

City of Lockney Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2025
7:00am

I. CALL TO ORDER, QUORUM CHECK

Mayor, Steve Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00am.

Present: Mayor Steve Wright, Councilman Edward Marks, City Attorney, Lanny Voss, Councilwoman Rosio Reyes, Councilman Donnie McLaughlin, City Manager, Buster Poling, City Secretary, KayCee Thiebaud and Councilman Dart Carthel via video call, Dart was seen and heard at all times during the meeting.

Absent: None

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilmember Ed Marks led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

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

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Donnie McLaughlin made a motion to accept the minutes as presented from the regular council meeting held on February 18, 2025. Dart Carthel seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- a. Financial Reports and Payment of Bills/Total Cash Balance;
- b. Fire Department: Have members taking EMT classes and doing clinical hours in Childress
- c. Public Works Department;
- d. Mayor's Report
- e. City Manager/City Secretary Report;
- f. EDC Report;

Rosio Reyes made a motion to accept the consent agenda items. Donnie McLaughlin seconded the motion. All in favor by a 4-0 vote. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. THE CITY OF LOCKNEY SHALL DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER AN ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE FLOYD COUNTY CLERK REGARDING THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF LOCKNEY TO BE HELD ON MAY 3, 2025. THE COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION.

A motion was made by Donnie McLaughlin to approve an election services contract with the Floyd County Clerk to provide all services regarding the general election to be held on May 3, 2025. Ed Marks seconded the motion. All in favor by a 4-0 vote, motion carried unanimously.

VII. THE LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL SHALL DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER A JOINT GENERAL ELECTION CONTRACT WITH LOCKNEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE UPCOMING ELECTION ON MAY 3, 2025. THE COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION.

A motion was made by Donnie McLaughlin to accept a joint election contract with Lockney Independent School District as required by Education Code Section 11.0581, for the the upcoming general election on May 3, 2025. Rosio Reyes seconded the motion. All in favor by a 4-0 vote, motion carried unanimously.

- VIII. THE LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL SHALL CONSIDER AND DELIBERATE ALTERING PAYROLL TO BI-WEEKLY AS OPPOSED TO THE CURRENT PAYROLL SEQUENCE OF SEMI-MONTHLY (ON THE 15TH & LAST DAY OF THE MONTH). APPROVAL OF BI-WEEKLY PAYROLL WILL CONSTITUTE A CHANGE IN THE PERSONNEL POLICY ACCORDINGLY. THE COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION.**

A motion was made by Donnie McLaughlin to accept the payroll sequence to bi-weekly from semi-monthly, and changing the personnel policy accordingly. Rosio Reyes seconded the motion. All in favor by a 4-0 vote, motion carried unanimously.

- IX. THE LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL SHALL DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER THE USE OF A PAYROLL TIME CLOCK FOR CITY EMPLOYEES INCLUDING PART TIME & SEASONAL WORKERS. SALARIED CITY EMPLOYEES SHALL BE THE ONLY PERSONNEL EXEMPT. THE COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION.**

Ed Marks made a motion to approve the use of a payroll timeclock and accept the proposal from Time Clock Plus for the purchase of the software for employees to be implemented in conjunction with the bi-weekly payroll arrangement. Dart Carthel seconded the motion. All in favor by a 4-0 vote, motion carried unanimously.

- X. THE LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL SHALL DELIBERATE AND TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION DENYING THE APPLICATION FILED BY ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION WITH THE TEXAS RAILROAD COMMISSION SEEKING A BASE RATE INCREASE FOR NATURAL GAS RATES TO CUSTOMERS, AND TO JOIN WITH THE ATMOS TEXAS MUNICIPALITIES COALITION TO OPPOSE THE RATE INCREASE AND REQUEST REVIEW OF THE MERITS OF THE PROPOSED RATE INCREASE BEFORE THE COMMISSION.**

Donnie McLaughlin made a motion to adopt a resolution to deny the application filed by Atmos Energy Corporation with the Texas Railroad Commission for a base rate increase for natural gas rates. Dart seconded the motion. All in favor by a 4-0 vote, motion carried unanimously.

- XI. THE LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL SHALL ENTER INTO A CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.076, DELIBERATE THE DEPLOYMENT, OR SPECIFIC OCCASIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION, OF SECURITY PERSONNEL OR DEVICES, OR A SECURITY AUDIT.**

The City of Lockney city council convened into a closed session at 7:40pm. The council approved the attendance of Raymond Kern, Public Works director and KayCee Thiebaud, City Secretary.

- XII. THE LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL SHALL RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION.**
The City of Lockney city council reconvened to open session at 7:58am.

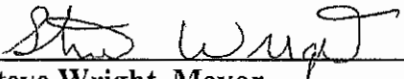
- XIII. THE LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL MAY CONSIDER AND DELIBERATE ANY POTENTIAL ACTION RESULTING IN THE CLOSED SESSION RELATING TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.076, DELIBERATE THE DEPLOYMENT, OR SPECIFIC OCCASIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION, OF SECURITY PERSONNEL OR DEVICES, OR A SECURITY AUDIT.**

A motion was made by Ed Marks to approve the Emergency Preparedness Plan that was presented in closed session, by Raymond Kern. The motion was seconded by Rosio Reyes. All in favor by a 4-0 vote, motion carried unanimously.

XIV. ADJOURN

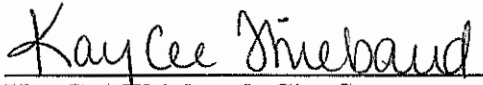
Mayor Steve Wright adjourned the meeting at 7:59am.

Passed and approved the 18th day of March 2025.



Steve Wright, Mayor

Attest:



KayCee Thiebaud, City Secretary