

CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS
 MINUTES OF: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
 DATE OF MEETING: JANUARY 9, 2023
 TIME OF MEETING: 5:30 PM
 PLACE OF MEETING: 121 WEST SECOND STREET FORT STOCKTON, TX 79735

ROLL CALL WAS ANSWERED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENT: DARREN HODGES, JAMES WARNOCK, JOE CHRIS ALEXANDER, PAUL CASIAS, RUBEN J BERNAL, RUBEN FALCON

CITY MANAGER: FRANK RODRIGUEZ III
 CITY SECRETARY: MARINA CANTU
 CITY ATTORNEY: PUJA BOINPALLY

Mayor Joe Chris Alexander called the Regular Meeting to Order at 5:34 p.m. after declaring a quorum present.

Mayor Joe Chris Alexander read the Mission Statement:

"The Mission of the City of Fort Stockton Municipal Government is to Promote & Value Public Confidence and Trust by the Accountable and Responsible Use of Community Resources; to Ensure Public Safety; Improve Public Services; Promote Local Recreation and Entertainment; and Generate Economic Development.

Council Member Darren Hodges gave the Invocation.

Council Member James Warnock led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America Flag & the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Discuss/Act upon Resolution No. 23-1 00R, A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fort Stockton to File a Grant Application with the Office of the Governor E-Grants Program for Rifle-Resistant Body Armor. (C.O.P)

Assistant Chief of Police Ernesto Velasquez advised City Council this Resolution would Authorize the City of Fort Stockton to apply for a grant which would be utilized for Rifle-Resistant Body Armor. The deadline to submit this application is February.

Motion was made by Council Member Darren Hodges, seconded by Council Member James Warnock, and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 23-100R, A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fort Stockton to File a Grant Application with the Office of the Governor E-Grants Program for Rifle-Resistant Body Armor. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

2. Discuss/Act upon Resolution No. 23-101R, A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fort Stockton to File a Grant Application with the Office of the Governor E-Grants Program for BC-Body-Worn Cameras. (C.O.P.)

Assistant Chief of Police Ernesto Velasquez advised City Council this Resolution would authorize the City of Fort Stockton to apply for a Grant for Body-Worn Cameras.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, seconded by Council Member James Warnock, and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 23-101R, A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fort Stockton to File a Grant Application with the Office of the Governor E-Grants Program for BC-Body-Worn Cameras. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

ORDINANCES:

3. Discuss/Act upon Ordinance No. 23-100, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Stockton Titled Cemeteries*, Article III. East Hill Cemetery and Repealing all Other Ordinances or Portions Thereof in Conflict, A Severability Clause and Providing for its Publication and Effective Date. (City Mgr./City Atty.)

City Attorney Puja Boinpally explained she was asked to draft an Ordinance to allow for additional bodies to be interred in a grave, vault, crypt or niche in the East Hill Cemetery with the consent of each owner of the plot. This would allow no more than two (2) bodies and up to four (4) bodies that have been cremated to be interred in the same grave, vault crypt or niche.

Motion was made by Council Member Darren Hodges, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 23-100, An

Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Stockton Titled Cemeteries*, Article III. East Hill Cemetery and Repealing all Other Ordinances or Portions Thereof in Conflict, A Severability Clause and Providing for its Publication and Effective Date. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

4. Discuss/Act upon Ordinance No. 23-101, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 23 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Fort Stockton Titled Traffic and Vehicles*, Article IV. Operation of Vehicles and Repealing all Other Ordinances or Portions Thereof in Conflict, A Severability Clause and Providing for its Publication and Effective Date. **(City Mgr./City Atty.)**

City Attorney Puja Boinpally explained she was asked to draft an Ordinance to address the use of a Engine-Exhaust Braking System also known as a "Jake Brake," which can cause a lot of noise. Should this Ordinance pass, signs would be posted advising everyone that the use of a "Jake Brake" is a violation, except in the case of an emergency.

Council Member Ruben Falcon inquired where these signs would be posted.

City Manager Frank Rodriguez explained the City would get with the Texas Department of Transportation for the recommended placement of the signs.

Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Darren Hodges, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 23-101, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 23 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Fort Stockton Titled Traffic and Vehicles*, Article IV. Operation of Vehicles and Repealing all Other Ordinances or Portions Thereof in Conflict, A Severability Clause and Providing for its Publication and Effective Date. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

CONSENT AGENDA:

5. All matters listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

Minutes: (Mayor)

- Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton City Council, 12/12/2022
- Special Workshop Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton City Council, 01/04/2023

- Special Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton Housing Authority Board, 11/23/2022
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Intergovernmental Recreation Board, 11/16/2022
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Substandard Building Committee, 04/07/2022
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Animal Control Advisory Board, 02/24/2022
- Special Meeting Minutes of Animal Control Advisory Board, 03/17/2022

Accounts Payable Grand Total: \$283,276.92

Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben Falcon, and carried unanimously to approve Consent Agenda, as presented. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

6. Discuss/Act upon Pecos County - City of Fort Stockton 2023 Interlocal Service Agreement - Labor and Equipment. (Mayor/City Mgr.)

City Manager Frank Rodriguez III requested City Council review Section One (1) and Section (2) of the Labor and Equipment Agreement. This agreement allows for the City of Fort Stockton and Pecos County to assist one another with labor and equipment. However, estimates for costs when payment is anticipated should be presented for prior approval.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, and carried unanimously to approve Pecos County - City of Fort Stockton 2023 Interlocal Service Agreement - Labor and Equipment. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

7. Discuss/Act upon Pecos County - City of Fort Stockton 2023 Interlocal Services Agreement - Fire Fighting Services. (Mayor/City Mgr.)

City Manager Frank Rodriguez III advised City Council this Fire Fighting Services Agreement is the same agreement as the previous years. The City's annual contribution to assist the Fire Department is \$80,000.00.

Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben Falcon, and carried unanimously to approve Pecos County - City of Fort Stockton

2023 Interlocal Services Agreement - Fire Fighting Services. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

8. Discuss/Act upon Pecos County - City of Fort Stockton 2023 Interlocal Services Agreement regarding Emergency Communications Network - Hyper-Reach. **(Mayor/City Mgr.)**

City Manager Frank Rodriguez III explained the City's annual contribution for the Hyper-Reach System is \$2,487.50. This Emergency Communications Network allows the City and County to notify citizens who sign up for notifications of emergencies.

Council Member Ruben J. Bernal recommended re-advertising the registration process for the Hyper-Reach System Notifications on Facebook and the Newspaper.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, seconded by Council Member James Warnock, and carried unanimously to approve Pecos County - City of Fort Stockton 2023 Interlocal Services Agreement regarding Emergency Communications Network - Hyper-Reach. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

9. Discuss/Act upon 2023 Fort Stockton Police Department Provider Agreement. **(Mayor/City Mgr.)**

City Manager Frank Rodriguez III explained to City Council this Police Department Provider Agreement addresses the City of Fort Stockton paying the Medicare Rate for Offenders in Custody. The Medicare rate changed in July.

Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve 2023 Fort Stockton Police Department Provider Agreement. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

10. Discuss/Act upon Pay Application No. 2 totaling \$53,806.88 for Work Performed by L.T. Construction, LLC on Site-A of the Additions of Restrooms for the Fort Stockton Convention Center. **(City Mgr./Dir. of Fin.)**

City Manager Frank Rodriguez III explained the City Engineer assessed the work completed and approved Pay Application No. 2 for Site-A.

Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve Pay Application No. 2 totaling \$53,806.88 for Work Performed by L.T. Construction, LLC on Site-A of the Additions of Restrooms for the Fort Stockton Convention Center. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

11. Discuss/Act upon Pay Application No. 2 totaling \$45,465.92 for Work Performed by L.T. Construction, LLC on Site-B of the Additions of Restrooms for the Fort Stockton Convention Center. **(City Mgr./Dir. of Fin.)**

City Manager Frank Rodriguez III advised City Council that the City Engineer assessed the work completed and approved Pay Application No. 2 for Site-B.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, seconded by Council Member James Warnock, and carried unanimously to approve Pay Application No. 2 totaling \$45,465.92 for Work Performed by L.T. Construction, LLC on Site-B of the Additions of Restrooms for the Fort Stockton Convention Center. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

12. Discuss/Act upon Awarding Proposal for a 2-Year Service Agreement for Bulk Fuel, Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF), Coolant/Anti-freeze, Engine Oil, & Hydraulic Oil that shall be delivered to the City's Maintenance Yard and Current/New Landfill. *Proposals Submitted:* WTG Fuels **(City Mgr./P.W. Dir.)**

Assistant City Manager Jesse Gonzales, Jr. provided the proposal submitted and recommended awarding the Proposal to WTG Fuels.

Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to award the Proposal for a 2-Year Service Agreement for Bulk Fuel, Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF), Coolant/Anti-freeze, Engine Oil, & Hydraulic Oil that shall be delivered to the City's Maintenance Yard and Current/New Landfill to WTG Fuels. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council

Member James Warnock, Mayor Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

13. Discuss/Act upon Extending Deadline for Receiving Sealed Proposals for the Additions and buildout for the Hodges Pavilion. (City Mgr.)

City Manager Frank Rodriguez III requested that the deadline for receiving sealed proposals for the Additions and buildout for the Hodges Pavilion be extended until February 3 at 4:00 p.m. and awarded February 13. This would allow the companies additional time to get cost estimates for the materials needed to complete the project.

Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Darren Hodges, and carried unanimously to Authorize the Extension of the Deadline for Receiving Sealed Proposals for the Additions and buildout for the Hodges Pavilion. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

14. Discuss/Act upon Purchase of a John Deere 670G Motor Grader from YellowHouse Machinery Co. with Sourcewell Governmental Purchasing Cooperative for \$334,000.00, Contract No. 032119-JDC. (Asst. City Mgr./P.W. Dir.)

Assistant City Manager Jesse Gonzales, Jr. advised City Council the Streets Supervisor reviewed the equipment and suggested purchasing the Motor Grader from the Purchasing Cooperative.

Council Member Ruben J. Bernal inquired if frequent logs are completed on equipment being utilized. This would be beneficial to ensuring proper care is given to equipment.

Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, and carried unanimously to approve the Purchase of a John Deere 670G Motor Grader from YellowHouse Machinery Co. with Sourcewell Governmental Purchasing Cooperative for \$334,000.00, Contract No. 032119-JDC. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

15. Questions from Media.


There were no questions from the media.

16. Adjourn.

Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben Falcon, and carried unanimously to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 5:59 p.m. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.



Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor

ATTEST:


Marina A. Cantu, City Secretary