

CITY OF LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

**The City Council of the City of Lockney, Texas will hold a Regular Meeting
at 7:00 A.M. on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at the City of Lockney
Community Center, 502 SE 8th St., Lockney, Texas.**

Notice is given that action may be taken on each agenda item.

REGULAR MEETING ITEMS

I. CALL TO ORDER, QUORUM CHECK

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Citizens who wish to speak to the City Council will be heard at this time. In compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, unless the subject matter of the presentation is on the agenda. City staff and Council Members are prevented from discussing the subject and may only respond with statements of factual information or existing policy. Residents are limited to three (3) minutes for their presentation to the City Council.

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

- a. Council Meeting, October 22, 2024.

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

(All matters under consent items are routine by the City Council. There will be no separate discussion of these items other than the asking of questions for simple clarification. The Mayor or any Council member may object to any item being on the consent calendar, in which case such item or items shall be considered individually.)

- a. Financial Report and Payment of Bills
- b. Fire Department
- c. Public Works Department
- d. Mayor's Report
- e. City Manager/City Secretary Report
- f. EDC Report

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

THE LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL CONVENE INTO A CLOSED SESSION AS AUTHORIZED BY TITLE 5, CHAPTER 551, OF TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, TEXAS OPEN MEETING ACT FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSE(S): SECTION 551.071 – CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY.

VII. LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION: THE LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL MAY DELIBERATE AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION AS NECESSARY ON MATTERS DELIBERATED UPON IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

VIII. THE LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL SHALL DELIBERATE VACANCIES ON THE LOCKNEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CONSIDER REPLACEMENTS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO NAMES SUGGESTED TO THE COUNCIL. ADDITIONALLY, THE LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL MAY DISCUSS ANY AND ALL ISSUES OF ANY NATURE PERTAINING TO THE LOCKNEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. THE COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION.

IX. THE LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL SHALL DELIBERATE THE REQUIRED BAN OF TIK TOK ON CITY OWNED OR PROVIDED ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SENATE BILL 1893 AND GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 620 BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING IN THE PERSONNEL POLICY AS SECTION 35.

“Policy statement. The City of Lockney prohibits the installation and use of the TikTok Application and similar applications not specifically approved by the City Manager on any City of Lockney provided information and communication technology (ICT) services, facilities and devices. This includes but is not limited to smartphones, tablets, laptops and desktops. Questions regarding applications and/or software use on devices shall be addressed to the City Manager.”

THE COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION.

X. THE LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL SHALL DELIBERATE AND DISCUSS THE REQUIRED CITY OF LOCKNEY MUNICIPAL COURT POLICY RELATING TO YOUTH IN ACCORDANCE TO HOUSE BILL 3186.

H.B. 3186 increases opportunities for early identification of at-risk youth and for redirecting children accused of certain “gateway” Class C misdemeanors. Currently, municipal and justice courts can only order diversion strategies after a case has resulted in a conviction or deferral of disposition. H.B. 3186 makes these strategies available at the front end of a case where they can be more effective. This aligns municipal and justice court practices with those used by juvenile probation and juvenile courts. The bill also recalibrates and expands opportunities for collaboration and financial resources in both rural and urban parts of Texas. H.B. 3186 requires the adoption of a youth diversion plan for every municipal and justice court no later than January 1, 2025.

THE LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL MAY TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.

XI. THE LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL SHALL DELIBERATE A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE DECEMBER 21, 2024, EFFECTIVE DATE OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION AS FOLLOWS:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LOCKNEY SUSPENDING THE DECEMBER 21, 2024 EFFECTIVE DATE OF ATMOS ENERGY CORP., WEST TEXAS DIVISION’S REQUESTED RATE CHANGE TO PERMIT THE CITY TIME TO STUDY THE REQUEST AND TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE RATES; APPROVING COOPERATION WITH THE CITIES SERVED BY ATMOS WEST TEXAS AND AUTHORIZING INTERVENTION IN ATMOS WEST TEXAS’ REQUESTED RATE CHANGE PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE COMMISSION; HIRING LLOYD GOSSELINK ATTORNEYS AND CONSULTING SERVICES TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE COMPANY AND DIRECT ANY NECESSARY LITIGATION AND APPEALS; REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT OF CITIES’ RATE CASE EXPENSES; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL

THE COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION.

XII. THE LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL SHALL DELIBERATE AND DISCUSS ALTERNATIVES FOR COMPLETION OF AN ANIMAL SHELTER FOR THE CITY OF LOCKNEY INCLUDING THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO THE CITY BY KELLISON ROOFING AND CONSTRUCTION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN ANIMAL SHELTER COMPLIANT WITH STATE REGULATIONS; CONSIDER ANY OTHER PROPOSALS; AND DECLARING THAT AN EMERGENCY EXISTS FOR COMPLETING CONSTRUCTION OF THE SHELTER AS A NECESSITY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY. THE COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT AND APPROVE A PROPOSAL.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE:

THE LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT ANY TIME DURING THE COURSE OF THIS MEETING TO DISCUSS ANY OF THE MATTERS LISTED BELOW, AS AUTHORIZED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY), 551.072 (DELIBERATIONS ABOUT REAL PROPERTY), 551.073 (DELIBERATIONS ABOUT GIFTS AND DONATIONS), 551.074 ((PERSONNEL MATTERS), 551.076 (DELIBERATIONS ABOUT SECURITY DEVICES) AND 551.086 (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT).

This notice complies with Texas Government Code Chapter 551, Open Meetings Act, Section 551.041 (Notice of Meeting Requirements); Section 551.043 (Time and Accessibility of Notice Requirements).

This is to certify that I, KayCee Thiebaud, posted this Agenda on the front window of Lockney City Hall at 218 East Locust St., Lockney, Texas.

KayCee Thiebaud
City Secretary