

THE LEVELLAND CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, THE 5<sup>th</sup> OF APRIL 2021, 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
Max Ledesma	Mayor Pro-Tem	Absent
Breann Buxkemper	Council Member	Present
Joe Bill Vardeman	Council Member	Absent
Matt Wade	City Attorney	Present
Erik Rejino	City Manager	Present
Andréa Corley	City Secretary	Present

The Pledge was led by Mayor Barbra Pinner and the Invocation was given by Council Member Breann Buxkemper

*Statements by Citizens:*

There were no statements by citizens

**FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS:**

*Consider and take necessary action to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2021 regular meeting.*

Motion by Breann Buxkemper

Seconded by Jim Myatt

To approve the minutes of the March 22, 2021 regular meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

**SECOND ITEM OF BUSINESS:**

*Consider and take necessary action on procedures, processes, timelines, and priorities regarding lifting restrictions and regulations implemented during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.*

At the last meeting Council extended the current reopening order which lines the City of Levelland up with Governor Abbott's recently adopted order, GA-34. As a reminder, the new order rescinded GA-29, which is known as the face covering mandate and now leaves that decision up to each individual business and organization. Secondly, it also removed the outdoor gathering restriction that has been in place. Prior to the new order, all outdoor events larger than 10 people were prohibited unless approved by the Mayor. That restriction was

also lifted with the adoption of GA-34. Lastly, it also allows all businesses to be open at 100 percent capacity at their discretion.

While our current order is in place until the second meeting in April we will take this opportunity to provide Council with an update on local, regional, and state-wide COVID-19 statistics as well as provide an update on vaccine allocations.

Below is a summary of the regional hospital capacity and COVID-19 cases in the County. Also, following this memo you will find a further summary of COVID-19 numbers.

<b>COVID-19 Case Summary</b>	
<b>03/30/2021</b>	
Total	2135
Probable	283
Recovered	2292
Deaths	100
Active	26

<b>Date:</b>	<b>COVID-19 Hospitalizations</b>
03/23/2021	2.13%
03/24/2021	2.30%
03/25/2021	2.17%
03/26/2021	2.50%
03/27/2021	2.12%
03/28/2021	2.13%
03/29/2021	2.52%

No Action Taken.

**THIRD ITEM OF BUSINESS:**

*Consider and take necessary action regarding an Encroachment License and Agreement for 210 10th Street requested by Freddy, Teddy, and Woodrow Weaver.*

We recently received a request from the property owners at 210 10<sup>th</sup> Street for an encroachment license and agreement. The property includes a cinderblock fence that encroaches onto the City right of way. While the cinderblock fence encroaches onto the City right of way, the fence is approximately 16 feet from the street and is not near any other city utilities therefore does not interfere with any city services at this time. The fence has been in the current place for years without incident and we currently do not foresee any issues in the future.

The property owners are wishing to sell the property and the encroachment is an impediment to getting a clear title to the property which is restricting the prospective buyers from purchasing the property. Requiring the removal of the fence now would be an expense to the property owners and could increase the sale price of the property, possibly delaying any sale. While we want to reserve the right to use the right of way in the future, staff does not see any issues with the City approving an Encroachment License and Agreement to allow the fence to remain which will allow the sale of the property to move forward as it sits today.

Motion by Breann Buxkemper

Seconded by Jim Myatt

To approve an Encroachment License and Agreement for 210 10th Street requested by Freddy, Teddy, and Woodrow Weaver.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **FOURTH ITEM OF BUSINESS:**

*Consider and take necessary action on an interlocal agreement with Hockley County regarding street improvements to South Alamo Road.*

At the last meeting, Council authorized staff to move forward with an interlocal agreement with Hockley County to make improvements to South Alamo Road beginning at Alamo Road and going to Mouzon Lane. As we discussed, we were recently informed that the County will be making improvements to South Alamo Road, beginning at Mouzon Lane going south. While the City of Levelland improved and widened Alamo Road in the mid 2000s, the improvements stopped at Alamo Road. There is a stretch of approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile between Alamo Road and Mouzon Lane that is inside the City limits. This particular stretch of road has deteriorated with heavy oilfield traffic which is one reason the County is improving the portion of Alamo Road outside the City. In addition, this is the road that leads to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Lastly, while the designated route to the landfill is on S. 385, much of the landfill traffic utilizes Alamo Road causing a further deterioration of the road.

The County has offered to perform the improvements to Alamo Road for the stretch inside the City limits since they will already be mobilized in the area making improvements to Alamo Road outside the City limits. The County has offered to perform the project so long as we pay for the materials which will cost \$55,430. This work will include grinding up the existing surface, adding nine (9) inches of caliche compacted to six (6) inches, spraying prime oil, spraying two coats of CRS 2 asphalt, and applying two seal coats while widening the road so it is wide enough to handle two vehicles. In visiting with our engineers, to design and bid the project out ourselves would cost the City approximately \$75,000 plus engineering based on recent construction prices. By partnering with the County the City will save over \$20,000 on the project.

Also, as a reminder, in January of this year Council authorized staff to proceed with participating in the annual group seal coat. We are estimating the seal coat to cost approximately \$299,342. In this particular line item in the Street Department budget we have \$400,000 for the current fiscal year. In addition to the seal coat, this line item is used for general street repairs such as purchasing materials for pothole repair. In reviewing the budget, we feel there are sufficient funds in the Street Department budget to move forward with allowing the County to perform the improvements to Alamo Road.

Motion by Breann Buxkemper

Seconded by Jim Myatt

To approve an interlocal agreement with Hockley County regarding street improvements to South Alamo Road

Motion carried unanimously.

**FIFTH ITEM OF BUSINESS:**

*Convene into executive session in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code §551.071 to seek the advice about pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers or on matters in which duty of the attorney under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas conflicts with Tex. Gov't Code Ch. 551 (Speedcrete Inc.).*

Mayor Pinner declared Council to be in Executive Session at 6:14p.m. She returned Council to regular session at 6:24p.m.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Andréa Corley, City Secretary