



THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF FANNIN §

May 10, 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 May 10, 2022, a Regular Meeting at 6:30 P.M.

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

Staff present: City Administrator George Evanko, City Secretary Melissa Verde, Utility Billing Clerk Kim Davis, Police Chief Brian Meserole, Public Works Director Woody Patrick, Civil Engineer David Perkins with Kimley-Horn

Registered Guests: Margy Hall, Newt Cunningham, Mark Blackerby, Betsy Blevins, Karen Murphy, Bill Jackson, Peyton Webster

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

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

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

2. Discussion and possible action: approval on April 12, 2022, Minutes.

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

3. Department Reports

- a. Police Department
- b. Public Works
- c. Administrative

4. Financial Report

5. Open 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.

Newt Cunningham gave Fannin County update.

6. Swearing in of Mayor Michael Pye

City Secretary Melissa Verde swore in Mayor Michael Pye.

7. Swearing in of Councilmember Noel Nixon

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8. Swearing in of Councilmember Al Stephens

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9. Mayor and Councilmembers take their seats

10. Consider and appoint Mayor Pro-Tem

Councilmember Doyle motioned to appoint Noel Nixon as Mayor Pro-Tem. Second by Councilmember Stephens. Mayor Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried.

11. Presentation, discussion, and possible action: Parks and Recreation Board, chairperson Mark Blackerby presenting.

Parks and Recreation Board Chairperson Mark Blackerby announced that Parks and Recreation have elected himself as Chairperson and Justin Young as Vice-Chairperson. Mark Blackerby, Jessica Lewis, and Teresa Nixon will serve two-year terms, Justin Young and Leonard Phillips will service one-year terms. Parks and Recreation Board will meet every month and make a short- and long-term plan.

12. Discussion and possible action: Parking variance for Property ID 90123, Legal Description Orig Town Leonard, Block 16, Lot 10R, Acres .446, also known as 206 E Fannin.

C-2 (Commercial District General) variance for parking: minimum 7 spaces required.

Councilmember Stephens motioned to go to agenda item 16 and continuing and go back to agenda item 12 when P&Z Chairperson Peyton Webster arrives. Second by Councilmember Wilcox. Mayor Pye called for a vote – Mayor Pro Tem Nixon and Councilmembers Martin, Stephens, and Wilcox were in favor, Councilmember Doyle opposed, the motion carried.

P&Z recommend approval of the parking variance. Mayor Pro Tem Nixon motioned to approve parking variance. Second by Councilmember Doyle. Mayor Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried.

13. Discussion and possible action: Carport setback variance for Property ID 90026, Legal Description Orig Town Leonard, Block 6, LOT S 1/2 OF 1,2, also known as 202 N Parmele.

Carport Variance request: 5 feet rear yard setback and 10 feet from the main building.

P&Z recommend denial of carport variance. Councilmember Wilcox motioned to deny. Second by Councilmember Stephens. Mayor Pye called for a vote –all were in favor and the motion carried.

14. Discussion and possible action: issuing Specific Use Permit to move a house to Property ID 90269, Legal Description Parmele Addn, Block 1, Lot 3-6, also known as 305 W Thomas.

Specific Use Permit without variance request.

P&Z recommend approval of Specific Use Permit. Councilmember Martin motioned to approve. Second by Councilmember Wilcox. Mayor Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried.

15. Discussion and possible action: Ordinance 051022-1O (Repealing Ordinance 05102019) Revising SF-1 Side Yard Setback and Deleting Note “S”.

P&Z recommend approval of Ordinance 051022-1O. Mayor Pro Tem motioned to approve. Second by Councilmember Wilcox. Mayor Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried.

16. Discuss, consider, and adopt: Resolution 51022-1R to designate authorized signatories for the 2021 Texas CDBG program, grant agreement number CDV21-0040

Councilmember Martin motioned to approve and designate Mayor Pye, City Administrator George

Evanko, and City Secretary Melissa Verde as signatories. Second by Mayor Pro Tem Nixon. Mayor Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried.

17. Discuss, consider, and approve: Resolution 51022-2R adopting required CDBG Civil Rights policies

Councilmember Wilcox motioned to approve. Second by Councilmember Martin. Mayor Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried.

18. Proclaim April as Fair Housing Month

Mayor Pro Tem Nixon motioned to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month. Second by Councilmember Doyle. Mayor Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried.

19. Discussion and possible action: Fannin Central Appraisal District Taxing Unit Local Exemption Option Resolution 51022-3R Local Exemption Homestead for Disabled Persons or Over 65

Councilmember Stephens motioned to approve the 2022 Local Option in the amount of \$5,000 of all qualified homesteaded properties and acknowledge the minimum value of the exemption must be \$3,000. Second by Councilmember Doyle. Mayor Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried.

20. Discussion and possible action: Fannin Central Appraisal District Taxing Unit Local Exemption Option Resolution 51022-4R Local Exemption Homestead

Councilmember Wilcox motioned to approve the 2022 Local Option of 2% of the appraised value of all homesteaded properties and acknowledge the minimum value of the exemption must be \$5,000. Second by Councilmember Martin. Mayor Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried.

21. Discussion and possible action: Kimley-Horn CDBG Sewer Line Replacement Project Contract

Councilmember Wilcox motioned to approve. Second by Councilmember Martin. Mayor Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried.

22. Discussion and possible action: Kimley-Horn Water Distribution System Evaluation

Councilmember Doyle motioned to approve. Second by Councilmember Martin. Mayor Pye called for a vote – all were in favor and the motion carried.

23. Discussion and possible action: Kimley-Horn HMA Project scope and estimate (update)

Mayor Pro Tem Nixon motioned to table. Second by Councilmember Wilcox. Mayor Pye called for a vote – Mayor Pro Tem Nixon and Councilmembers Doyle, Stephens and Wilcox were in favor, Councilmember Martin abstained, motion carried.

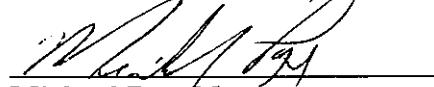
24. Announcements

Councilmember Wilcox encouraged people to call City Hall or a Councilmember for problems in lieu of social media.

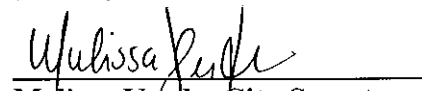
25. Adjournment

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

CITY OF LEONARD, TEXAS


Michael Pye, Mayor

ATTEST:


Melissa Verde, City Secretary

