

The Town Council of the Town of Pecos City met in a Special Joint City Council/County Commissioners Meeting at the Pecos High School Technology Center located at 1301 S Eddy St. Pecos, Texas 79772 on September 21, 2015 at 6:00p.m. with the following present:

Venetta Seals	Mayor
Gerald Tellez	Mayor Pro-Tem
Alfredo Saldana	Councilman
Chuck Knudsen	Councilman
Wally Moon	Councilman
Rudy Villegas	Councilman
Eric Honeyfield	City Manager
Mary Carmen Wood	City Secretary
Conchita Hernandez	Community Development Director
Heather Ramirez	Finance Director
Freddy Contreras	Fire Chief
W. J. Bang	Judge
Rogelio Alvarado	Commissioner
Paul Hinojos	Commissioner
Louise Moore	Commissioner
Tony Trujillo	Commissioner

1. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Venetta Seals called the September 21, 2015 meeting to order at 6:03pm. *City Attorney Trent Graham not present.*

Judge W.J. Bang called the September 21, 2015 meeting to order at 6:03pm.

2. Mayor, Venetta Seals, read out loud to Discuss/Consider – County Approval for Petition for Voluntary Annexation for the County Property legally described as AREA 1B 240.11 GRID OUT OF SECTION 11, BLOCK 5, H&G.N RAILROAD

Mr. Honeyfield, City Manager, presented to Council and County Commissioners, the property that is being Petition for Voluntary Annexation. Mr. Honeyfield, stated that if this annexation is successful the RV Park that is in “no-man’s land” will then be the responsibility of the City. Which means City planning, zoning, code enforcement, etc. On Motion by Commissioner Alvarado and seconded by Commissioner Hinojos, Commissioner voted unanimously to approve the Petition for Voluntary Annexation for the County Property legally described as AREA 1B 240.11 GRID OUT OF SECTION 11, BLOCK 5, H&G.N RAILROAD

3. Mayor, Venetta Seals, read out loud Discuss/Consider – County Execute Easement Needed for Effluent Line across County Property East of 285/I-20 Interchange.

Mr. Honeyfield, presented on the Effluent Line and the property they plan to water. He stated they hope to have the document here tonight. Unfortunately, the City Attorney has not arrived yet. Mr. Honeyfield, suggested he ask our City Attorney to visit with

the County Attorney regarding the easement document. Mayor, Seals, stated that the City cannot move forward with engineering and planning until the easement is signed. Commissioner Trujillo, stated he had some concerns regarding the plat. There are some corrections that need to be made. Judge Bang, said they is no reason why we need to approve twice. We just need to make corrections and sign the easement the effluent line has already been approved. On Motion by Commissioner Trujillo and seconded by Commissioner Alvarado Commissioners voted unanimously to authorize County Judge to sign the easement document once it has been reviewed by City Attorney and County Attorney and corrections have been made to the plat.

4. Mayor, Venetta Seals, read out loud, Discuss/Consider – Fire Department Capital Improvement Plan and Equipment/Required Public Funding.

Mr. Honeyfield, presented to council a Capital Improvement Plan that was submitted by our Fire Department. Also, included is city/county calls taken by Fire Department. He said we need to decide if we want to proceed with a new fire station or/and fire equipment. Mr. Honeyfield, recommends a new fire station first. Right now the City and County contribute about \$200,000 a year. Mr. Honeyfield, suggest that the City contribute \$200,000 and the County contribute \$300,000 for this upcoming fiscal since we are working on those budgets. He also mentioned about looking into our neighboring fire departments to see what kind of fire stations they have built. He stated that this is Voluntary Fire Department and most of the fire fighters have a day time jobs. Commissioner Hinojos, stated he recently visited a fire station in Martin County and visited with the County Judge. It is a 7 bay that cost them about \$500,000. He is not sure if there was land cost included or the details. Commissioner Moore, asked if the new facility will provide housing for EMS. Mr. Honeyfield, stated that City Council approved to build housing for EMS and is currently building by the cemetery at a cost of about \$300,000. Judge Bang, stated that his thoughts are that we build the new fire station with the idea that in the near future we could house both the fire department and EMS there. Commissioners and Council discuss the possibility for the County to contribute \$300,000 for the improvements in the Fire Department. Judge Bang, stated that the County will have a budget workshop and at that point will decided if they can contribute \$300,000. Commissioner Hinojos, said he will contact the Martin County judge and get more information regarding the fire station they just built. Mr. Honeyfield, said that they plan to allow retail to settle in at the old Fire substation. Commissioner Hinojos, mentioned that on Wednesday September 23 there will be a tour at the Pecos Elementary School building at 8:00 am. Since we mentioned that being a possibility for the new fire station. On Motion by Judge Bang and seconded by Commissioner Alvarado, Commissioners voted unanimously to table the agenda item until the Commissioners have further discussion. On Motion by Councilman Villegas and seconded by Councilman Knudsen, the Council voted unanimously to table item number 4 until we gather more information.

5. Mayor, Venetta Seals, read out loud discuss/consider – Possible Hospital/School Contribution toward the Fire Department.

Bill Oglesby, President of the School Board, stated that he is one individual of the school board and that he could not make decisions on behalf of the school without meeting with the School Board. He explained to Commissioners and Council how the school district disperse of their funds. He stated there are set formulas that the State requires them to use. He will go back and place on their agenda to further discuss. Leo Hung, President of the Hospital Board, said he will talk to the hospital board and see what their thoughts are. No Action Taken.

6. Mayor, Venetta Seals, read out loud discuss/consider – Ambulance Operation and Funding Formula for Participation Entities.

Mr. Honeyfield, presented to council and commissioners as to what each entities contributes to the Ambulance. He said we don't know what the revenue from there billing is but we do know each contributions: City \$160,000 thousand, County \$70,000 thousand, Hospital \$70,000 thousand, Ward County \$ 6, 000 thousand, Loving \$5,000, for a total of \$311,000 thousand. Mr. Honeyfield, stated that the city is the lowest taxing entities with the biggest burden in regards to the EMS program.

7. Mayor, Venetta Seals, read out loud discuss – Interlocal Agreement Regarding the Recreation Department (corrected).

Mayor Seals, stated that when the Interlocal Agreement was created the county ran the fields and the city owned the fields. The County controlled when they were rented out and managed the fields the city maintained them but the county would collect the rental fee(s). Since then the city has taken over some of the fields and now the city maintains them but the county continues to collect the revenues. Commissioners Hinojos, stated that this Interlocal Agreement is no longer valid because the School District no longer participates, which is included in the agreement. Commissioners and Council discuss re-doing the agreement and re-writing it. They also discussed the responsibility of the fields and who will take care of what. The city will book city owned fields and the county will book county fields. Commissioner Hinojos, stated that the youth group should still have first pick at the fields.

8. Mayor, Venetta Seals, read out loud discuss/consider – Urgent need for outside assistance to remove salt cedar piles on Pecos River upstream from business loop to bridge.

Ricky Herrera, Emergency Management, stated that about a year ago Forrest Service from Ft. Stockton was working on eradicating the salt cedar piles. Since that was not completed they have formed a plan to come in and eradicate what is there. Forrest Service has put a plan to burn the piles. Ricky, said he needs to get together with TxDOT, TCEQ, and Fire Department once he hears from Forrest Service to remediate the issue. Should be in the next month or so. On Motion by Councilman Knudsen and seconded by Councilman Villegas Council voted unanimously to wait for Forrest Service to response and remediate the issue if nothing is done within a month we will come up with another plan of action.

9. Adjourn-

On Motion by Councilman Knudsen and seconded by Councilman Saldana, and Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:05 pm the Joint City/County Meeting. On Motion by Commissioner Hinojos and seconded by Judge Bang, and Commissioners voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:06 pm the Joint City/County Meeting.

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Venetta Seals, Mayor

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Mary Carmen Wood, City Secretary