

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
LAGO VISTA, TEXAS
APRIL 16, 2015**

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 16th day of April, A.D., 2015, the City Council held a Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 5803 Thunderbird, in said City, there being present and acting the following:

CALL TO ORDER, CALL OF ROLL, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Randy Kruger	Mayor	Melissa Byrne Vossmer	City Manager
Dale Mitchell	Mayor Pro Tem	Danny Smith	Police Chief
Ron Smith	Council Member	David Harrell	Development Services Director
Ed Tidwell	Council Member	Christina Bucker	Interim City Secretary
Darrel Hunt	Council Member	Starr Lockwood	Accounting Manager
Richard Bohn	Council Member	Laura Fowler	Public Works Assistant
D'Anne Gloris	Council Member	James Le Blanc	Street Superintendent
		Barbara Boulware Wells	City Attorney
		Jana Edwards	Bond Counsel

Mayor Randy Kruger called the Regular Meeting to order and recognized that all Council Members were present. Reverend Judy Loehr with Faith United Methodist Church gave the Invocation and Mayor Kruger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The numbering below tracks that of the agenda, whereas the actual order of consideration may have varied.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jimmy Lynam requested the Council consider hiring a management company to manage the golf courses. He also questioned why the American Girl Grill is forced to buy beer from the City.

Mayor Randy Kruger stated they do not buy or sell beer, they only serve it. He stated it is purchased by the Lago Vista Golf Course and all of the revenue and proceeds come back to the Lago Vista Golf Course.

Jimmy Lynam questioned why they can't sell beer.

Mayor Randy Kruger stated it was not in their contract. He stated they initially told the city they didn't want to sell beer or wine. He stated they only pay around \$500 per month for rent, they run their catering business out of there and the city pays for the electricity, and in turn they serve the beer for the city and the city gets the proceeds.

Larry Levy questioned whether it would be more beneficial for the city to continue to own or sell the golf courses. He stated the annual operating expenses and the subsidizing of them with tax dollars is a real sticking point with people. He suggested that a clear public communication and explanation of why the Council feels it is so important to own them would be beneficial. He stated that with all of the construction of new developments in the area, the courses will be profitable and will continue to add a great benefit to the community. He stated the upkeep and maintenance are expected costs but they seem to affect other projects such as sidewalks for children and sporting facilities. He suggested that the people might be more empathetic if they could see a projected timeline of when the operating costs will decrease and residents get some of their requests handled. He stated he hopes the Golf Course Advisory Board will be a link between the citizenry and the citizen and act in the capacity of an unofficial PR promoter. He stated in order to do that the city has to have a plan to reduce the costs and expenses. He stated he has not heard of any plan other than the proposed spending for another company to come in and tell the city what can be done to improve their attraction for business. He stated he would like to find out if the city is expensing the carrying costs for the 6 or 7 months no one has been able to work on the water treatment plant. He stated he estimates the costs are between \$125,000 and \$140,000 and questioned whether this is charged or allocated to the project and whether the project is truly under budget. He questioned whether the election for the balance of City Council members is still in November or December of this year. He stated he heard the City was in violation of its Charter and that the election may be moved to next May.

Jim Karolik thanked the Council for the opportunity to promote the Library Book and Bake Sale scheduled for May 2. He stated the Friends of the Library gave Firewise a special opportunity to have their coloring contest in Viking Hall. He stated Firewise President Le Green Schubert arranged to have a coloring contest at the elementary school stating kids can enter for cash prizes. He stated the middle school students have the opportunity to do a poster and art teacher Tracy Burke is coordinating that activity. He thanked the City Manager for the Trash-Off event stating it was a tremendous success. He stated hundreds of volunteers, including the Lions Club, Keep Lago Vista Beautiful and the Lady's Garden Club, picked up trash. He stated the City Manager came to the North Shore Republicans and knocked them dead.

Donnie Norman, Travis County ESD #1 Chief, updated the Council on new equipment they are getting and announced they will have a push-in ceremony on May 12 at 5:15 p.m. He announced that they will be licensed for advanced life support within the next 30 to 45 days. He stated their ISO re-evaluation will be in the spring of 2016 and they are confident they can lower their rating from a 5 to a 4 and think that a 3 is attainable with a little work, and they might even be able to look at a 2 within the next 18 months. He stated money is the biggest issue. He commended the City and stated he is appreciative of their support stating he is excited about the relationship they have with the Police Department, the City Manager and the Development Services Department.

ACTION ITEMS

12. On a motion by Darrel Hunt, seconded by Richard Bohn, the Council voted unanimously to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Keystone Construction Inc. for necessary repairs to Bronco Lane and associated drainage.

FUTURE MEETINGS

13. The Council considered schedules and items for future Council meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. At 8:25 p.m. Mayor Kruger announced that the Council will convene into executive session pursuant to Sections 551.071, 551.072 and/or 551.074 Texas Government Code, and/or Section 1.05, Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct to discuss matters as specifically listed on the agenda. He announced that item d) would not be considered as it was taken care of at the special meeting held earlier in the day.

- a) Consultation with attorney regarding claims or possible claims arising in Cause No. D-1-GN-13-002224, James Otwell v. City of Lago Vista, filed in the 98th Judicial District in Travis County, Texas;
- b) Consultation with attorney regarding claim or possible claim related to easements;
- c) Consultation with attorney regarding taxation and transportation law issues and concerns, including but not limited to statutory processes, procedures, obligations, and/or possible claims related thereto;
- d) Consideration and review of applicants for the Golf Courses Advisory Committee.

ACTION ITEMS

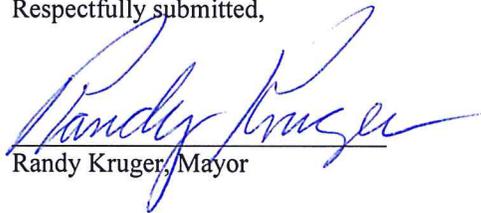
15. At 10:41 p.m. the Council reconvened from executive session into open session to take action regarding matters discussed in Executive Session as follows:

- a) No action was taken regarding claims or possible claims arising in Cause No. D-1-GN-13-002224, James Otwell v. City of Lago Vista, filed in the 98th Judicial District in Travis County, Texas;
- b) No action was taken regarding claim or possible claim related to easements;
- c) No action was taken regarding consultation with attorney regarding taxation and transportation law issues and concerns, including but not limited to statutory processes, procedures, obligations, and/or possible claims related thereto.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Randy Kruger adjourned the meeting at 10:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


 Randy Kruger, Mayor

ATTEST:


 Christina Buckner, Interim City Secretary

On a motion by Council Member Dale Mitchell, seconded by Council Member D'Anne Gloris, the above and foregoing instrument was passed and approved this 21st day of May, 2015.