

Regular Meeting
Ladonia City Council
Monday, January 8, 2018
7:00 p.m. at Ladonia City Hall

MINUTES

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm and a quorum was established.
- II. Roll Call/Members present: Dana Cuba, Todd Akers, Patricia Harrod, Jan Cooper
Members absent: Gary Nichols
- III. The invocation was given by Todd Akers. The pledges were recited by all present.
- IV. Citizens Comments- *(State law prohibits the City Council from considering or deliberating on items not listed on the posted City Council Agenda. A person may address the Council on items not on the printed agenda. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes. The council may not comment of deliberate regarding such statements or comments during this period. Any discussion of the subjects must be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a future meeting. Sec. 551.042 Open Meetings Act.)*
Debby Crofford addressed the board about utilizing the recording and city cell phone for emergencies when the office is closed. She asked why this was not being done and why a substitute was in the office. If the city has a recording and cell phone for emergencies, just lock the door. It saves money.
- V. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes of December, 2017 meetings
Motion was made by Dana Cuba and seconded by Jan Cooper to accept the minutes of the December, 2017 meetings. Vote 4-0
 - B. Financial Report for December, 2017
Motion was made by Jan Cooper and seconded by Dana Cuba to accept the financial report for December, 2017. Vote 4-0
 - C. Accounts Payable for January, 2018
Motion was made by Todd Akers and seconded by Jan Cooper to accept the accounts payable for January, 2018. Vote 4-0
- VI. Information Reports
 - A. The Utility/Public Works Department/ Report was not available.
 - B. The Volunteer Fire Department report was given by Todd Akers.
 1. Total Calls-23/Medical, 13; grass fires, 7; control burn, 1; smoke investigation, 1.
 2. General fund balance is \$2,117.06
 3. Truck fund balance is \$1,452.25
 4. New truck fund balance is \$4,274.34
 5. Volunteer hours in December for calls were 214.21.

In the month of December, 2017, LVFD had a night of pump operation; Chief elections (Kyle Stark will remain as chief); participated in Christmas Parade; delivered food baskets and toys. All trucks are in service. Thanks to all who helped. LVFD would like to inform the council and citizens to please not try to help or interfere with the fire department on scenes, but are accepting applications for and needing more volunteers.

- C. The Administration Department report was given by Discha Threlkeld.
 - 1. Property located on Church Street, formerly owned by Steve and Belinda Miller, was struck off to the City of Ladonia.
 - 2. Need to be thinking about the electric rates. The current contract will be up in May, 2019.
 - 3. Reminded about the meeting held by Upper Trinity Regional Water District at the Lake Ralph Hall Land Office on January 10, 2018 at 10:00 am.
 - 4. Applications for city council are available from January 17 through February 16, 2018.
 - 5. Update on code enforcement: will be meeting with Mark Posey on Tuesday evening and hope to have everything going by the middle to end of this month.

VII. Old Business

- A. Discuss, consider, action / Satellites on water tower
Motion was made by Todd Akers and seconded by Jan Cooper to renegotiate the Rise Broadband contract and review the contract with AT&T to see how ATT determines what they pay the city and ask Rise Broadband to do something similar. Vote 4-0

VIII. New Business

- A. Discuss, consider, action / Approve Fannin County Leader as the official paper of record for the City of Ladonia.
Motion was made by Jan Cooper and seconded by Dana Cuba to approve Fannin County Leader as the official paper of record for the City of Ladonia. Vote 4-0

- IX. Convene in Executive Session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Open Meetings.
There was no closed session.

- X. Reconvene in open session.
No action.

- XI. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Debbie Nichols
Debbie Nichols, City Secretary

Discha Threlkeld
Discha Threlkeld, Mayor