

CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS  
 MINUTES OF: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
 DATE OF MEETING: NOVEMBER 27, 2018  
 TIME OF MEETING: 5:30 P.M.  
 PLACE OF MEETING: CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER

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ROLL CALL WAS ANSWERED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

RUBEN FALCON, JAMES WARNOCK, & PAM PALILEO

MIKE URETA, JR. ARRIVED AT 5:45 P.M.

ABSENT: DINO RAMIREZ

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Mayor Alexander called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. after declaring a quorum present.

Mayor Alexander gave the Invocation.

Council Member Warnock led the Pledge of Allegiance & Pledge to the Texas Flag.

Mayor 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."

# FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS:

## 1. CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes:

- Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton City Council, 11/12/2018
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Housing Authority Board, 10/17/2018
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton Intergovernmental Recreation Board, 10/17/2018
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Convention & Visitor's Bureau, 09/18/2018
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Convention & Visitor's Bureau, 10/18/2018

Accounts Payable Total: \$ 445,337.83

Accounts Recap Total: \$19,382,266.73

Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

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**THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**3. Senior Civil Engineer Steve Synovitz & Engineer Intern Thomas Everett  
with Hanson Professional Services Inc.—**

**a. 30-Inch Water Transmission Line Project Update**

Senior Civil Engineer Steve Synovitz of Hanson Professional Services, Inc. explained the progress being made on the 30-Inch Water Transmission Line.

He stated that there was a 1 mile section gap left, which has been delayed due to the railroad offloading pipe for the gas line. There was a gap at the County Road Crossing, which would require traffic control.

The pipeline has been laid up to the Treatment Plant.

He explained that there was 1,000 ft. section Fault Line. In July of 2012 there was a Fault Line found which was estimated to be 6-15 ft. deep stretching a few miles.

He stated that during the project planning, former Assistant Director of Public Works Dominguez notified Hanson Professional Services Inc. that the Fault Line crossed the City's Water Line.

He advised City Council that the Fault Line has since been filled in with dirt and the County has fixed the road.

The original line used is welded steel pipe coated in concrete. The original line is continuous, as all sections were welded together. Therefore, it is not likely that the pipe would break due to the Active Fault Line.

However, the pipe that is currently being installed is Push on Bell & Spicket Pipe. The Push on Bell & Spicket pipe consists of 20 ft. sections, which only allows for a few inches of play. There is a possibility that this pipe could be pulled apart; therefore, additional safety measures have been taken to ensure this does not happen.

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Additional Safety Measures:

- **Safety Restraint joints** were designed to be placed at every 20 ft. section for 1,000 ft. The sections are being bolted together.
- Furthermore, **Extend fittings** are being used. An extend fitting is a device that gives 10 inches of axle expansion & contraction misdirection. These will be placed at the beginning, middle & end of the 1,000 ft. section.
- **Flex-ends** will be placed at 250 ft. and 750 ft. of the 1,000 ft. section. Flex-ends have a ball that allows for horizontal, vertical & lateral rotation.

**Council Member Falcon** inquired if these additional safety measures were part of the original design.

**Senior Civil Engineer Synovitz** confirmed that these preventive measures were part of the original design.

He advised City Council that there were more fittings that needed to be moved. He informed them that there would be some extra pipe left over from the project.

He explained that the line is going under the existing 20 inch line, reconnecting the 10 inch line to the plant in case it needs to be used in the future. The tie in is reduced to the same size as the pipe going into the plant.

The City of Fort Stockton has a bypass that can bring the water directly into the water tanks. The water can then be treated for salt removal and mixed. Therefore, should the Reverse Osmosis Plant need to be taken offline, the city can divert water into the tanks.

**To Date Summary:**

- **Pipe Installation through 11/27/18:** was Approximately 39,100 linear feet of 45,500 linear feet= 86% of the Total Pipe;
- **Cost Progression through 11/27/18:** 1.6 Million of the 3.1 Million = 51% of contract price. Pay Application for work completed in October had not been received; &
- **Schedule Progression through 11/27/18** was 232 days of the 405 Day Contract = 57% of the Contract Time.

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**Looking Ahead:**

- 1,000 Feet Remained Along County Right-of-Way @ Fault Line.
- 300 Feet Remained at County Highway Crossing.
- 5,400 Feet Remained Along State Hwy- The Amendment to the TX DOT Permit was that the water line would completely be installed on the Southside of the State Highway once it ties into the Belding Pump Station.
- Next Construction Observation visit is tentatively scheduled for December 10-11, 2018.

**FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**4. Street Supervisor Roy Mendoza—**

**a. Update regarding Street Improvements/Repairs**

- **Crack Sealed:** 15.5 miles last reported + 5 more miles completed = 20.5 miles
- **Seal Coated:** 7 miles reported + 5 more miles completed = 12 miles (including 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Gonzalez Rd, El Paso St., N. Gillis, Pecan Rd.
- **Combined Total:** 20.5 miles Crack Sealed + 12 miles Seal Coated = 32.5 miles
- **Mowing:** 4 man crew that mows the alleys, done by quadrants on a weekly basis.
- **Bulk Trash:** done by quadrants on a daily basis
- **Herbiciding:** includes alleys, done by quadrants on a weekly basis
- **Patch Work:** 2 man crew that fills potholes, done by quadrants on a weekly basis.
- **Sweeping:** done by quadrants on a weekly basis
- **Sidewalks:** Painting of school sidewalks was completed August 17; however, safety sidewalks were added to 5<sup>th</sup> & Rio, 5<sup>th</sup> & Colpitts & 5<sup>th</sup> & Everts.
- **Milling Streets:** Pct. 4 has allowed the City to use their Milling Machine on W. Gallagher, E. 10<sup>th</sup> St. & E. 12<sup>th</sup> St. The milling machine mills 1 block of street, which is 48 ft. wide x 350 ft. long x 3 inches deep in 40 minutes. The team picks up the excess & takes it to their disposal to begin laying down the fresh street.
- **Future Streets:** W. 9<sup>th</sup> from Pecan to Mulberry (to be completed this week), 9<sup>th</sup> St. from Railroad Ave. to Rio, S. Rio, 18<sup>th</sup> St.

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- **Parking Lot:** Future Police Department Parking Lot. 16 pallets of Easy Street Asphalt, ready to use were used. No mixing required, guaranteed instant ready for traffic, works in any temperature & in water. (50 bags per pallet, 800 bags, 50 lbs. per bag = 40,000 lbs. to fill pot holes.
- 375 tickets received by the Streets Department.
- Illegal Dumping, Overgrown Landscaping & Sign Replacements are also done by the Streets Department.
- 60 of the 80 missing stop signs have been placed. The remaining 20 signs have been ordered.
- The Streets Department has been preparing for the cold weather. Emergency Shelter Signs have been put up. The Streets Department is looking into additional signage that would allow them to flip up the sign rather than have to put the signs up and take them down, eliminating the chance of misplacing the signs.
- He thanked his team consisting of Toy, Manuel, Polo, Noah, Miguel, Adrian, Hector, Carlos, Quinton, Geraldo & Maria.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Ureta** inquired about the 80 missing stop signs.

**Street Supervisor Mendoza** explained he was given a map by Assistant City Manager Shera Davis when he started with the Streets Department. He along with a team member physically drove around comparing the actual stop signs to the map the traffic study produced.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Ureta** inquired what the lag time between when the study was conducted until the time the stop signs were identified as missing.

**City Manager Rodriguez** responded that last summer Mayor Alexander requested the safety issues with the school be identified. Assistant City Manager Davis took it a bit further and identified what stop signs were missing.

**Council Member Falcon** expressed how much of a help working in quadrants has been.

**Mayor Alexander** commended the Streets Department on a job well done.

**Mayor Alexander** recessed from the Regular Meeting @ 5:59 p.m. for City Council to convene as the Board of Adjustment.

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**SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

2. Discuss/Act upon a 19.50' Variance Request, being a 55.5' Lot Width, from the Required 75' Minimum Lot Width for Lots 9 & 10, Block 56, Orient Addition for Single Family-One (SF-1) Residential Districts as Required by the City of Fort Stockton Zoning Ordinance, Appendix B – Zoning.

**Appeal:** Seeking Permission to Construct a 1,413 Sq. Ft. Single-Family Home with Garage on Each Lot.

**Property Owner:** Javier Cruz/Cruz Residential Construction, 805 N. Kansas, Fort Stockton, Texas.

Mayor Alexander advised everyone that this item had previously been discussed. The property owner amended the initial request of having the houses face 5<sup>th</sup> Street to face Missouri Street.

Council Member Falcon inquired if Building Official Stoddard was satisfied with the request, as amended.

Building Official Stoddard assured Mayor Alexander that he was satisfied with the amended request.

Motion was made, seconded & carried unanimously to approve a 19.50' Variance Request, being a 55.5' Lot Width, from the required 75' Minimum Lot Width for Lots 9 & 10, Block 56, Orient Addition for Single Family-One (SF-1) Residential Districts as Required by the City of Fort Stockton Zoning Ordinance, Appendix B – Zoning, as presented.

Mayor Alexander closed the Board of Adjustment Meeting @ 6:02 p.m. to reconvene into the Regular City Council Meeting.

**FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

5. Discuss/Act upon Resolution No. 18-110R, Requesting that the State of Texas and TX DOT include Texas Highway 18 in its Forthcoming Four Lane Planning.

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**Motion was made, seconded & carried to Approve Resolution No. 18-110R, Requesting that the State of Texas and TX DOT include Texas Highway 18 in its Forthcoming Four Lane Planning.**

**6. Discuss/Act upon Resolution No. 18-111R, Requesting that the State of Texas and TX DOT include US Highway 285 from Fort Stockton, Texas, to the New Mexico Border in its Forthcoming Improvements.**

**Motion was made, seconded & carried to approve Resolution No. 18-111R, Requesting that the State of Texas and TX DOT include US Highway 285 from Fort Stockton, Texas, to the New Mexico Border in its Forthcoming Improvements.**

**7. Discuss/Act upon Solicitation of Proposals for Reverse-Osmosis Plant Maintenance Services; To be Opened December 21, 2018 and**

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**8. City Council May Convene in Closed Session in Accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Concerning Attorney-Client Matters (§551.071); Deliberation regarding Real Property (§551.072); Deliberation regarding Prospective Gifts (§551.073); Personnel Matters (§551.074); and/or Deliberation regarding Security Devices (§551.076):**  
***Ref: Annual Evaluation of City Manager Frank Rodriguez III***

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Mayor Alexander closed the Executive Session @ 6:35 p.m. to reconvene into the Regular Meeting.

**NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

9. Reconvene into Open Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section §551.102 & Take Action, if any, on Matters Deliberated in Executive Session:

(8) Discuss/Act upon Annual Evaluation of City Manager Frank Rodriguez III

Motion was made, seconded & carried unanimously to Approve a Favorable Evaluation for City Manager Frank Rodriguez III.

**TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

10. Questions from the Media on Agenda Items.

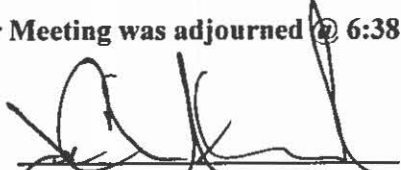
Fort Stockton Pioneer Editor Steve Fountain inquired why the stop signs were missing. Where the signs stolen, overlooked, etc.?

Mayor Alexander explained that there was a traffic study conducted a few years ago, which identified the locations where stop signs should be placed. The Streets Department has diligently been working on placing signs in those locations.

**ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

11. Adjourn.

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned @ 6:38 p.m.

  
 Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor

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ATTEST:



Marina A. Cantu, Admin. Asst.

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