.

14. Adjournment

Councilmember Doyle motioned to adjourn. Second by Councilmember Wilcox. Mayor Michael Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

CITY OF LEONARD, TEXAS

APPROVED:



Mayor Michael Pye

ATTEST:



Melissa Verde, City Secretary