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**THE CITY OF LOMETA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL
100 E SAN SABA ST, LOMETA TX 76853
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**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023
7 P.M.**

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THE SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED, CONSIDERED, OR ACTED UPON ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- I. CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Stephen Brister Hicks called the meeting to order at 7:01PM
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** to the American Flag and Texas Flag. Mayor Stephen Hicks led council and guest in pledging allegiance to the American and Texas Flag.
- III. INVOCATION:** Chief Cantu led council and guest in prayer.
- IV. ROLL CALL:**

1. Mayor, Stephen Brister Hicks	PRESENT
2. Councilmember, Bob Butler	PRESENT
3. Councilmember, James Dickison	PRESENT
4. Councilmember, Lydia Davis	PRESENT
5. Councilmember, Ronnie Cartwright	PRESENT
6. Councilmember, Johnny Towerton	PRESENT

V. REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES FOR THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:

- 1. JANUARY 3, 2023 REGULAR MEETING and,
- 2. JANUARY 17, 2023 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING.

A motion was made by Bob Butler with a second by Lydia Davis to accept the minutes for the above meetings to accept the minutes for the above meetings. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

VI. REVIEW, RATIFY AND ACCEPT THE BILLS PAID DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2023.

A motion was made by Lydia Davis with a second by Ronnie Cartwright to accept the bills paid for the month of January 2023. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

OPEN FORUM:

Citizens are welcome to speak about any subject matter, even if it is not on the agenda, for up to three (3) minutes during open forum. ***If you need more time, please contact the City Secretary in advance.*** Please keep in mind that council action cannot and will not be taken during open forum. For such an item, the Council may either: (1) make a statement of fact, (2) make a statement concerning the policy regarding the item or (3) propose that the item be placed on a future agenda.

Doug Schmidt new owner of the Rockin' K Café discussed getting rid of alley between Rockin' K café and old gas station next door.

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VII. BUSINESS *(Note: Agenda items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on the meeting notice.)*

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Discuss and consider action:** Approving **ORDINANCE NO. 02062023**, ordering the General Election for May 6, 2023.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMETA ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 06TH DAY OF MAY, 2023, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THREE (3) COUNCILMEMBERS; MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF SUCH ELECTION ACCORDING TO APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF LAW; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF AN APPROPRIATE ELECTION NOTICE HEREAFTER; AND OTHER PROVISIONS INCIDENT TO AND RELATED TO THE PURPOSE HEREOF.

A motion was made by Ronnie Cartwright with a second James Dickison to approve the ordinance No. 02062023 ordering the General Election for May 6, 2023. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

2. **Discuss and consider action:** City Secretary placing an additional newspaper ad for scope of services for city auditing services ("CPA") for audit of fiscal year finances ending September 30, 2022.

A motion was made by Ronnie Cartwright and a second by Bob Butler for the City Secretary to place an additional newspaper ad for scope of service for city auditing services ("CPA") for audit of fiscal year finances ending September 30, 2023. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. **Discuss and consider action:** Construction of a concrete slab at the Lometa Regional Park for a dance floor.

A motion was passed by Johnny Towerton with a second by Lydia Davis for the concrete slab at the Lometa Regional Park as long as it is level to the pavement and goals were removable. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

4. **Discuss and consider action:** Recommendations by the City Building Security Committee's interior infrastructure modifications to City Hall.

A motion was passed by Ronnie Cartwright with a second by Bob Butler to do interior infrastructure modifications to City Hall. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

5. **Discuss and consider action:** Review of MBR Group rates for city engineering services and contract terms; provide authorization for the Mayor to execute the final contract terms following City Attorney approval.

A motion was passed by James Dickison with a second by Ronnie Cartwright accept the MBR Group rates for city engineering services and contract terms. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council will convene into Executive Session in Accordance with Texas Government Code, Sections 551.089 - Deliberation Regarding Security Devices Or Security Audits and 551.071 - Consultation with Attorney and 551.073 - Prospective Gift.

A motion was made by Bob Butler with a second by James Dickison to go into executive session at 7:55PM. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

- 6. Discuss and consider action:** Recommendations by the City Building Security Committee's interior infrastructure modifications to City Hall for safety reasons under Sec. 551.089 (Security Devices Or Security Audits) of the Tex. Gov't Code.

A motion was passed by Johnny Towerton and a second by Bob Butler to approve the recommendations by the City Building Security Committee's interior infrastructure modifications to City Hall for safety reasons under Sec. 551.089 of the Tex. Gov't Code. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

- 7. Discuss and consider action:** Deliberation regarding payment or negotiating a prospective gift under a contract for the Lometa Lions Club's use of the Regional Park for hosting the Diamond Back Jubilee under Gov't Code, Secs., 551.073 (Prospective Gift) and Sec. 551.074 (Consultation with Attorney).

A motion was passed by Johnny Towerton and a second by Bob Butler to waive the fees for Lion's Club payment to rent the entire park for the Diamond Back Jubilee. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

A motion was made at 8:05PM to reconvene into open session by unanimous vote.

- 8. Discuss and consider action:** Take any action discussed during executive session regarding the Building Security Committee's recommendations for City Hall interior infrastructure modifications.

A motion was made by Johnny Towerton and a second by Bob Butler to take action on the discussion during executive session regarding the Building Security Committee's recommendations for City Hall interior infrastructure modifications. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- 9. Discuss and consider action:** Take any action discussed during executive session regarding the Lometa Lions Club paying for use of the Regional Park for hosting the Diamond Back Jubilee.

A motion was made by Johnny Towerton with a second by Bob Butler to take action discussed during the executive session regarding the Lion's Club not having to pay for the use of the Regional Park for hosting the Diamond Back Jubilee.

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X. REPORTS: MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS, WHEN NECESSARY.

MAYOR: Arthur Bryan, II has left the Guevara Law Firm and Michael Guevara is now in charge.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: None


CHIEF OF POLICE: Monthly Reports

CITY SECRETARY: None

MUNICIPAL COURT: Monthly Reports

XI. ADJOURN: A motion was made by Ronnie Cartwright with a second by Johnny Towerton to adjourn the meeting at 8:15PM. Motion was made by unanimous vote.

APPROVED:


Mayor Stephen Brister Hicks
March 6, 2023

mayor - pro-Tem

Attest:


Elizabeth Lambert, City Secretary
March 6, 2023