

The Town Council of the Town of Pecos City met in Regular City Council Meeting in the City Council Chambers on February 23, 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
Arthur Orona	Councilman
Eric Honeyfield	City Manager
Heather Ramirez	Finance Director
Clay McKinney	Chief of Police
Jesus Gomez	MIT
Holly Jarocki	Code Enforcement

Item A. Mayor Venetta Seals called the February 23, 2017 meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Item B. Invocation by Councilman Knudsen

Item C. Pledge of Allegiance by Councilman Villegas

Item D. Public Comments

Mayor Venetta Seals made a speech on the work history of retired resident Joe Tollet, First Flight, his career started in 1986 and he retired in January 2017. Councilman Tellez went on to add that now that he is retired Mr. Tollett has no need for time and present Mr. Tollett with a broken watch and a fishing pole. Mr. Tollett went on to thank the Mayor and Council and expressed how much he has enjoyed and loves Pecos, TX his home.

Mayor Venetta Seals announced that the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet is scheduled to happen on Friday, February 24, 2017 at 6:00pm and invited the community to attend.

Item E. Consent Agenda

On motion by Councilman Knudsen and seconded by Councilman Villegas and with Councilman Villegas abstaining from the Accounts Payable Report for Napa on page 6 (\$1,544.56) and Page 15 (\$208.04), the Council voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; Accounts Payable Report; Overtime Report for PP04; Minutes for Regular City Council Meeting 02-09-17; ACO Report for January 2017; Municipal Court Report for January 2017.

Item F. Non-Consent Agenda

1. **UPDATE ON HEALTH INSPECTIONS** Holly Jarocki, Code Enforcement, presented council with a list of business that were inspected. All ten businesses scored a 96 or above grade.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING DILAPIDATED PROPERTIES** (Revisited)- Holly Jarocki, Code Enforcement, presented the Council with a list of condemned properties, which with approval will be torn down:

122 S. OAK ACRES:0.061, ALL LT 14 EXC S6 OF E32BLK 6 ORIG PECOS Renteria, Sandra
124 S. OAK ACRES:0.048, W83 LT 13 BLK 6 ORIGPECOS Roberson Kevin M & Renteria Sandra
NO ADDRESS ACRES:0.023, E32 LT 13 & S6 E32 LT 14BLK ORIGINALBLDG Garduno, Carol
614 W. 3RD ACRES:0.264, LTS 11,12 BLK 24 WPPECOS Rio Grande Distr., Inc. C/O Janet N.
711 W. 3RD ACRES:0.264, LTS 7-8 BLK 19 WPPECOS (WEST 50' LOT 7 AND LOT 8 BLK 19) Martinez, Luis ETUX Rosie
608 N. ASH ACRE:0.331, LTS 1 TO 4 & S/2 LT 5 BLK 89NP PECOS Cordova, Efren

On motion by Councilman Knudsen and seconded by Councilman Villegas, the Council voted unanimously to approve the list of condemnation properties considered fire/health and safety hazards, with the exception of 124 S. Oak. The Public Hearing was re-visited later in the meeting due to having been published in the newspaper at 6:00pm and having been held before the scheduled time. Resident Sandra Renteria stated she was very frustrated with the way the condemnation was handled and made claim that she had not been informed of her home being considered condemnable, she had been sent certified letters. Ms. Renteria went on to state that she would like an extension to get the property donated to someone who could restore the buildings on 122 S. Oak and 124 S. Oak for their historic value. On motion by Councilman Knudsen and seconded by Councilman Villegas, the Council voted unanimously to amend the previous motion and grant a 90 day extension to the property located on 122 S. Oak.

3. **REZONE** Syra Nichols, City Secretary, presented the Council with a request by Lane Wall, Signor Lodging, for a zone change from R-1 to R-2 for property located on Lot 8, Block 5, H & GN Rail Road Company Survey in the Town of Pecos City, Reeves County, Texas. Mrs. Nichols stated that the request was presented before the Planning Zoning Board and was approved with 4 ayes and 1 nay, which Board Member Kenneth Russell stated he was concerned that allowing the zone change would not allow all surrounding zones to run contiguous with one another. On motion by Councilman Knudsen and seconded by Councilman Moon, the Council voted unanimously to approve the request by Lane Wall, Signor Lodging, to rezone property located on Lot 8, Block 5, H & GN Rail Road Company Survey in the Town of Pecos City, Reeves County, Texas from R-1 to R-2.

4. **SPLASHPAD PRESENTATION** Amy Koch, Vortex Aquatic Structures, presented the Council with a project presentation and an idea of placing a splash pad at the Girl Scout Park. Mrs. Koch stated that the splash pad would cost \$840,000.00, but would be beneficial as it is low maintenance and does not require hired bodies to be stationed at the park continuously. On motion by Councilman Knudsen and seconded by Councilman Villegas, the Council voted unanimously to postpone for more information.

5. **BID AWARD** Eric Honeyfield, City Manager, presented the Council with a list of bids for a 16-Inch and 12-Inch Water Distribution Lines Project. The bids were presented as follows: 1) Tejas Partners Construction (1,149,432.50) 2) Nelson Lewis, Inc. (\$1,333,541.00) 3) Smithco Construction, Inc. (\$1,357,575.00) 4) Warren Enterprise, Inc. (\$1,432,351.00) 5) Entrench, Inc. (\$1,476,010.00) 6) J&H Services Inc. (\$1,694,958.00) 7) Scott Thane Ditching (\$1,706,600.00). On motion by Councilman Villegas and seconded by Councilman Orona, the Council voted unanimously to award the project to Tejas Partners Construction in the amount of \$1,149,439.50.

6. **FUNDING REQUEST** Doug Miller, Rodeo Hall of Fame Committee, Inc., presented the Council with a request by the Rodeo Hall of Fame for funding in the amount of \$170,000.00. The committee had already presented in front of the HOT (Hotel Occupancy Tax Committee) and stated they are needing the funding to start phase one of the project. The Rodeo Hall of Fame Committee is wanting to refurbish the back part of the old train depot and cover it to a Rodeo Hall of Fame Museum. On motion by Councilman Orona and seconded by Councilman Tellez, the Council voted unanimously to grant the Rodeo Hall of Fame the amount \$170,000.00 for phase one of construction on the Rodeo Hall of Fame Museum.

7. **EXTENSION REQUEST** Jim Gissler, St. Ives Corporation, requested that the Council grant a third extension for a request of \$450,000 for contributions in aid of development on a site pad containing, but not limited to, hotels, retail and a bank site. The extension would be due to that a lift station would not be able to be properly installed by the April deadline previously set for the project. On motion by Councilman Knudsen and seconded by Councilman Villegas, the council voted unanimously to approve extending the project deadline to April 16, excluding the lift station with a deadline of May 6.

8. **PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION** Heather Ramirez, Director of Finance, presented the Council with a pay plan revision. The revisions include that pay grades for key employees be increased in order to be proactive in keeping employees once the oil boom hits and encourage employees to become more vested in their positions. On motion by Councilman Orona and seconded by Councilman Knudsen, the Council voted unanimously to approve the pay plan revisions.

9. **ORDINANCE 17-02-02 LITTERING ORDINANCE** Eric Honeyfield, City Manager, presented the Council with Ordinance 17-02-02, an ordinance implementing a \$500.00 fine to littering offenses. On motion by Councilman Moon and seconded by Councilman Orona, the

Council voted unanimously to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 17-02-02.

10. **ORDINANCE NO. 17-02-01 SOLID WASTE** Eric Honeyfield, City Manager, presented the Council with Ordinance 17-02-01, an ordinance requesting a rate increase on solid waste rates. On motion by Councilman Knudsen and seconded by Councilman Tellez, the Council voted unanimously to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 17-02-01.

11. **WATER TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT** Jesus Gomez, MIS, requested that the item be postponed for more information. On motion by Councilman Villegas and seconded by Councilman Knudsen, the Council voted unanimously to postpone the item for further information.

12. **STREETLIGHT UPDATES** Eric Honeyfield, City Manager, informed the Council that TXDot is currently working on installing traffic lights at the interstate bridge cross section and plan on moving down to the corner of 3rd and Cedar within a month and have a completion date of April 2017.

13. **COMPANY TRUCK PARKING UPDAT** Eric Honeyfield, City Manager, informed the Council that letters will be sent out by the City Secretary to companies as a friendly reminder that commercial vehicles are not allowed to be parked in residential streets.

Item G. Discuss items for Next City Council Agenda

1. Splash pad Project
2. Ordinance No. 17-02-02, 2nd Reading
3. Ordinance No. 17-02-01, 2nd Reading
4. Water Lease Agreement
5. Pecos Bill Project
6. Update Gateway Signs
7. Information on Recycling Center

Item J. Adjourned at 8:09pm

Attest:

Syra Nichols, City Secretary

Venetta Seals, Mayor