

The Town Council of the Town of Pecos City met in Regular City Council Meeting in the City Council Chambers on November 12, 2015 5:30 P.M. with the following present:

Venetta Seals	Mayor
Gerald Tellez	Mayor Pro-Tem
Chuck Knudsen	Councilman
Wally Moon	Councilman
Eric Honeyfield	City Manager
Mary Carmen Wood	City Manager
Trent Graham	City Attorney
Heather Ramirez	Finance Director
Clay McKinney	Police Chief
Conchita Hernandez	Community Development
Gary Rumbaugh	Public Works Director
Isabelle de Brouwer	Airport Manager
Jesus Silva	Public Works Director Assistant
Debbie Thomas	Main Street Manager
Holly Jarocki	Code Enforcement

Item A. Mayor Venetta Seals called the November 12, 2015 meeting to order at 5:30 pm. *Councilman Rudy Villegas and Councilman Saldana not present.*

Item B. Invocation by Councilman Moon

Item C. Pledge of Allegiance by Councilman Knudsen

Item D. Public Comments.

Isabelle, Airport Manager, presented to council photos of the fence and the progress out at the Municipal Airport. Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem read a proclamation for the Salvation Army. Now, Therefore I, Venetta Seals, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of Pecos, Texas, do hereby proclaim Friday, November 20 through Thursday, December 24, 2015 as: "SALVATION ARMY RED KETTLE MONTH IN PECOS".

Item E. Consent Agenda.

On motion by Councilman Knudsen and seconded by Councilman Moon, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting for October 22, 2015, Monthly Juvenile for October 2015, Municipal Airport Monthly Report for October 2015, Overtime Report, and the Accounts Payable Report.

Item F. Non Consent Items.

2. **VETERANS PARK** – Councilman Tellez, stated that the veteran’s ground breaking ceremony was a success. He wanted to thank the committee for putting it together.

Councilman Tellez, mentioned that more lighting is needed out at the park. Also, would like some funding on behalf of the City to help with the Veterans Park Project. He mentioned that the County has given the committee \$7,500 dollars in donation for a flag pole. The flag pole will have solar panels to help provide more lighting. The Project design by Jesus Silva, Public Works Director Assistant, will cost around \$60,000. Councilman Moon, asked if Mrs. Salinas is out soliciting donations for the veteran's park. Mrs. Salinas, stated she has gotten donations and after the ground breaking ceremony she is receiving phone calls. Heather Ramirez, Finance Director, asked Council that if donations are going to be made then she will have to receive the donations. Meaning if citizens want to make donations they will have to bring them to City Hall and turn in donations to Heather Ramirez. Councilman Knudsen, stated that whoever pays the bills need to have financial control. Even after the park is completed the City will continue to receive donations and put in a designated fund to help maintain the Veterans Park. On Motion by Councilman Knudsen and seconded by Councilman Tellez, the council voted unanimously to post pone until next meeting on November 19, 2015.

3. **2<sup>nd</sup> PUBLIC HEARING** – Councilman Tellez, state he had phone calls with citizens having concerns with the zoning of the property. Eric Honeyfield, City Manager, stated the property will be zoned prior to the annexation. We will work with property owners and see what adjacent properties are zoned to determine what zone will be established. He stated property will be annexed as in the city must follow Tex. Loc. Gov't Code §43.002. Unless, the use of the property is discontinued for 6 consecutive months. The property owner can re-zone if not satisfied with the zone given when annexed in. Councilman Knudsen, stated that there is development that wants to go in that directions however because it is still in the county the City cannot do much.

Mary Tarrango – stated she does not want to be annexed in. She asked why does council fell that Lincoln (area) needs to be annexed in. She stated that the house is inside city limits. She owns 3 acres and the back of her property is still in the county. Mrs. Tarrago, asked why does her property need to be annexed in? Councilman Knudsen, said that this is to avoid “donut holes” within the City.

George Villanueva – stated he knows citizens that are paying sewer and not getting the services from the city. He stated that the City should fix that before annexing in other property. Eric Honeyfield, stated that we have a service plan with a timeline to provide the “backbone” infrastructure. He stated that there are other service that will be provided.

Justin Millan – stated he feels like he will be in front of a Council in about twenty (2) years because of adjacent owners will be complaining about the smell of their horses. Then Council will vote them out and make them remove their livestock.

**BREAK @ 7:21 PM**

**RETURN FROM BREAK @ 7:29 PM**

1. **UPDATE** – Holly Jarocki, Code Enforcement, presented six (6) dilapidated buildings to City Council that are throughout Town of Pecos City.

4. **UTILITY RATE** – Eric Honeyfield, City Manager, presented to council the new rates for the beginning of the year that will take effect on January 2. On Motion by Councilman Knudsen and seconded by Councilman Tellez, the council voted unanimously to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance No. 15-10-01, an ordinance regarding Utility Rate increase for larger users in order to pay for required effluent line for long term disposal of city sewer water.

5. **SURVEYING PROPOSALS** – Eric Honeyfield, City Manager, presented to Council the three proposals submitted to the Town of Pecos City. On Motion by Councilman Knudsen and seconded by Councilman Tellez, the Council voted unanimously to approve the multiple Surveying Proposals to those listed.

6. **MAIN STREET** - Conchita Hernandez, Community Development Director, presented to Council Ordinance No. 15-10-02, Slum and Blight Control and Alcohol Retail Premises Criteria. On Motion by Council Knudsen and seconded by Councilman Moon, the Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 15-10-02, Slum and Blight Control and Alcohol Retail Premises Criteria.

7. **AMBULANCE** – Gary Rumbaugh, Public Works Director, presented to Council a bid for an ambulance for the amount of (\$162,200). Councilman Knudsen, stated his concerns regarding purchasing another ambulance given we purchased an ambulance a year ago. Eric Honeyfield, City Manager, stated that the County has purchased this ambulance. We will get a reimbursement check from the County. On Motion by Councilman Knudsen and seconded by Councilman Tellez, the Council voted unanimously to approve the ambulance for the amount of (\$162,200), under the condition of reimbursement from the County.

8. **POST CABLE ORDINANCE** – Eric Honeyfield, City Manager, stated that back in May there was a Post and Cable Ordinance that was passed. The ordinance stated anyone on 3<sup>rd</sup> street and Cedar Street much comply. There are some citizens that have not complied with the Ordinance. Notifications have been sent to property owners and now we will start sending citations. The fines is set by the Judge. No Action Taken

Item G. Discuss Items for Next City Council Agenda – City Council

Some of the Items for next Agenda:

F.2. Veterans Park

Utility Rate

Post and Cable Ordinance

Item H. Adjournment at 7:55 PM

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Venetta Seals, Mayor

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Mary Carmen Wood, City Secretary