

THE LEVELLAND CITY COUNCIL MET IN A REGULAR MEETING ON MONDAY, THE 21ST DAY OF MARCH 2022, AT LEVELLAND CITY HALL, R. O. DENNIS COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1709 AVENUE H, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barbra Pinner	Honorable Mayor	Present
Jim Myatt	Council Member	Present
Mary Engledow	Council Member	Present
Breann Buxkemper	Mayor Pro Tem	Present
Michael Stueart	Council Member	Present
Matt Wade	City Attorney	Present
José Cavazos	Interim City Manager	Present
Andréa Corley	City Secretary	Present

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

The Pledge was led by Mayor Barbra Pinner and the Invocation was given by Council Member Mary Engledow

Statements by Citizens:

There were two statements by citizens: 1) Not spending City money wisely 2) Streetlights on Hickory Street

FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Consider and take necessary action to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2022 regular meeting

Motion by Breann Buxkemper

Seconded by Michael Stueart

To approve the minutes of the March 7, 2022 regular meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

SECOND ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Consider and take necessary action regarding Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Audit.

David Copeland, a representative from auditing firm, Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss, L.L.P., made a presentation regarding the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 audit. They reported a clean unqualified audit.

Motion by Breann Buxkemper
Seconded by Michael Stueart
To approve Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Audit as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

THIRD ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Consider and take necessary action to appoint a Civil Rights Officer for the City of Levelland Community Development Block Grant Award No. 7220261

According to the Texas Department of Agriculture, we are needing to update the appointment of the Civil Rights Officer and update the reaffirming of certain policies that the City already has in place for the 8th Street waterline project.

The first step in meeting the grant administration requirements is for Council to designate the City Secretary as the Civil Rights Officer associated with the project. The designation form following this memo explains what the Civil Rights Officer's requirements are.

The second step in meeting the grant administration requirements is to consider Resolution 2022-14 to reaffirm certain policies which the City already has in place and to designate certain local officials to fulfill administrative duties associated with the grant. For this project, since we are contracting with the South Plains Association of Governments for administration of the grant, we are proposing to designate the Program Specialist that will be handling our grant to fulfill some of the required responsibilities. Those responsibilities are listed within Resolution 2022-14 following this memo.

Motion by Michael Stueart
Seconded by Breann Buxkemper
To appoint City Secretary as the Civil Rights Officer for the City of Levelland Community Development Block Grant Award No. 7220261.
Motion carried unanimously.

FOURTH ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Consider and take necessary action on Resolution No. 2022-14 adopting and reaffirming polices associated with the City of Levelland Community Development Block Grant Award No. 7220261

This agenda item was discussed in the memo for Agenda Item #3.

Motion by Breann Buxkemper
Seconded by Michael Stueart

To approve Resolution No. 2022-14 adopting and reaffirming polices associated with the City of Levelland Community Development Block Grant Award No. 7220261.
Motion carried unanimously.

FIFTH ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Convene into executive session in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code §551.087 to discuss or deliberate regarding an offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect that the City seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the City of Levelland

Mayor Pinner declared Council to be in Executive Session at 6:22p.m. She returned Council to regular session at 7:21p.m.

SIXTH ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Consider and take necessary action on Resolution 2022-15 agreeing to sell treated effluent water to Conestoga Energy Holdings, LLC and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate mutually agreeable contractual terms for City Council consideration.

Conestoga Energy Holdings, LLC, is considering moving forward with getting the ethanol plant back into production and to do this, the ethanol plant must have a water supply. When the ethanol plant operated previously, its water came from the City of Levelland wastewater treatment plant's effluent water. Resolution 2022-15 authorizes Conestoga Energy Holdings, LLC to utilize the City of Levelland effluent water for reuse purposes contingent on negotiated agreements that will later be brought to City Council for consideration.

Motion by Breann Buxkemper

Seconded by Mary Engledow

To approve Resolution 2022-15 agreeing to sell treated effluent water to Conestoga Energy Holdings, LLC and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate mutually agreeable contractual terms for City Council consideration

Unhappy with the wording, City Attorney Matt Wade asked Mayor Pro Tem Buxkemper to strike her motion and rephrase to include the words "negotiate to sell".

Buxkemper struck her motion. Engledow withdrew her second.

Motion by Breann Buxkemper

Seconded by Mary Engledow

To approve Resolution 2022-15 agreeing to negotiate to sell treated effluent water to Conestoga Energy Holdings, LLC and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate mutually agreeable contractual terms for City Council consideration
Motion passed unanimously.

SEVENTH ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Convene into executive session in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code §551.074 to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: City Manager.

Mayor Pinner declared Council to be in Executive Session at 7:24p.m. She returned Council to regular session at 8:22p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andréa Corley, TRMC
City Secretary

Barbra Pinner, Mayor