

The Town Council of the Town of Pecos City met in Regular City Council Meeting in the City Council Chambers on May 11, 2017 at 5:30P.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 May 11, 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

Eric Honeyfield, City Manager, introduced Seth Sorensen as the new Assistant City Manager. Mr. Honeyfield read out loud a letter of congratulations to the Council and Mayor on Mr. Sorensen accepting of Asst. City Manager job offer.

Ron Garcia, Pecos Resident, invited the Mayor, Council and Pecos residents to join the Reeves County Veterans on Armed Forces Day

Lupe Davis shared that Kids Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 20, 2017 and invited everyone to join there will be games, fun and excitement. Mrs. Davis also stated there would be a fallen officers memorial held on Monday, May 22, 2017 at the Pecos High School Rotary (football) Field.

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; Accounts Payable Report; Overtime Report for PP10; Monthly Juvenile Report for April 2017; Monthly Municipal Court report for April 2017; Monthly ACO Report for April 2017; Minutes of regular City Council Meeting on 04-27-2017.

Item F. Non-Consent Agenda

1. **OATH TO OFFICES** Syra Nichols, City Secretary, preformed the Oath to Office to three new City Council Members Veronica Baca (Seat 2), Gerald Tellez (Seat 3) and Oscar Ornelas (Seat 4).
2. **MAYOR PRO TEM** On motion by Councilman Orona and seconded by Councilman Moon, the Council voted unanimously to appoint Gerald Tellez as Mayor Pro Tem.
3. **CITY STAFF DUTIES** Rod Ponton, City Attorney, briefed the Council on things that are allowed to be discussed and executed by Council. Mr. Ponton also went on to state that ethically Council member should not motion or discuss items on agenda that will affect themselves personally. Ms. Nichols, City Secretary, went on to state in order to be well versed the newly elected officials have the opportunity to attend a “Newly Elected Official” Training in July or August.
4. **SHIPPING CONTAINERS** Eric Honeyfield, City Manager, presented the Council with the idea of allowing shipping containers for building such as housing, apartments and retail. The idea had been discouraged in the past but the Mayor stated there could be a possibility depending on the area and if it the containers would be fitting to it.
5. **UPDATE** Nicholas Ybarra, Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, updated the Council on the new Pecos transfer station registration and permit amendments. Mr. Ybarra state the required affidavits have been sent to TCEQ, and signs will be posted along the landfill entrance on May 12, 2017.
6. **UPDATE ON PARKS** Lee Petty, Turf Specialties, presented the council with the parks master plan progress. Mr. Petty stated that he is 95% complete with the master plan and has only received 1% of Pecos residents feedback on the parks plan survey that is available on the city website. The biggest concern Mr. Petty has seen is the need of lighting and more picnic tables along with a want for diverse amenities such as lighted walking trails, bike trails, dog park, etc. and hopes that his plan will be enjoyed by the community as a whole.
7. **RESOLUTION 17-05-01R** Eric Honeyfield, City Manager, stated that due to the Parks Master Plan only being 95% complete there should be no action taken on the item. No action taken.

8. **PEDC FUNDING ASSISTANCE** Kenneth Winkles, PEDC Director, informed the Council that himself and Councilman Orona had spoken with Raul Rodriguez the County Road and Bridge director and they concluded that it would be cheaper to do streets in-house considering that both the County and City combined harbor the tools, man power and engineers required to maintain and re-invest on Canon Street. It was requested that a joint meeting be scheduled in the near future with the Council's County counterparts. On motion by Councilman Orona and seconded by Councilman Moon, the Council voted unanimously to post pone the item for further information and meeting date.

9. **WATER TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT** Jesus Gomez, MIS, presented the Council with highlights of drafted water tower lease agreements with Delcom, Verizon and Rural Texas Broadband. The total benefit of allowing the three companies to mount antennas off the cities water tower will total \$6002.40 in exchange for services for use of the tower. Mr. Honeyfield stated that allowing all three companies to utilize the tower will create competition for better wireless service not only benefiting the city staff but the city as a whole. On motion by Councilman Moon and seconded by Councilman Orona, the Council voted unanimously to allow the City Manager to execute Lease Agreement contracts with Delcom, Verizon and Rural Texas Broadband.

10. **UPDATE COLGATE DRILLING PLANS** – Item was moved up and presented before item 4, the presenters had a meeting scheduled and had to step out early – Casey McCain, Vice President of Operations, presented the council with a layout of truck routes created by Colgate in order to avoid interfering with residential traffic on residential streets. The road traffic will be directed outside of city limits onto private roads County Road 403 and 402 will turn on to the South of F St. for minimal city street use. Mr. Will Hickey, Co-CEO also stated Colgate's first priority is safety. Mr. McCain went on to state that Colgate would also like to continue to be involved with the community and would like to ensure his staff will not cause problems while working in Pecos.

11. **ORDINANCE 17-04-04 PEDDLERS** Eric Honeyfield, City Manager, presented the Council with Ordinance 17-04-04, an ordinance amending chapter 48 of the code of ordinances. Mr. Honeyfield pointed out changes made at direction of the Council, taking out outdated vendors such as magazine sales men. Mr. Honeyfield also asked if the Council would like to limit how many food vendors can be allowed in the city, that is not uncommon to do it is to help decrease the competition against brick and mortar businesses in town. Mayor Seals asked if there is any way to know how much sales tax is paid to the comptroller's officer, Syndi Fuentez, Permits Director, stated possibly if Mr. Honeyfield requested a report, which is semi-confidential and cannot be requested by the permits department. On motion by Councilman Moon and seconded by Councilman Tellez, the Council voted unanimously to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 17-04-04.

12. **LOVE'S TRAVEL STOP EXIT** Arthur Orona, Councilman, stated that since the traffic lights have been posted along the highway 285 bridge which can cause wrecks with the traffic accumulating of vehicles trying to exit on to east interstate 20. Mr. Honeyfield stated this was a topic that has been up numerous time and it is best if TXDot is approached with the possibility of creating a merging lane from the north side of the Love's Truck stop onto eastbound I-20. No action taken.

13. **ORDINANCE 17-04-02 ANIMAL CONTROL** Clay McKinney, Chief of Police, presented the Council with Ordinance 17-04-02, an ordinance repealing and replacing chapter 10 of the city code of ordinances. Chief McKinney stated that the language taken out of the ordinance as requested concerning fowls and sections added such as non-commercial breeders and commercial breeders. Councilman Orona stated that the newly elected Council members should be given the opportunity to read through the ordinance so that they become familiar with it. On motion by Councilman Orona and seconded by Councilman Moon, the Council voted unanimously to postpone the 2nd reading of Ordinance 17-04-02, for review.

14. **ORDINANCE 17-05-02 RAILROAD CROSSINGS** Rod Ponton, City Attorney, presented the Council with the first reading of Ordinance 17-05-02, an ordinance regulating the obstruction of traffic at railroad crossings. Mr. Honeyfield stated in the newly adopted code of ordinance it was left out of codification to limit the obstruction of traffic at railroad crossings, which is a hot subject in Pecos due to constant traffic jams at railroad crossings. Mr. Ponton stated he has the ordinance stating the limit to parking a train blocking a railroad crossing is 15 minutes and the Council is free to lower or raise the time limit. On motion by Councilman Moon and seconded by Councilman Orona, the Council voted unanimously to approve the first reading of Ordinance 17-05-02, with the amendment that the time limit for a train blocking railroad crossing in the city limits be set to five minutes.

15. **RECREATIONAL FIELD DUTIES** Eric Honeyfield, City Manager, informed the Council that due to changes and to alleviate confusion the maintenance and field booking will be taken care of by Adam Rodriguez. Mr. Honeyfield stated that a problem that exist is last minute tournament booking, staff needs to be made aware of the event day in advance so that the fields can be prepared. There is also a need for rules and regulation in order to organize the utilization of the fields for the citizens. No action taken.

16. **PLAT** Syndi Fuentes, Permit Director, presented the Council with a survey of a P4BEDC survey plat of lots 1 and 2, of a subdivision of 2.16 acres of land out of abstract no. 427, block 5, H&GN Railroad Company. Mr. Winkles, PEDC Director, stated that the land will be used for food franchise use and the land was broken up into two lots to allow for the sale of the land to two different food franchises. On motion by Councilman Orona or seconded by Councilman Moon, the Council voted unanimously to approve the P4BEDC survey plat as presented.

17. **ORDINANCE 17-05-01 JUMPING BALLOON ORDINANCE** Eric Honeyfield, City

Manager, presented Council with Ordinance 17-05-01, an ordinance amending ordinance 16-05 01. Mr. Honeyfield stated the amendments were not to hurt the owner of jumping balloon rental Company businesses in town but to protect the new \$350,000.00 sprinkler system that was recently installed at Maxey Park. If the jumping balloons are allowed in the park that is allowing the inevitable of sprinklers constantly getting damaged by the stakes and mechanisms used to set up a jumping balloon. Mr. Honeyfield went on to state that the jumping balloons will be allowed in the park but the jumping balloon businesses and citizens will be provided a map of the designated area for the jumping balloon, which will be were the old zoo was located. On motion by Councilman Orona and seconded by Councilman Moon, the Council voted unanimously to approve the first reading of Ordinance 17-05-01 as presented.

Item G. Discuss items for Next City Council Agenda

1. Resolution 17-05-01R
2. PEDC Funding Assistance
3. Ordinance 17-04-04 Peddlers
4. Ordinance 17-04-02 Animal Control
5. Ordinance 17-05-02 Railroad Crossing
6. Ordinance 17-05-01 Jumping Balloons

Item J. Adjourned at 8:40pm

Attest:

Syra Nichols, City Secretary

Venetta Seals, Mayor