



STATE OF TEXAS §

September 19, 2017

COUNTY OF FANNIN §

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Leonard, Fannin County, Texas was begun and held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on September 19, 2017.

Members Present: Steven Bolin - Mayor
David Norman – Place 1
Jane Blackerby – Place 2

Bob Pannkuk – Place 3
Leonard Phillips – Pro Tem
Dion Pontius – Place 5

Staff Present: Jim Cox - City Administrator
Pam Winkler - Utility Clerk

Beth Woodson - Secretary
Brian Meserole – Chief of Police

**Public Hearing
Proposed Time Warrant for Construction of a Community Center**

The City Council voted at its regular Council meeting on the 12th day of September 2017 to have a Public Hearing to allow for better education, communication and to obtain input from the citizens of the City of Leonard on the consideration by City Council to approve a Warrant Loan from the First United Bank in the amount of \$649,000.00 of which \$400,000.00 will be for the construction of a new Community Center at 112 S. Main Street.

Public Hearing convened at 5:31 PM.

- a. Citizens Comments
J. Barker @ 1008 Griffith opposed to raise on taxes, streets need attention.
Glenn Morris @ 406 E. Fannin opposed stated \$400K may not be enough after hurricanes.
Chris Shriver @ 518 S. Sulphur St. opposed because streets need repair.
Glenn Griffith @ 1107 Griffith St. opposed to borrowing money and raising taxes. Do not need Community Center, other facilities in town such as churches and Five River RV Park.
Betty Barker @ 1008 Griffith recommended that council look at other things they could do for community, especially for children and families with children.

- b. Council Comments
Steve Bolin, Mayor, commented council has provided homestead and disability exemptions and a very good job of lowering the city debt. The city is not trying to make money on the Community Center but to draw outside people into our city. The city is in competition with other cities in the area and needs to move forward in service to its citizens.
Jane Blackerby stated that council is interested in moving Leonard forward. A certain amount of debt service is necessary to protect city against lower rollback rates.
- c. Close Public Hearing
Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 6:10 PM.

AGENDA SPECIAL SESSION

1. Invocation
The invocation was led by Bob Pannkuk.
2. Pledge to the United State and Texas Flag
Mayor Bolin led the council in the pledge to the United States and Texas Flag.
3. Call to Order
Mayor Bolin called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. with a quorum of five councilmembers.
4. Proof of Posting of Notice of Meeting – City Secretary
Mayor Bolin noted the proof of posting of meeting by City Secretary.
5. Verification of Quorum
Mayor Bolin noted the quorum of five councilmembers.
6. Consider and act to approve posting notice for Warrant Loan from First United Bank in amount of \$649,000.00.
Bob Pannkuk made the motion for no action, Dion Pontius second. Motion carried, 5-0.
7. Consider and amend Ordinance 091217 Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.
Jane Blackerby made the motion to approve amended Ordinance 091217 Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. Bob Pannkuk seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.
8. Consider and approve Ordinance 091217A ratify property tax revenue increase for 2017.
David Norman made the motion to approve Ordinance 091217A ratify property tax revenue increase for 2017. Dion Ponius seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.
9. Consider and approve Ordinance 091217B levying a tax rate for the tax rate year of 2017.
Bob Pannkuk made the motion to approve Ordinance 091217B levying a tax rate for the tax rate year of 2017 at .763. Dion Pontius seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.
10. EXECUTIVE SESSION – The Council may convene into Executive Session for:
Deliberation Personnel Matters (Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 – deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee
 - a.) City Administrator Candidates
 - b.) City Secretary**Dion Ponius made the motion to convene into Executive Session at 6:25 PM. Bob Pannkuk seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.**
Bob Pannkuk made the motion to re-convene into open session at 7:40 PM. Leonard

Phillips seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.

11. Consider and act upon items listed under Item #10 Executive Session as necessary:

a.) City Administrator Candidates

Jane Blackerby requested, through a motion, a council meeting with an Executive Session for 5:30 PM on September 28th to discuss City Administrator Candidates. David Norman seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

b.) City Secretary

Bob Pannkuk made motion to follow recommendation of City Administrator to terminate the City Secretary, Beth Woodson. Jane Blackerby seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.

12. Adjournment

Bob Pannkuk made the motion to adjourn. Leonard Phillips seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.

ATTEST BY:

Jim Cox, City Administrator

Steven Bolin, Mayor