

THE STATE OF TEXAS§COUNTY OF FANNIN§

May 9, 2023

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT the City Council of the City of Leonard, Fannin County, Texas held a Regular Meeting in the Council Chambers of City Hall on May 9, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.

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

Staff present: City Administrator George Evanko, City Secretary Melissa Verde, Public Works Director Woody Patrick, and Police Chief Brian Meserole.

Registered Guests: Lesley Bravo, Demitro Garza, Wade Stephens, Janie Ware, Margy Hall, Teresa Nixon, Doug Morfeld, Betsy Blevins

MINUTES

- 1. Call Meeting to Order, Verification of Quorum Mayor Michael Pye called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. A quorum was present in person.
- 2. Invocation, Pledges of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags
- 3. Approval of Previous Minutes- April 11, 2023

Upon a motion by Noel Nixon and a second by Debra Wilcox, the council unanimously approved the minutes as written.

4. Department Reports

- a. Chief Meserole presented the Police Department update.
- b. City Administrator George Evanko covered the Public Works department update.
- c. City Administrator George Evanko gave the Administrative Report.
- d. City Secretary Melissa Verde covered the financial position of the city.

5. Open Forum:

No speakers.

6. Discussion and possible action on approving the event permit No. 2023-050 for Leonard Chamber of Commerce to include the reservation of multiple RV spots at the city park for up to seven spaces July 16-25 to accommodate the carnival vendors. (Sheryl Stanley, Leonard Chamber of Commerce) Upon a motion by Debra Wilcox and a second from Billy Wayne Martin, the motion passed unanimously to

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approve four RV spots for the Chamber of Commerce and one RV spot for the Police Department.

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- 7. Discussion and consider a variance request application No. 2301 for Fannin CAD Property ID 90311 & 137953, legally described as REECE ADDN, BLOCK 1, LOTS 11&12, commonly known as 400 & 404 E. Grayson Street; currently zoned SF-1; reducing the required side yard setback from 10 feet to 9 feet, for the purpose of building two new single-family residences. (Wade Stephens, Owner). Upon a motion by Billy Wayne Martin and a second from Debra Wilcox, the motion passed unanimously to approve the variance request.
- 8. Conduct a Public Hearing regarding the rezoning of Fannin CAD Property ID 111748, located at 423 CR 5070, being an approximate 2.00-acre tract of land situated in the M Moore Survey Abstract A0781, Fannin County, TX, changing the zoning classification from M-1 Manufacturing/Industrial District-Light to MH-1 Manufactured Home District. The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:48 PM. Property owner Demitro Garza spoke for the rezone. The public hearing closed at 7:51 PM.
- 9. Discussion and Action regarding the rezoning of Fannin CAD Property ID 111748, located at 423 CR 5070, being an approximate 2.00-acre tract of land situated in the M Moore Survey Abstract A0781, Fannin County, TX, changing the zoning classification from M-1 Manufacturing/Industrial District-Light to MH-1 Manufactured Home District. Upon a motion by Debra Wilcox and a second from Noel Nixon, the motion to approve the rezone and for Planning and Zoning look at a section of M-1 to be rezoned to MH-1 was approved by a vote of four in favor, with Garry Doyle opposing.
- 10. Discussion and consideration of the Assessment and Collection Agreement with Fannin Central Appraisal District for the calculation, preparation, assessment, and collection of city property taxes. Upon a motion by Al Stephens and a second from Billy Wayne Martin, the agreement was tabled unanimously.
- 11. Conduct a public hearing regarding the adoption of Appendix Q, "Tiny Houses," of the 2018 International Residential Code as a local amendment to the City's Residential Code (2012 International Residential Code). The Mayor opened the public hearing at 8:07 PM. A question arose regarding the International Residential Code. Public Hearing closed at 8:14 PM.
- 12. Presentation, discussion, and possible action on Ordinance No. 050923-1 adopting Appendix Q, "Tiny Houses," of the 2018 International Residential Code as a local amendment to the City's Residential Code (2012 International Residential Code). Upon a motion by Al Stephens and a second from Noel Nixon, Appendix Q was adopted by a vote of four in favor, with Garry Doyle opposing.
- **13.** Discuss and consider Resolution No. 050923-2 authorizing the acceptance of a donation of a 0.014 acre portion of a 10.00-acre tract of land at 700 W. Fannin St. for the purpose of expanding an existing lift station. Upon a motion by Noel Nixon and a second from Garry Doyle, Resolution 050923-2 was adopted unanimously.
- 14. Discussion and possible action regarding the adoption of Resolution No. 050923-3 authorizing the reimbursement of city expenses in connection with Texas Water Development Board Clean Water State Revolving Fund project No. 73925 for sewer system improvements. Upon a motion by Noel Nixon and a second from Debra Wilcox, Resolution 050923-3 was adopted unanimously.
- **15.** Discussion and possible action regarding the adoption of Resolution No. 050923-4 authorizing t reimbursement of city expenses in connection with Texas Water Development Board Drinking Water State Revolving Fund project No. 14062 for water system improvements. Upon a motion by Noel Nixon

and a second from Debra Wilcox, Resolution 050923-4 was adopted unanimously.

- **16.** Discussion and possible action regarding the issuance of a Proclamation declaring May 7-13, 2023, as Public Service Recognition Week in the City of Leonard, Texas. Upon a motion by Billy Wayne Martin and a second from Al Stephens, the proclamation was approved unanimously.
- **17.** Announcements. George Evanko gave an update about the higher interest received from the newly opened Public Funds Insured Cash Sweep account and the Money Markets accounts for the city funds. Noel Nixon led the council in wishing Garry Doyle a happy birthday.
- **18.** Adjournment. Upon a motion by Noel Nixon and a second by Billy Wayne Martin, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM.

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APPRØVED:

Mayor Michael Pye

ATTEST: elissa Verde. litv Secretary

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