

The Town Council of the Town of Pecos City met in Regular City Council Meeting in the City Council Chambers on January 26, 2017 at 5:30 P.M. with the following present:

Venetta Seals	Mayor
Gerald Tellez	Mayor Pro Tem
Chuck Knudsen	Councilman
Wally Moon	Councilman
Rudy Villegas	Councilman
Eric Honeyfield	City Manager
Heather Ramirez	Finance Director
Jack Brookshire	Fire Marshal
Gary Rumbaugh	Public Works Director
Syndi Fuentez	Permit Director
Clay McKinney	Chief of Police
Jesus Gomez	MIT

Item A. Mayor Venetta Seals called the January 26, 2017 meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Item B. Invocation by Councilman Villegas

Item C. Pledge of Allegiance by Councilman Knudsen

Item D. Public Comments

Joe Tollett, First Flight Emergency – will be retiring after 30 years from EMS work with the hospital. He thanked the council for their work towards the city and he will be watching.

Venetta Seals, Mayor – two Gateway signs have arrived and will be put up soon, please keep an eye out.

Item E. Consent Agenda

On motion by Councilman Knudsen and seconded by Councilman Villegas and with Councilman Villegas abstaining from the Accounts Payable report NAPA page 8 (\$50.18) Page 12 (\$1,909.85), the Council voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; Accounts Payable Report; Overtime Report for PP02; Monthly Juvenile Report for December 2016; Monthly EMS report for December 2016; Minutes of regular City Council Meeting on 01-12-2017.

Item F. Non-Consent Agenda

1. **UPDATES** – Jack Brookshire, Fire Marshal, presented council with a list of businesses that were inspected. All scored a 90 or above grade with the exception of 1. No Action Taken.

2. **PRESENTATION** – Tabled brought back after Item 15-Peter Henning and Alexandros Savvaidis, TXNet – presented the council with information about seismicity and what the state is doing to provide some answers as to what might be the cause. The quakes have been linked to multiple actions sub-surface activities, fracking and natural causes. A website was also given out earthquake.usgs.gov so that quakes and booms may be reported as they are felt to help compile data and get a better understanding of what is happening.

3. **SCOUT FINAL PROJECT** – Devan Bradfield, Student, presented the council with an opportunity to allow him to add to aesthetics of the Veterans Memorial as part of his final project to become an Eagle Scout. Mr. Bradfield would like to add lighting and shrubbery with the help of fellow DECA high school members and youth from the Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Church. On motion by Councilman Knudsen and seconded by Councilman Tellez, the Council voted unanimously to approve the addition to aesthetics of Veterans Memorial as a final project for Devan Bradfield to become an Eagle Scout.

4. **UPDATE** – Eric Honeyfield, City Manager, presented the Council with an update on projects awarded to Build Masters, Sergio Hernandez and One Cross Development, E. Dwayne Patterson in previous years. It has come to light that Build Masters Construction with Sergio Hernandez as President has been inactive and acting on fraud, the company sub-contracted with DMT Construction to work on the projects DMT Construction was in return never paid, a court claim has been filed. Build Masters was awarded a project to work on Maxey Park complex which included working on Maxey, Orange and the Girl Scout parks. The project was awarded in the Spring of 2016, as of Council's meeting date January 26, 2017 the project has not been completed. The project was supposed to be complete in 60 days and it has been six month's the contract was cancelled and city park crews are now completing the project at Maxey Park and Orange Park. E. Dwayne Patterson with One Cross Development full-filled an RFP with the City and completed 12 apartments for the City Police Officers and PBT-ISD. The work for the city was completed but when contracted by other entities such as 24 apartments for the EDC, the projects were started but never completed. When attempting to get in contact with Mr. Patterson tries were unsuccessful.

5. **UPDATE** Eric Honeyfield, City Manager, updated the Council on the Parks Master Plan stating that on January 13, 2017 there was a kickoff meeting to begin the Park Master Plans project. On January 25, 2017 the stake holders met to discuss the plans. On February 9, 2017 and March 9, 2017 public hearings will be held during City Council Meetings in order to get feedback and input from council and residents. Texas Parks and Wildlife have half a million dollars that they can partner with municipalities to fund outdoor projects, these meetings will contribute towards improvements. The plan is a ten year project and the projects will put out

what is put into them.

6. **WATER TOWER LEASE** Eric Honeyfield, City Manager, requested authority to negotiate terms of a water tower lease agreement with Verizon, Delcom and Rural Texas Broadband. Jesus Gomez, MIT Specialist, will help negotiate existing contracts and final authorization will need to be approved by council. On motion by Councilman Knudsen and seconded by Councilman Villegas, the Council voted unanimously to authorize Eric Honeyfield, City Manager, to negotiate the Water Tower Lease Agreement.

7. **ELECTIONS** Heather Ramirez, Director of Finance, presented the Council with the proposed judge, alternates, workers and locations for elections. Also noted early voting days will be held on April 24 and May 2, twelve hour days. On motion by Councilman Knudsen and seconded by Councilman Moon, the Council voted unanimously to approve judges, alternates, workers, locations and two 12-hour days (April 24 and May 2).

8. **ELECTIONS** Heather Ramirez, Director of Finance, presented the council with the Notice of Elections calling the general election to be held on May 6, 2017 to elect council member seats (2), (3) and (5) for 4 year terms, last day to apply for ballots by mail is April 25, 2017. On motion by Councilman Villegas and seconded by Councilman Tellez, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Notice of Elections.

9. **BID AWARD** Eric Honeyfield, City Manager, presented the council with the bid tab to award a 600,000 gallon elevated water tank project. The bids for the water tank were presented as follows 1)Maguire Iron (\$1,297,000.00) 2) Phoenix Erectors (\$1,399,122.00 + \$74,778.00) 3) Caldwell Tank (\$1,634,000.00 -\$11,000.00) 4) Landmark Structures (\$1,823,000 -\$300,000.00) 5) CB&I (1,569,000.00) On motion by Councilman Knudsen and seconded by Councilman Villegas, the Council voted unanimously to postpone awarding the bid for the 600,000 gallon elevated water tank until more information can be provided.

10. **STOP SIGNS** – Gary Rumbaugh, Public Works Director, presented the Council with Ordinance No. 17-01-01, an ordinance to place new stop signs and replace existing yield signs with stops signs at the following intersections:

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| 1) 12TH & MESQUITE (NW) | 12) MADISON & MISSOURI (NE) |
| 2) EIGHTH & ALMOND (NW & SE) | 13) TEXAS & MONROE (NE) |
| 3) 12TH & ORANGE (NW) | 14) TEXAS & WINDING WAY (NORTH) (SW) |
| 4) 5TH & ELM (NW & SE) | 15) TEXAS & WINDING WAY (SOUTH) (SW) |
| 5) 8TH & ELM (NW & SE) | 16) (NEW) OIL MILL & WESTERN AVE (NW) |
| 6) 9TH & ELM (NW & SE) | 17) (NEW) BI 20 & OIL MILL (SE) |
| 7) 12TH & HICKORY (NW & SE) | 18) (NEW) KERR & EASTERBROOK (SW) |
| 8) 6TH & WILLOW (NW & SE) | 19) (NEW) 5TH & MAGNOLIA (NW) |
| 9) 11TH & CHERRY (NW & SE) | 20) (NEW) 11TH & ORANGE (SE) |
| 10) 8TH & PLUM (NW & SE) | 21) (NEW) 5TH & SUNSET (NW) |
| 11) MONROE & MISSOURI (NE) | 22) (NEW) 4TH & SUNSET (SE) |

23) (NEW) 4TH & PINE (NE)
24) (NEW) PINE & LEADER (NE)
25) (NEW) PARK & LUNDAY (NW)

26) (NEW) ALAMO & LUNDAY (NW)
27) (NEW) HACKBERRY & LUNDAY (NW)
28) (NEW) MARY & MUNROE (NW)

On motion by Councilman Knudsen and seconded by Councilman Tellez, the Council voted unanimously to approve the second reading of Ordinance 17-01-01.

11. **SPEED LIMIT SIGNS** – Gary Rumbaugh, Public Works Director, presented the Council with Ordinance No. 17-01-02 an ordinance to place a 30 MPH speed limit sign at County Road 116, Western Avenue (CR 201) Evergreen Dr. (CR 203), and Old Mill Road. Council requested that the 30 MPH speed limit be placed on Old Mill Road with a 35 MPH speed limit being placed on both Evergreen Dr. (203) and Western Avenue (201) and County Road 116. On motion by Councilman Knudsen and seconded by Councilman Villegas, the Council voted unanimously to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 17-01-02, with noted changes.

12. **PRESENTATION** Eric Honeyfield, City Manager, updated the council with the news that the bond rating has remained at an A-2 rating after Moody's review.

13. **TRAFFIC VIOLATION CONTACTS** Clay McKinney, Chief of Police, presented the Council a report that is a required compilation of the 2016 traffic violation contacts conducted by police which is then categorized by ethnicity. On motion by Councilman Knudsen and seconded by Councilman Villegas, the Council voted unanimously to approve the state required report of 2016 traffic violation contacts conducted by police and categorized by ethnicity.

14. **TEXAS RETIRMENT AGREEMENT** Heather Ramirez, Director of Finance, presented the Council with a Texas Municipal Retirement System City Portal Use Agreement, which is a formality granting Mrs. Ramirez access to use the portal. On motion by Councilman Knudsen and seconded by Councilman Villegas, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Texas Municipal Retirement System City Portal Use Agreement.

15. **PERSONNEL RULE CHANGE** Heather Ramirez, Director of Finance, presented the Council with a hardcopy of the personnel handbook with proposed changes. Mrs. Ramirez stated there are multiple changes that are proposed such as short term accruals, increase in carryover hours and combined personal leave. The increase in carryover will go from 240 hours to 320 hours over ½ the hourly value PPL will be paid out \$2 for every \$1, payout used to be use it or lose it. On motion by Councilman Knudsen and seconded by Councilman Villegas, the Council voted unanimously to approve the proposed changes to the personnel handbook.

16. **ORDINANCE NO. 16-11-02 MAN CAMP/RV PARK/MOBILE HOME-** Eric Honeyfield, City Manager, presented the council with Ordinance No. 16-11-02, an ordinance lessening the restriction set in previous ordinances. On motion by Councilman Knudsen and seconded by Councilman Villegas, the Council voted unanimously to postpone the 2nd reading

of Ordinance 16-11-02.

17. **UPDATE** Eric Honeyfield, City Manager, updated the council with the information that the streetlights on the corners of 3rd and Cedar Streets will go up in March as a piggy back on signals being added to the intersections on the interstate so once that is complete they will move down to the stated street lights.

18. **UPDATE** Eric Honeyfield, City Manager, informed the Council that he has been in contact with Union Pacific in regards to the traffic being caused during staff exchange on the train tracks. The Union Pacific workers are stopping to exchange shifts and it is causing traffic on 285 and Alamo Streets. Mr. Honeyfield suggested having an exchange station moved down the train tracks to prevent blockage of high traffic streets. There is a law stating the train must not be stopped causing traffic for more than 10 minutes, it is also considered a safety hazard if emergency response teams cannot get through due to the exchange, which is a Class B Misdemeanor.

Item G. Discuss items for Next City Council Agenda

1. Bid Award
2. Ordinance 16-11-02

On Break: 8:18pm

Break Over: 8:30pm

Entered Executive Session: 8:30PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.074

1. Discuss/Consider Personnel-Annual Evaluation Municipal Court Judge-Council
2. Real Property- Blending Tank Site Possible Lease-Council

Exited Executive Session: 9:10pm

OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.074

1. Personnel-Annual Evaluation Municipal Court Judge-Council-
On motion by Councilman Knudsen with a second y Councilman Villegas, the council voted unanimously to approve the positive evaluation of the Municipal Court Judge as presented by the Finance Director, Heather Ramirez.
2. Real Property- Blending Tank Site Possible Lease-Council-*No action taken*

Item J. Adjourned at 9:11pm

Attest:

Syra Nichols, City Secretary

Venetta Seals, Mayor