

CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS

MINUTES OF: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DATE OF MEETING: MAY 23, 2022
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: JAMES WARNOCK, JOE CHRIS ALEXANDER, PAUL CASIAS, RUBEN FALCON, DARREN HODGES, RUBEN J BERNAL

MAYOR: JOE CHRIS ALEXANDER
CITY MANAGER: FRANK RODRIGUEZ III
CITY SECRETARY: MARINA CANTU
CITY ATTORNEY: PUJA BOINPALLY

Mayor Joe Chris Alexander called the Regular Meeting to Order at 5:30 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.

PROCLAMATIONS:

1. Endorsing May 2022 as "Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month" in Fort Stockton, Texas. (Mayor)

After reading it aloud, Mayor Alexander presented Adam and Lucy Marler the parents of Kevin Marler with a Proclamation Endorsing the month of May as "Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month."

Traffic Safety Specialist Gina Galindo of the Texas Department of Transportation explained the need for traffic safety and emphasized the importance of educating the public in order to avoid tragedies such as Kevin Marler's death.

Lucy Marler thanked everyone for their support and advocated for motorcycle awareness.

2. **Proclamation Endorsing Monday, May 30, 2022 as "Memorial Day." (Mayor)**

Mayor Alexander presented Former Veterans Service Officer Joni McGee the Proclamation Endorsing Monday, May 30, 2022, as "Memorial Day," after reading it aloud

PRESENTATIONS:

3. **Commend the Fort Stockton Panther and Prowler Track Teams for their exemplary performance for this season, which qualified them for Regionals. (Mayor)**

Mayor Joe Chris Alexander and **Council Member Darren Hodges** presented the following members of the Fort Stockton Panther and Prowler Track Teams with a Certificate of Recognition for their performance this season, which qualified them for Regionals.

- Adriana Aguilar
- Dominic Aguilar
- Estrella Aguilar
- Yaneli Caballero
- Elijah Escajeda
- Caleb Garcia
- Marco Garcia
- Aryan Hernandez
- Jesus Hernandez
- Rosa Hernandez
- Zane Hodges
- Ali Jackson
- Kye Norman
- Fabian Perez
- Gaby Renteria
- Aislynn Robledo
- Ruby Romero
- Miguel Trejo
- Priscilla Trevino

Coach Vic Ivy and Coach Andrew Fellows were also recognized with a Certificate of Recognition for leading the team.

4. Chief of Police Robert Lujan with Fort Stockton Police Department---
- Statistics for April 2022

<i>Calls for Service:</i>	
<i>Dispatched</i>	1297
<i>FSPD</i>	835
<i>FSFD</i>	15
<i>PCEMS</i>	148
<i>PCSO</i>	285
<i>Accidents Worked:</i>	
<i>Accidents (PD)</i>	24

<i>Traffic Stops/Violations</i>	239
<i>Traffic Citations Issued</i>	35
<i>Traffic Stops (PD)</i>	156

<i>Misdemeanors</i>	35
<i>Felonies</i>	17

<i>Investigations Initiated:</i>	
<i>83rd District Attorney</i>	17
<i>112th District Attorney</i>	0
<i>County Attorney</i>	10
<i>Juvenile Probation</i>	0
<i>Total Arrests:</i>	
<i>Assault – Family Violence</i>	10
<i>Burglary</i>	0
<i>Criminal Mischief</i>	4
<i>Criminal Trespass:</i>	16
<i>Disorderly Conduct</i>	0
<i>Driving While Intoxicated</i>	1
<i>Evading Arrest</i>	0
<i>Undocumented Non-Citizens</i>	19
<i>Murder</i>	0
<i>Possession of a Controlled Substance</i>	0
<i>Possession of Marijuana</i>	1
<i>Public Intoxication</i>	1
<i>Resisting Arrest</i>	0
<i>Theft</i>	6
<i>Warrants</i>	0

RESPONSE:

Chief of Police Robert Lujan commended the Police Department for their response and assistance with the recent storms.

They assisted in blocking off roads in flooded areas, despite being off.duty.

RABIES CLINIC:

He thanked Dr. Miller for assisting with the Rabies Clinic. The response from the community to the Rabies Clinic was tremendous. There were a total of one hundred and two (102) City Tags issued and one hundred and fifty-two (152) Rabies Vaccines administered.

VACANCIES:

There are a total of two (2) vacancies in patrol and two (2) vacancies in dispatch.

Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias inquired if the Police Department had received applications for the two (2) dispatch vacancies.

Chief of Police Robert Lujan responded there was one applicant for dispatch who withdrew her application.

5. **Public Works Director Luis Guerra---**
• Department Activity Report

Public Works Director Luis Guerra explained that the streets of Fort Stockton are wider, so they require more materials to pave.

The Streets Department is working on replacing the missing street signs within the City of Fort Stockton.

The Sanitation Department has replaced several dumpsters. It takes approximately 3-4 months to receive new dumpsters.

The Gas Department is working on replacing any polyvinyl chloride (PVC) lines they discover.

He advised City Council about a recent disheartening situation where someone intentionally spun donuts and pealed out through a freshly paved section, causing damage that will require repairs.

He additionally spoke on the recently discovered fresh graffiti. He explained it is counterproductive as staff has to remove the graffiti when they could be working on other things.

Mayor Joe Chris Alexander inquired if the cost of dumpsters had increased.

Public Works Director Luis Guerra explained the cost of dumpsters have drastically increased; therefore, they try to save by repairing dumpsters prior to replacing them with a new one.

CONSENT AGENDA:

6. 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, 05/09/2022
- Special Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton City Council, 05/17/2022
- Regular Meeting Minutes of City of Fort Stockton Charter Commission, 04/27/2022
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton Economic Development 4-A Corporation, 04/19/2022
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton Economic Development 4-B Corporation, 04/19/2022
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton Convention and Visitor's Bureau, 02/23/2022

Accounts Payable Grand Total: \$419,495.26

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 James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member Ruben J Bernal voted aye.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

7. Discuss/Act upon Appointment or Re-Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem for 2022-2023. (Mayor)

Mayor Joe Chris Alexander asked Paul Casias to continue as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Motion was made by James Warnock, seconded by Ruben Falcon, and carried unanimously to Re-Appoint Paul Casias as Mayor Pro-Tem for 2022-2023. Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member Ruben J Bernal voted aye.

8. Discuss/Act upon the First Amendment to the School Resource Officer (SRO) Agreement between the City of Fort Stockton & Fort Stockton Independent School District. (City Atty.)

Assistant City Manager Jesse Gonzales explained this School Resource Officer Agreement will expire at the end of July. He stated the amendment allows the city to continue SRO Services throughout the Summer.

This will allow the City and FSISD the ability to review the current agreement and negotiate a new one for the upcoming year.

Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias inquired if the School Resource Officers worked Graduation.

Chief of Police Robert Lujan replied that the School Resource Officers worked Graduation.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve the First Amendment to the School Resource Officer (SRO) Agreement between the City of Fort Stockton & Fort Stockton School District. Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member Ruben J Bernal voted aye.

9. Discuss/Act upon Authorization to Conclude the Workday at 12:00 p.m. on June 17, 2022 for Employees to Attend the Employee Appreciation Event. (City Mgr.)

City Manager Rodriguez explained historically City Council has approved staff to be released early to enjoy the Employee Appreciation Event.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, seconded by Council Member James Warnock, and carried unanimously to Authorize the Conclusion of the workday at 12:00 p.m. on June 17, 2022, for Employees to attend the Employee Appreciation Event. Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Darren Hodges voted aye.

10. Questions from Media

There were no questions from the media.

11. Adjourn

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, seconded by Council Member James Warnock, and carried unanimously to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 6:12 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member James Warnock voted aye.

Paul Casias

~~Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor~~

PAUL CASIAS, MAYOR PRO-TEM

ATTEST:

Marina A. Cantu

Marina A. Cantu, City Secretary