

THE STATE OF TEXAS§COUNTY OF FANNIN§

June 13, 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 June 13, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.

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

Staff present:City Administrator George Evanko, City Secretary Melissa Verde, Utility Billing Clerk
Kim Davis, Public Works Director Woody Patrick, and Police Officer Donald Hash.

Registered Guests: Peyton Webster, Margy Hall, Doug and Debbie Morfeld.

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.** Recognition of Council Members with terms expiring Mayor Michael Pye presented a token of recognition to outgoing Councilmembers Debra Wilcox and Garry Doyle.
- **4.** Swearing in of New Council Members City Secretary Melissa Verde swore in Councilmembers Billy Wayne Martin, Peyton Webster, and Leonard Phillips.
- 5. Install New Council Members
- 6. Election of Mayor Pro Tempore Upon a motion by Peyton Webster and a second from Billy Wayne Martin, the council elected Noel Nixon as Mayor Pro Tempore by a vote of four in favor, with Noel Nixon abstaining.
- 7. Approval of Previous Minutes- May 9, 2023

Upon a motion by Billy Wayne Martin and a second from Noel Nixon, the council approved the minutes as written by a vote of four in favor, with Peyton Webster abstaining.

8. Department Reports

- a. City Administrator George Evanko presented the Police Department update.
- b. Public Works Director Woody Patrick covered the Public Works department update.
- c. City Administrator George Evanko gave the Administrative Report.
- d. City Administrator George Evanko covered the financial position of the city.

9. Open Forum:

No speakers.

- 10. Discussion and possible action on approving event permit No. 2023-067 for Buchanan Insurance to hold an end-of-summer event at the Leonard Public Library parking lot on Saturday, August 5, 2023. (Debra Wilcox, Buchanan Insurance). Upon a motion by Noel Nixon and a second from Billy Wayne Martin, the motion passed unanimously to approve event permit No. 2023-067 and waive the permit fee.
- 11. Conduct a Public Hearing regarding the possible amendment of the City of Leonard Zoning Ordinance, 14A Attachment 1, known as "Appendix I", section "District Regulations" creating a category titled "Minimum Living Area (square feet), and setting that minimum at nine hundred for all residential new constructions located in single-family, two-family, townhome, and multifamily zones. The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:10 PM. There were no speakers. The public hearing closed at 7:11 PM.
- 12. Discussion and possible action regarding Ordinance No. 230613-1, amending the City of Leonard Zoning Ordinance, 14A Attachment 1, known as "Appendix I", section "District Regulations" creating a category titled "Minimum Living Area (square feet)", and setting that minimum at 900 for all residential new constructions located in single-family, two-family, townhome, and multifamily zones. Upon a motion by Leonard Phillips and a second from Peyton Webster, the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 230613-1 was approved by a vote of three in favor, with Billy Wayne Martin and Al Stephens opposing.
- **13.** Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment or reappointment of three (3) members to the expiring positions on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Upon a motion by Noel Nixon and a second from Billy Wayne Martin, the motion to table Planning and Zoning Commission appointments was approved by a vote of four in favor, with Peyton Webster abstaining.
- 14. Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment or reappointment of two (2) members to the expiring positions on the Parks & Recreation Board. Upon a motion by Leonard Phillips and a second from Noel Nixon, Jennifer Evanko was appointed unanimously.
- **15.** Discussion and possible action approving Resolution No. 230613-2 authorizing the City of Leonard to renew the interlocal agreement with Fannin Central Appraisal District for the calculation, preparation, assessment, and collection of city property taxes. Upon a motion by Noel Nixon and a second from Al Stephens, Resolution No. 230613-2 was adopted unanimously.
- 16. Discussion and possible action approving Resolution No. 230613-3 authorizing the City of Leonard to renew the tax collection contract with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP. Upon a motion by Al Stephens and a second from Leonard Phillips, Resolution No. 230613-3 was adopted unanimously.
- 17. Discussion and possible action approving Resolution No. 230613-4 authorizing the City of Leonard to renew the municipal collection contract with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP. Upon a motion by Peyton Webster and a second from Al Stephens, Resolution No. 230613-4 was tabled unanimously.

- **18.** Discussion and possible action approving Resolution No. 230613-5 authorizing the City of Leonard to enter a contract for municipal prosecutor services with Lindsay Wozniak. Upon a motion by Noel Nixon and a second from Peyton Webster, Resolution No. 230613-5 was adopted unanimously.
- **19.** Announcements. Mayor Michael Pye welcomed back Councilmembers Peyton Webster and Leonard Phillips.
- **20.** Adjournment. Upon a motion by Leonard Phillips and a second by Noel Nixon, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

CITY OF LEONARD, TEXAS

APPROVED:

Mayor Michael Pye

ATTEST: Secretary