

CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS
MINUTES OF: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DATE OF MEETING: MARCH 12, 2019
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:
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ABSENT: PAM PALILEO

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Ureta gave the Invocation.

Council Member Ramirez 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, 02/21/2019
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Substandard Building Committee, 02/07/2019
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Keep Historic Fort Stockton Beautiful Board, 02/06/2019
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton 4-A Economic Development Corp., 01/17/2019
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton 4-B Economic Development Corp., 01/17/2019
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Convention & Visitor's Bureau, 01/15/2019
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton Downtown Advisory Board, 01/15/2019
- Special Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton Housing Authority Board, 11/29/2018
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Intergovernmental Recreation Board, 11/15/2018
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Animal Control Advisory Board, 03/01/2018

Accounts Payable Total: \$1,407,062.11

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

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS:

2. Senior Civil Engineer Steve Synovitz with Hanson Professional Services Inc. —

✚ Update on the 30-Inch Water Transmission Line Project.

Engineer Synovitz reported that they had been extremely busy in the last few weeks with pressure testing and leakage testing on the new 30 – Inch line.

On February 26th, they filled the line at the lowest spot by interconnecting the existing water line with the new water line. To prevent cross contamination, a check valve was utilized. They started by pressure testing the line/pipe for approximately 6 miles which became a challenge because air entered the line when the water was pushed from the back of the hill toward Belding. They opted instead to pressure test segments by shutting valves along the way. They reached approximately 80 psi but were required to stay at 150 psi for 2 hours but the pressure dropped overnight. As of March 11th, they sustained 115 psi without pressurizing the line any further.

On the morning of February 27th, the pressure continued to drop. Eventually a leak was discovered by a trench operator that drove on a soft spot. The water was discovered at a 45° fitting where the line extends from the Old Alpine Highway across the University Lands. This 45° fitting with black plastic around it was the culprit.

On September 11th, when this 6 mile section of pipe was being installed, the workers used an impact wrench to tighten the silver bolts but failed to torque/tighten them to the torque specification which would have pushed the rubber against the plastic pipe. The workers uncovered the pipe, re-tightened the bolts, re-tested it, and achieved a 150 psi which held for 2 hours, then 48 hours, and it was a success. They not only tightened the bolts but removed the thrust block and re-poured it at that location to keep it from moving. Approximately 50' of pipe remained at both ends for the tie in.

Currently installed was 99.9% of the line plus they were pressure testing the 1-1½ miles from Belding to where the county/highway broke off at the State Highway.

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The last segment that will be pressure tested will be the low spot to the Water Treatment Plant.

In considering the future, there are blue official waterline markers for every 500' which contain electrodes with wiring on top of the PVC for the City to place a current through the wire to locate the line.

The Belding Pump Station location will be tied into the 20" line and an automatic pressure relieve valve will be installed at the low point and at the water treatment plant. This is a precautionary measure that can be set so that a maximum pressure will never be exceeded but will instead "blow off" to prevent the pipe from being damaged from high pressure events. There are a total of 3 automatic air-pressure relief valves with a price tag of \$112,000 for each. Each of these will be in concrete pad.

Also, the fitting at this location is for a future highway extension if the City ever opts to develop further. This is valved-off and will have a blank flange bolted to it.

According to the meter that the City had the contractor install, the 6 miles of pipe contained 1,061,100 gallons.

Council Member Ramirez expressed concern regarding above ground appurtenances and their visibility, especially when the land is being mowed.

Engineer Synovitz replied "The only items that stick up above the ground are the actual markers; at the plant the line will come out of the ground due to an air release valve above ground to have access to it and see it. These are the only things that are above ground; everything else is in a vault or buried."

On some low points there are some flush valves with a 90° or a "U" coming out of the ground with a splash pad which will be above ground. If there is a concern a concrete bollard can be placed around them for protection.

Council Member Ramirez replied that a pipe or guard for protection will help.

Engineer Synovitz reported that of the approximate \$800,000 remaining, \$600,000 remained in additional expenses. A credit of \$200,000 will remain from change orders that were not needed.

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City Manager Rodriguez stated that Engineer Synovitz will be asked to return for a presentation regarding approval of a change order for the additional 18" line that will coincide with this project.

To Date Summary:

- **Pipe Installation Progress through 03/21/19:** Installed a total of 45,450 L.F. of 45,500 L.F. = 99.9% of Total Pipe in the Ground;
- **Cost Progression through 11/30/18:** \$2,361,337.41 of \$3,155,508.00 = 75 % of Contract Price (includes materials-on-hand & retainage); &
- **Schedule Progression through 03/12/19** was 337 days of 405 Total Contract Days = 83% of Contract Time.

Looking Ahead:

- **50' Remain @ Each End of the Project for Tie-Ins;**
- **Line Flushing;**
- **Bacteriological Testing; &**
- **Next Construction Observation Visits – March 25 & 26 &/or April 8 & 9, 2019.**

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS:

3. Utilities Administrator Sara Mata ---

- **Update on Automated Meter Infrastructure & Automated Meter Readings (AMI/AMR) Project.**

Utilities Administrator Mata reported that approximately 88% of all meters were previously updated. The additional 12% were incompatible and currently being updated. This process commenced on the latter part of February and 265 were already completed.

In response to Council Member Falcon's question regarding the customer portal that allows a customer to download and one's consumption, set up notifications, flag accounts, etc. there will be an additional cost for this WaterSmart Software because it needs to be purchased from a third-party. Once this information is received, she will report to City Council.

Council Member Falcon commented that during the meter presentations by 3 different vendors, included was the application that provided "real-time" consumption, warnings, texts, etc.

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Mayor Alexander inquired if leaks had been detected from any of the meters that were currently online.

Administrator Mata replied that the vendor was coordinating with I.T. on email alerts regarding continuous leaks, flags, major reverse flows, etc. Actually, if a customer called and indicated that the consumption on his/her monthly bill had increased, the City could not establish when it transpired. A continuous leak flag did not necessarily imply that a water leak/break was present but rather that the household was consuming water i.e. washing machine, watering outside, running toilet, etc.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

4. Discuss and Act upon Resolution No. 19-105R, Authorizing the City of Fort Stockton to File Grant Application #3002505 to the Office of the Governor for the Local Border Security Program (LBSP) for 2019-2020.

Chief of Police Skelton reported that this resolution authorized the submission of a grant application to renew the existing Borderstar Grant for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The grant application was for \$72,700 + \$3,000 for fuel reimbursement.

If approved, this funding would allow Officers to work overtime beyond their regular shifts in an effort to control criminal activity. He also requested that the Department obtain one part-time Officer in an endeavor to employ several of the current Reserves.

Motion was made, seconded & carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 19-105R, Authorizing the City of Fort Stockton to File Grant Application #3002505 to the Office of the Governor for the Local Border Security Program (LBSP) for 2019-2020.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

5. Discuss and Act upon the Completion of a Traffic Study for All of Panther Lane and a Portion of Rio Street.

City Manager Rodriguez reported that complaints were received from citizens that reside on Panther Lane. Authorization was needed for the Police Department to complete this study to evaluate what was needed to rectify this concern.

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Chief of Police Skelton replied that a unit would be positioned to review the activity on Panther Lane. He also reminded the public of the Directive Traffic Program. This allowed citizens to complete and submit a Traffic Complaint Form through the Department's website or Facebook Page regarding traffic problem areas in the community that Officers needed to focus on. The submitted forms would transmit to his and the Patrol Lieutenants' emails. Each Officer would be required to focus 1 hour per shift on this program. He encouraged citizens to enroll in this program.

Motion was made, seconded & carried unanimously to approve the Completion of a Traffic Study for All of Panther Lane and a Portion of Rio Street.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

6. Discuss and Act upon City of Fort Stockton and Big Bend Telecom, LTD, Reverse-Osmosis Plant Tower Lease located @ 626 Ellyson Boulevard.

City Manager Rodriguez conveyed that Big Bend Telecom wanted to provide internet and antenna service to the R.O. Plant Tower located at 626 Ellyson Boulevard and to citizens on the farthest west section of town. City Attorney Gonzales coordinated with the company's representative to prepare this agreement.

For using & occupying the premises, Big Bend Telecom will pay the City \$200 upon execution of the lease and \$200 monthly for rent. They will also provide one 18/3 mbps internet service to be located at the R.O. Plant in exchange for monthly power consumption (currently provided is an 18/1 mbps internet service).

The term of this lease needed to be revised from March 24, 2019 & March 23, 2024 to indicate the accurate dates to: The term of this lease is Five (5) years, beginning on *March 12, 2019* and ending on *March 11, 2024*, unless terminating sooner as provided in the lease.

Motion was made, seconded & carried unanimously to approve City of Fort Stockton and Big Bend Telecom, LTD, Reverse-Osmosis Plant Tower Lease located @ 626 Ellyson Boulevard, Contingent upon Revision to the Term Dates, as noted.

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SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

7. Discuss and Act upon Letter Agreement for Architectural Services with Tim Rice McClarty, AIA, regarding the Development of the 911 Center in the Public Safety Building.

City Manager Rodriguez conveyed that during the January 8, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting, Tim Rice McClarty, AIA, was awarded the Qualifications for Architectural/Engineering Services for Improvements to the Public Safety Building.

The intent of the Letter Agreement that was provided by the Firm will identify and develop the architectural plan(s) in accordance with building regulations for the 911 Center in the Public Safety Building. The hourly rate for this service will require a \$2,500 retainer at the time of the execution of the agreement, an hourly rate of \$175 plus any expenses incurred on the Project i.e. telephone, travel, shipping, reproduction, etc.

City Secretary Gonzalez remarked that the project address indicated on the Letter Agreement was 121 W. 2nd Street and needed to be corrected.

Motion was made, seconded & carried unanimously to approve Letter Agreement for Architectural Services with Tim Rice McClarty, AIA, regarding the Development of the 911 Center in the Public Safety Building with an hourly rate of \$175 + Incremental Expenses, \$2,500 Retainer Fee and 1700 N. Front Street being the accurate Project Address.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

8. Discuss/Act upon Pay Application No. 7 for Work Performed through 03/01/19 for \$369,177.07 by Nelson-Lewis, Inc. regarding the 30-Inch Water Transmission Line Project.

Motion was made, seconded & carried unanimously to approve Pay Application No. 7 for Work Performed through 03/01/19 for \$369,177.07 by Nelson-Lewis, Inc. regarding the 30-Inch Water Transmission Line Project.

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NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

9. Discuss/Act upon Awarding of Proposal for Reverse-Osmosis Plant Maintenance Services. Proposals: Paso-Tex, Alpha Water Resources

Director of Public Works Ramos remarked that two (2) proposals were submitted for the Reverse-Osmosis Plant Maintenance Services. In his professional opinion and after careful review & consideration, the proposal from Paso-Tex provided suitable pricing and will meet the needs of the City. He recommended that Paso-Tex be awarded the proposal.

Motion was made, seconded & carried unanimously to Award Proposal for Reverse-Osmosis Plant Maintenance Services to Paso-Tex.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

10. Discuss and Act upon Awarding of Bid for Pest Control Services for City Buildings. Bid: Brockman Pest Control

City Manager Rodriguez stated that the only bid for Pest Control Services was submitted by Mr. James Ponder with Brockman Pest Control. He re-submitted what he was currently being paid; \$450 monthly or \$5,400 yearly. He commended them for their monthly service.

Motion was made, seconded & carried unanimously to Award Bid for Pest Control Services for City Buildings to Brockman Pest Control for \$450 monthly.

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

11. Discuss/Act upon Appointment of New Member to the Planning & Zoning Commission due to the Resignation of Leslye Curnutt. Applicants: Guadalupe Fierro, Dolores Flores, Leena Gandhi, Reverend Jim Miles, David Neyland, Ralph Traynham

Motion was made, seconded & carried unanimously to Appoint Reverend Jim Miles to the Planning & Zoning Commission due to the Resignation of Leslye Curnutt.

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TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

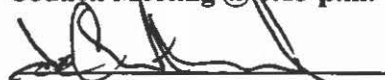
12. Questions from the Media on Agenda Items.

The Media did not have any inquires related to agenda items.

THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

13. Adjourn.

There being no further business, motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting @ 6:13 p.m.


 Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor

ATTEST:


 Delma A. Gonzalez, City Secretary

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