

THE LEVELLAND CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, THE 4TH OF MARCH 2019 AT LEVELLAND CITY HALL, R. O. DENNIS COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1709 AVENUE H, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barbra Pinner	Honorable Mayor	Present
Jim Myatt	Councilmember	Present
Max Ledesma	Mayor Pro-Tem	Present
Breann Buxkemper	Councilmember	Present
Joe Bill Vardeman	Councilmember	Present
Matt Wade	City Attorney	Present
Erik Rejino	City Manager	Present
Beth A. Walls	City Secretary	Present

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation was given by Mayor Pinner and Albert Garcia.

Statements by Citizens: None

FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Consider and take necessary action to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2019 meeting.

Motion by Max Ledesma

Seconded by Joe Bill Vardeman

To approve minutes of the February 18, 2019 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

SECOND ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Consider and take necessary action on Resolution 2019-10 declaring unopposed candidates elected to office and cancelling the 2019 General City Officer's Election.

Texas Election Code 2.053 allows a municipality to cancel the general election if there are unopposed races.

For the 2019 General Election, we have two seats up for election; District B and District D. Each of these districts has only one unopposed candidate. Maximo Ledesma is the lone candidate in District B and Joe Bill Vardeman is the lone candidate in District D. As a result, we are able to cancel the election and declare them the winner in each district. And although we are declaring them the winner at the March 4th meeting, they will not be sworn into their office until the first meeting after the general election in May.

Since we called the Election by resolution, we must cancel it by resolution. In addition, the Secretary of State requires the City Secretary certify the unopposed status of the candidates and an Order of Cancellation must be signed by the Mayor and City Secretary and placed at the polling place during the General Election period. All of those documents (Resolution 2019-10, Certification of Unopposed Candidates and Order of Cancellation (2)) are included in your packet.

It's important to note that Council also called a Special Election for the purpose of reauthorizing the Street Maintenance Sales Tax. Cancelling the General Election in no way affects the Special Election.

Motion by Breann Buxkemper

Seconded by Jim Myatt

To approve Resolution 2019-19 declaring unopposed candidates elected to office and cancelling the 2019 General City Officer's Election.

Motion carried unanimously.

THIRD ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Consider and take necessary action on Ordinance # 1041 approving an ordinance adding Article 10.2900 entitled parking adjacent to the high school, prohibiting the parking of motor vehicles on public streets and rights of ways on certain days and at certain times on a first reading.

At the first meeting in February the City Council voted to table the high school parking issue until the first meeting in March to allow the Police Department to provide a higher level of

enforcement of current laws such as blocking a mailbox, parking the wrong way, and parking too far from the curb. The Police Department has been keeping a close eye on these issues in the Holly Heights subdivision south of the high school over the past several weeks. After visiting with Chief Garcia we have been able to find minimal violations over the past few weeks.

City Attorney Matt Wade has drafted an ordinance that would restrict parking on city streets in the Holly Heights Addition during school hours. After a discussion by Council, it was decided that the ordinance be amended with some specific language and brought back to Council for approval at a later date.

No Council Action Required.

FOURTH ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Consider and take necessary action on an interlocal agreement between the City of Levelland and the Alliance for Community Solutions.

Over the past several months staff has been discussing the need to upgrade security related infrastructure at various City facilities, including City Hall and the Public Works Office. While City Hall currently has a security camera system and several panic buttons throughout the building, the current system is dated and can be improved. In addition, we have other more remote locations that do not house personnel but house critical city infrastructure that we would like to address as well.

Prior to being able to recommend any specific projects to Council for future budgets, we would first like to have a better understanding of the security related items we have at the more critical City facilities. Once we have a better understanding of what we have we can develop a plan as to what upgrades or additions may be needed. There are some newer facilities such as the Levelland Fire Station/Comm Center, Levelland Landfill, and Levelland-Oxy Sports Complex where we have new equipment that does not need to be replaced and others like City Hall that need to be upgraded.

In order to start the process we have been in communication with the Alliance for Community Solutions (ACS), a nonprofit organization primarily working with governmental type entities to provide security related items such as security cameras, panic buttons, key card access systems, smoke sensors, fire alarms, and other items. At this time we are not proposing a specific project, but an audit of what we have. We have identified over 20 city facilities that we would like to assess to determine what we have as far as security related items go and what changes or additions should be made in the future.

The price we have worked out with ACS for the audit is \$5,000 and there are sufficient funds in the current budget to move forward with the audit. The audit will allow us to plan future projects accordingly. This interlocal agreement does not commit the City to using ACS in the future for the projects but would make that option available if we chose to go that route once we know what projects we might want to undertake. From a security standpoint this audit is critical to ensuring our facilities are properly covered.

Motion by Breann Buxkemper

Seconded by Joe Bill Vardeman

To approve an interlocal agreement between the City of Levelland and the Alliance for Community Solutions.

Motion carried unanimously.

FIFTH ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Convene into executive session pursuant to Texas Gov't Code 551.071 to seek advice from legal counsel about pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers or as required under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State of Texas when in conflict with Tex. Gov't Code Chapter 551 (Speedcrete Inc.)

Mayor Pinner announced that Council would go into executive session at 8:00 p.m. She returned Council to open session at 8:16 p.m.

SIXTH ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Consider and take necessary action on a construction contract or other related agreements regarding concrete construction and repairs related to the City of Levelland Downtown Revitalization Project; TxCDBG no. 7216332.

This agenda item was not acted on or considered at this meeting.

SEVENTH ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Hold a work session regarding the establishment and administration of economic development programs pursuant to Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Over the past few months we have been working on developing a Chapter 380 Economic Development program to compliment the City's other economic development programs. Chapter 380 is a section of the Local Government Code that authorizes municipalities to offer a range of incentives designed to promote state or local economic development. Many cities utilize this tool to offer incentives such as sales tax rebates, property tax abatements and grants to businesses to encourage economic development.

No Council Action Required

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth A Walls, TRMC, IPMA-SCP, City Secretary