

**City of Lockney Council**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**October 22, 2024**  
**7:00am**

**I. CALL TO ORDER, QUORUM CHECK**

Mayor, Steve Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00am.

Present: Councilmember Dart Carthel, Mayor Steve Wright, Councilmember Edward Marks, Councilmember Donnie McLaughlin, City Manager, Buster Poling and City Secretary, KayCee Thiebaud, Code Enforcement and Animal Control Officer, Andrea Sandoval and Public Works Director Raymond Kern and citizen Carl Hartman.

Absent: Councilmember Rosio Reyes

**II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Councilmember Ed Marks led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Carl Hartman addressed the Council regarding the funds he paid to the LEDC for the rental of the building owned by the Lockney Economic Development Corporation located at 210 N. Main Street.

**IV. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM:**

Regular Council Meeting, September 10, 2024

Called Council Meeting, September 30, 2024

Ed Marks made a motion to accept the minutes as presented from the regular council meeting held on September 10, 2024, and the called meeting on September 30, 2024. Dart Carthel seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON VARIOUS REPORTS**

- a. Financial Reports and Payment of Bills/Total Cash Balance: Ended the year with \$214,000 in the black
- b. Fire Department- sold a firetruck no longer using to newly formed VFD at Mackenzie.
- c. Public Works Department- TCEQ Lead and Copper testing complete and reported to State.
- d. Mayor's Report
- e. City Manager/City Secretary Report.
- f. EDC Report

Donnie McLaughlin made a motion to accept the consent agenda items. Ed Marks seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried Unanimously

**VI. THE LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL WILL DISCUSS AND DELIBERATE AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH PLAINS ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SPAG) FOR THE PURPOSE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION GRANT. ACTION MAY BE TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL**

City Manager, Buster Poling, explained his vision of a downtown pavilion and park area to the council. Dart Carthel made a motion to enter into an interlocal agreement with SPAG to make application for the Downtown Revitalization Grant. Donnie McLaughlin seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

**VII. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LOCKNEY, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND. THE CITY COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION.**

Dart Carthel made a motion to move forward and submit application for the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program for the Community Development Fund to the Texas Department of Agriculture. Donnie McLaughlin seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

**VIII. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF LOCKNEY TEXAS AUTHORIZING SIGNATORY AUTHORITY BY CITY REPRESENTATIVES IN MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM. THE CITY COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION.**

Donnie McLaughlin made a motion to authorize City Manager, Buster Poling and Mayor, Steve Wright as signatory authority for documents pertaining to the Texas Community Development Block Program. Dart Carthel seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

**IX. THE LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL SHALL DISCUSS AND DELIBERATE A YEAR-END BONUS FOR THE CITY OF LOCKNEY STAFF TO BE PAID AT THE STAFF HOLIDAY GATHERING (TENATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR 11-26-2024). THE CITY COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE A ONE-TIME YEAR-END BONUS FOR CITY STAFF.**

Donnie McLaughlin made a motion to approve a year end bonus for all City Employees to be paid on November 26, 2024. Ed Marks seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

**X. THE LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL WILL REVIEW THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCES FOR ADDITIONAL DETAIL AND CLARIFICATIONS. THE COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION TO MODIFY AND UPDATE CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL.**

The Lockney City Council previously reviewed Animal Control ordinances from a neighboring city. After discussion, the council determined that the ordinances presented were in line with what the City of Lockney is trying to accomplish. Ed Marks made a motion to modify and update Chapter 2 of the City of Lockney Code of Ordinances relating to Animal Control. Dart Carthel seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

**XI. THE LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL SHALL DISCUSS AND DELIBERATE EXPIRED AND VACANT SEATS OF THE LOCKNEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT FOR THOSE SEATS. THE COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION.**

Lockney Economic Development seats of Brent Barker, Karen Wilson and Cheryl Edwards were up for renewal as of October 1, 2024. Brent Barker and Cheryl Edwards did express interest in serving another term. Karen Wilson did not want to renew her seat. Donnie McLaughlin made a motion to reappoint Cheryl Edwards and Brent Barker for another 2-year term on the LEDC from October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2026. Ed Marks seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

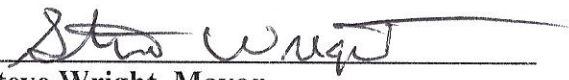
**XII. THE LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL SHALL DISCUSS AND DELIBERATE THE UPCOMING FARM LEASES TO BE RENEWED AND ANY ADJUSTMENTS THAT NEED TO BE MADE IN THE RENEWAL LEASES. THE CITY COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION.**

Dart Carthel made a motion to renew Agriculture agreements for Farm leases for 2025 to Heath Rexrode and Jimmy Kemp. Donnie McLaughlin seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

**XIII. ADJOURN**

Mayor Steve Wright adjourned the meeting at 7:52 am.

**Passed and approved the 19<sup>th</sup> of day of November 2024.**

  
Steve Wright, Mayor

Attest:

  
KayCee Thiebaud, City Secretary