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ROLL CALL WAS ANSWERED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

RUBEN FALCON, JAMES WARNOCK, PAM PALILEO & PAUL CASIAS

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CITY SECRETARY:
CITY ATTORNEY: PUJA BOINPALLY

Mayor Alexander called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:31 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.”

RETIREMENT: Commend City Secretary Delma A. Gonzalez for her 30 Years of Distinguished Service to the City of Fort Stockton & Citizens.

Former City Secretary Delma A. Gonzalez was unable to attend her Retirement Recognition due to unforeseen circumstances.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

10. Discuss/Act upon \$250,000.00 Expenditure from the Fort Stockton 4-B EDC for the Fort Stockton Community Theatre.

EDC Director Remie Ramos explained that the Fort Stockton Economic Development Corporation (FSEDC) has gone through the process of post requirements needed to fund a Community Development Project in the amount of \$250,000.00 for the Fort Stockton Community Theatre. The project totals over 2 million dollars in re-investment in the Fort Stockton Downtown area. This Community Building is becoming a cornerstone for revitalization in the Historic part of downtown.

EDC is working with developers to develop the Springhurst Hotel as well as additional businesses in the Downtown District. This was seen as a good starting point by the EDC Board. Grants were secured and numerous fundraisers were conducted to raise funds to complete the Community Theatre.

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Mayor Alexander explained that \$200,000.00 was previously approved by the Economic Development Corporation; however, an additional \$50,000.00 was requested. Therefore, proper notifications were done for public awareness & to allow public comment.

Council Member Falcon clarified that the Community Theatre is part of Downtown.

EDC Director Ramos further explained that everything from Dickinson to Zero Stone Park between Main St. & Nelson are considered to be Downtown.

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EDC Director Ramos explained that this project would allow the Downtown Association to apply for grants to revitalize Downtown.

He further explained that this project shows the city's (monetary investment and support which would make the city eligible for additional grants for infrastructure as well as cosmetic improvements.

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Motion was made, seconded & carried unanimously to Authorize the \$250,000.00 Expenditure from the Fort Stockton 4-B EDC for the Fort Stockton Community Theatre.

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. **City Manager Frank Rodriguez----**
 🗳️ City Manager's Report

City Manager Rodriguez recognized City Council for dedicating their time to their community and acknowledged all the hard work his staff has been doing.

He recognized Public Works Director Ramos for a job well done. He explained that the City operates under his several licenses ranging from the landfill, water, sewer, & R.O. Plant. He also serves as the Emergency Management Coordinator.

He commended Director of Finance Rodriguez for her role in keeping track of the

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City's Finances.

Senator Pete Flores made an impromptu appearance where he advised everyone that they opened a new office in Fort Stockton for constituent services to provide a direct link to everyone. There will be a full-time employee. The new office is located next to the Drug Testing Place. He stated they would be conducting special recognitions such as proclamations or flying flags at half-staff on loved one's behalf. This office is where any issues with State Government or Agencies would be dealt with.

Mayor Alexander credited Senator Flores with the idea of a personalized bible with the State's Seal.

City Manager Rodriguez thanked Senator Flores for his role in accelerating the TCEQ approval process for the landfill project.

Senator Flores departed and **City Manager Rodriguez** continued with his presentation where he mentioned the status of the following:

- 30-Inch Waterline:
 - has been completed.
- Landfill:
 - TCEQ requirements have been met.
 - Working on Mulching Agreement to clear land at the landfill.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant:
 - The Wastewater Treatment Plant is utilized by the prison, which is a large source of Revenue.
 - TCEQ provided the city with some mandates that the city needs to comply with.
 - Parkhill, Smith & Cooper are finalizing the project scopes.
 - TDCJ is going to assist in paying a portion back with a 5-year payback.
- Police Department:
 - Tentative completion date for the Public Safety Building is the middle of February.
 - Net Velasquez was hired as the Assistant Chief of Police.

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JAMES WARNOCK	X		X	
PAM PALILEO		X	X	
PAUL CASIAS			X	

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- Sales Tax:
 - CVB, EDC & the City all benefit from sales tax which has been doing great.
 - Retention stipends were approved last year to retain staff; however, equipment for the streets department will be the focus for this year.
- Streets Department:
 - The Streets Department needs the proper equipment to repair the streets.
 - Streets Department Supervisor Roy Mendoza has created a 36 month plan in which the 80 miles of streets within city limits would be repaired.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS:

2. Consent Agenda

Minutes:

- Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton City Council, 12/17/2019
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Keep Historical FS Beautiful Board, 12/11/2019
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton 4-A Economic Development Corp., 12/19/2019
- Special Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton 4-B Economic Development Corp., 12/09/2019
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton 4-B Economic Development Corp., 12/19/2019
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton Intergovernmental Recreation Board, 11/20/2019

Accounts Payable Grand Total: \$364,447.94

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

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- 3. Discuss/Act upon Memorandum of Surface-Use Agreement with XTO Holdings, LLC for a Seismic Monitoring Station on Sec. 31, Blk.

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JAMES WARNOCK		X	X	
PAM PALILEO	X		X	
PAUL CASIAS			X	
RUBEN FALCON			X	
JAMES WARNOCK	X		X	
PAM PALILEO		X	X	
PAUL CASIAS			X	

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48, Twp.9, T & Ry. Co. Survey, Pecos County, Texas.

City Manager Rodriguez requested that this item be tabled for the Attorney's Review.

Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to table this item.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

4. Discuss/Act upon Tree/Brush Mulching Contract with R.O.W. Maintenance, Inc. for the New City Landfill.

Public Works Director Ramos explained that the Agreement is ready for approval. In fact, the contractor would like to mobilize equipment this Saturday and start on the project.

Motion was made and seconded to Approve the Tree/Brush Mulching Contract with R.O.W. Maintenance, Inc. for the New City Landfill.

Mayor Alexander inquired the price of the project.

Public Works Director Ramos replied the agreement was for \$66,500.00 for 140 acres.

Motion carried unanimously to Approve the Tree/Brush Mulching Contract with R.O.W. Maintenance, Inc. for the New City Landfill.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

5. Discuss/Act upon the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Project Engineering and Consulting Services for Various Projects. Qualifications: Dunaway, Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Parkhill Smith & Cooper, West of the Pecos Consulting Engineers.

Public Works Director Ramos explained that four (4) proposals were received. After review, he recommended West of the Pecos Consulting Engineers as they are able to meet most of the city's request. They would be able to assist with GIS Utility Mapping System, Engineer Planning designing for water, sewer & parks projects. They are local and have extensive experience.

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JAMES WARNOCK		X	X	
PAM PALILEO			X	
PAUL CASIAS			X	
RUBEN FALCON			X	
JAMES WARNOCK	X		X	
PAM PALILEO		X	X	
PAUL CASIAS			X	
RUBEN FALCON			X	
JAMES WARNOCK	X		X	
PAM PALILEO		X	X	
PAUL CASIAS			X	

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Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to Award the Request for Qualifications to West of the Pecos Consulting Engineers.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

6. Discuss/Act upon Purchase of a Volvo SD115B Soil Compactor from Sourcewell with BuyBoard Government Purchasing Cooperative for \$131,164.00.

Streets Department Supervisor Mendoza explained that the Streets Department does not currently have a soil compactor. This Volvo Soil Compactor is 7 ft. wide & heavy duty. This equipment can be purchased through Sourcewell of BuyBoard Government Purchasing Cooperative.

Mayor Alexander inquired if this Soil Compactor is similar to what is borrowed from the county to repair the streets.

City Manager Rodriguez explained that a Budget Amendment was approved last City Council Meeting in anticipation of the purchase of this equipment.

Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to Approve the purchase of a Volvo SD115B Soil Compactor from Sourcewell with BuyBoard Government Purchasing Cooperative for \$131,164.00.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

7. Discuss/Act upon Purchase of a Volvo SD115B Soil Compactor from Sourcewell with BuyBoard Government Purchasing Cooperative for \$131,164.00.

City Manager Rodriguez asked that no action be taken on this item as Streets Department Supervisor Mendoza and City Manager Rodriguez are looking into another alternative with better options and a lower price.

Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to take no action.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

8. Discuss/Act upon Change Order No. 11 for \$0.00 authorizing the adjustment to proposed connections for the City's new 18 Inch Well Field Waterline based on exploratory excavation.

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City Manager Rodriguez explained that this Change Order is to zero out the balance for the Waterline Project.

Motion was made and seconded to Approve Change Order No. 11 for \$0.00 authorizing the adjustment to proposed connections for the City's new 18 Inch Well Field Waterline based on exploratory excavation.

Mayor Alexander explained that the 30-Inch Waterline Project was completed under budget; therefore, the 18-Inch Waterline was added to connect the rest of the Well Field, which zeroed out the project.

Motion carried unanimously to Approve Change Order No. 11 for \$0.00 authorizing the adjustment to proposed connections for the City's new 18 Inch Well Field Waterline based on exploratory excavation.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

9. Discuss/Act upon Termination of Water Purchase Agreement between the City of Fort Stockton & WaterBridge Resources LLC; Adopted July 18, 2017.

City Manager Rodriguez explained that after meeting with a WaterBridge Representative it was mutually agreed to dissolve the current agreement with the option to discuss a new agreement tailoring the needs of that region.

Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to Approve the Termination of Water Purchase Agreement between the City of Fort Stockton & WaterBridge Resources LLC; Adopted July 18, 2017.

The 10th Order of Business was previously discussed.

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

11. Discuss/Act upon Authorizing the City Manager to Identify Residential & Commercial Water Rates for Accounts Outside the City Limits with Pecos County Water Control & Improvement District #1.

City Manager Rodriguez explained that last summer the City was informed that

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RUBEN FALCON			X	
JAMES WARNOCK			X	
PAM PALILEO			X	
PAUL CASIAS			X	
RUBEN FALCON			X	
JAMES WARNOCK		X	X	
PAM PALILEO			X	
PAUL CASIAS	X		X	

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the Water District was having difficulty with their water pressure & volume. The City was proactive & setup a new meter & setup a line to prepare for the need.

There was a meeting held with the Water District, County & City. The City has the ability to provide the Water District water. The system is upgraded the City has the 30-Inch Waterline, the alternate R.O. Plant that is capable of providing a million gallons, if needed. Their current volume is 750,000 they are wanting to increase it by 300,000 which would make it a million. The city would be able to provide plenty of water if needed.

He requested permission for City Manager, Public Works Director & Assistant City Manager to negotiate outside city limits water rates.

Council Member Falcon inquired what would happen if the city experiences water restrictions.

Public Works Director Ramos explained in accordance with the Drought Contingency, the Water District would need to abide with the restrictions. If the volume needs to be reduced, it will be done according to the demand.

Mayor Alexander explained that they would have to abide with restrictions just like the other customers.

Council Member Warnock explained that the customers would still have water flow; however, it would just be reduced.

City Manager Rodriguez stated the Water District would receive a copy of the Drought Contingency Plan so they are aware of all possibilities.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to Authorize City Manager Rodriguez, Assistant City Manager Jesse Gonzales & Public Works Director Aaron Ramos to Negotiate Residential & Commercial Water Rates for Accounts Outside the City Limits with Pecos County Water Control & Improvement District #1.

TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

12. Discuss/Act upon Appointment of One (1) Member to the K.H.F.S.B. Board. Applicants: Elizabeth Lynn, Amber T. McFall.

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JAMES WARNOCK		X	X	
PAM PALILEO			X	
PAUL CASIAS			X	
RUBEN FALCON			X	
JAMES WARNOCK			X	
PAM PALILEO		X	X	
PAUL CASIAS	X		X	

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Council Member Falcon inquired if Amber T. McFall was on any of the current boards.

Administrative Assistant Marina Cantu responded that Amber T. McFall was not on any of the current boards.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to Appoint Amber T. McFall to the K.H.F.S.B Board.

Mayor Alexander recessed from the Regular Meeting at 6:05 p.m. to convene into the:

THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

13. City Council may Convene in Closed Session in Accordance with 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: (a) City Secretary Interviews: (a) Lisa Cabrera (b) Marina Cantu (c) Vance Lipsey

(b) Annual Evaluation: Municipal Judge Jose Munoz

Mayor Alexander closed the Executive Session @ 7:21 p.m. to reconvene into the Regular Meeting.

FOURTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

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

13(a) Discuss/Act upon Employment of City Secretary

Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to Approve the Employment of Marina Cantu for the Fort Stockton City Secretary Position.

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PAM PALILEO			X	
PAUL CASIAS		X	X	
RUBEN FALCON			X	
JAMES WARNOCK			X	
PAM PALILEO	X		X	
PAUL CASIAS		X	X	

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13(b) Discuss/Act upon Annual Evaluation of Municipal Judge Jose Munoz.

Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to Approve a Positive Evaluation for Municipal Judge Jose Munoz.

FIFTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

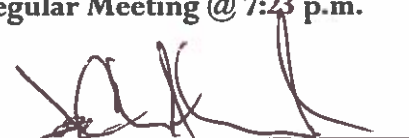
15. Questions from the Media on Agenda Items.

Inquiries were not made from the Media.

SIXTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

16. Adjourn.

There being no further business, motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to adjourn the Regular Meeting @ 7:23 p.m.


 Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor

ATTEST:


 Marina A. Cantu, City Secretary