

CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS
MINUTES OF: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DATE OF MEETING: JANUARY 26, 2021
TIME OF MEETING: 5:30 P.M.
PLACE OF MEETING: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

VOTED NAY
VOTED AYE
SECONDED
MOVED

ROLL CALL WAS ANSWERED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS:
PRESENT: DARREN HODGES, JAMES WARNOCK, RUBEN FALCON, PAM PALILEO & PAUL CASIAS

MAYOR: JOE CHRIS ALEXANDER
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CITY ATTORNEY: PUJA BOINPALLY

Mayor Alexander called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. after declaring a quorum present.

Council Member Hodges 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. **OATH OF OFFICE:** Publicly Swear-In Newly Appointed Municipal Court Judge Maribel Perkins.

Mayor Alexander publicly swore-in Newly Appointed Municipal Court Judge Maribel Perkins.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS:

2. 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:
 - ⬇ Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton City Council, 01/12/2021
 - ⬇ Special Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton City Council, 01/21/2021
 - ⬇ Special Meeting Minutes of Economic Development 4-A Corporation, 10/22/2020
 - ⬇ Regular Meeting Minutes of Economic Development 4-A Corporation, 12/17/2020
 - ⬇ Special Meeting Minutes of Economic Development 4-A Corporation, 12/21/2020

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- ✚ Special Meeting Minutes of Economic Development 4-B Corporation, 10/22/2020
- ✚ Regular Meeting Minutes of Economic Development 4-B Corporation, 12/17/2020
- ✚ Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton Convention & Visitor's Bureau, 11/24/2020
- ✚ Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton Housing Authority Board, 11/19/2020
- ✚ Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton Housing Authority Board, 12/17/2020
- ✚ Regular Meeting Minutes of Intergovernmental Recreation Board, 11/18/2020

Accounts Payable Grand Total: \$670,753.72

Mayor Alexander advised everyone that Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton Convention & Visitor's Bureau, 11/24/2020 were removed so a correction could be made. Once the correction is made the minutes would be brought before City Council once again.

Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to Approve the Consent Agenda, as presented Removing Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton Convention & Visitor's Bureau, 11/24/2020.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS:

3. 1ST Reading of Resolution No. 21-100R, A Resolution of the Fort Stockton Economic Development 4-A Corporation & Fort Stockton Economic Development 4-B Corporation Approving the Distribution of Funds to Springhirst LLC for Infrastructure and Rehabilitation of the Historic Property known as the Springhirst Hotel in an Amount not to Exceed \$1,100,000.00.

EDC Director Ramos read Resolution No. 21-100R aloud.

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FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

4. Discuss/Act upon ratification of the Fort Stockton Economic Development 4-A Corporation Board By-laws and Amendments.

EDC Director Ramos stated under Section 6.06 Ex-Officio Members it currently reads City Manager or his designee and the Mayor or his designee may attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and Committees.

He stated there needs to be a definition following, which reads “including Executive, Private or Public.”

He added that all other changes were highlighted in red.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to Approve the Ratification of the Fort Stockton Economic Development 4-A Corporation Board By-laws and Amendments.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

5. Discuss/Act upon ratification of the Fort Stockton Economic Development 4-B Corporation Board By-laws and Amendments.

EDC Director Ramos explained under Section 6.06 Ex-Officio Members the definition reading “including Executive, Private or Public.”, needed to be added.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to Approve the ratification of the Fort Stockton Economic Development 4-B Corporation Board By-laws and Amendments.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

6. Discuss/Act upon Engineer Agreement for Project Engineering and Consulting Services for Various Projects with West of the Pecos Consulting Engineers.

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HODGES			X	
WARNOCK			X	
FALCON	X		X	
PALILEO		X	X	
CASIAS			X	
HODGES			X	
WARNOCK		X	X	
FALCON			X	
PALILEO			X	
CASIAS	X		X	

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City Manager Rodriguez explained West of the Pecos Consulting Engineers has assisted with various projects & continues to assist in the Code Enforcement Department.

Therefore, he requested permission to approve the contract for an additional year.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve Engineer Agreement for Project Engineering and Consulting Services for Various Projects with West of the Pecos Consulting Engineers.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

7. Discuss/Act upon Solicitation of Bids for Purchase and Installation of Weigh Scale for the City's New Municipal Solid Waste Facility.

City Manager Rodriguez requested permission to solicit bids for a Weigh Scale for the Solid Waste Facility.

Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to Authorize the Solicitation of Bids for Purchase and Installation of Weigh Scale for the City's New Municipal Solid Waste Facility.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

8. Discuss/Act upon the 1st Quarterly Investment Report ending December 31, 2020.

In accordance with the City of Fort Stockton Investment Policy and the Public Funds Investment Act, Director of Finance Rodriguez explained the 1st Quarterly Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

At the end of December, TexPool's average interest rate was 0.08%; LOGIC's average interest rate was 0.15%; 90-day T-Bills were 0.09% and the one-year T-Bills were 0.10%. Our local bank, Pecos County State Bank, is currently at 0.35%.

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In accordance with Resolution No. 11-110R, the City exceeded the required 7% of General Fund's and Enterprise Fund's budgeted expenses totaling \$19,390,590.00 by maintaining \$1,357,341.30.

GENERAL			
	<i>Beginning of Quarter</i>	<i>End of Quarter</i>	<i>Quarterly Interest Earned</i>
TOTAL	\$ 12,334,344.84	\$ 11,031,759.16	\$ 6,151.97
EDC 4-A			
	<i>Beginning of Quarter</i>	<i>End of Quarter</i>	<i>Quarterly Interest Earned</i>
TOTAL	\$ 2,274,925.85	\$ 2,423,860.22	\$ 1,081.41
CVB			
	<i>Beginning of Quarter</i>	<i>End of Quarter</i>	<i>Quarterly Interest Earned</i>
TOTAL	\$ 3,127,579.11	\$ 1,354,906.63	\$ 955.65
EDC 4-B			
	<i>Beginning of Quarter</i>	<i>End of Quarter</i>	<i>Quarterly Interest Earned</i>
TOTAL	\$ 1,505,255.51	\$ 1,600,868.09	\$ 787.32
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT			
	<i>Beginning of Quarter</i>	<i>End of Quarter</i>	<i>Quarterly Interest Earned</i>
TOTAL	\$ 1,768,056.82	\$ 1,898,239.17	\$ 903.66
TAX NOTES			
	<i>Beginning of Quarter</i>	<i>End of Quarter</i>	<i>Quarterly Interest Earned</i>
TOTAL	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 935,010.44	\$ 94.65

She pointed out that CVB is the account that was used to purchase Stockton's Entertainment.

Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to Accept the 1st Quarterly Investment Report ending December 31, 2020, as presented.

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HODGES			X	
WARNOCK	X		X	
FALCON			X	
PALILEO			X	
CASIAS		X	X	
HODGES			X	
WARNOCK		X	X	
FALCON	X		X	
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NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

9. Discuss/Act upon Election Services Contract Between the City of Fort Stockton and the Fort Stockton Independent School District with the Pecos County Clerk, State of Texas, County of Pecos.

Mayor Alexander advised City Council they have been asked to table this item.

City Attorney Boinpally recommended this item be tabled until the clarifications she requested are addressed.

Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to Table the Election Services Contract Between the City of Fort Stockton and the Fort Stockton Independent School District with the Pecos County Clerk, State of Texas, County of Pecos.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

10. Discuss/Act upon City of Fort Stockton Order of General Election and Notice of General Election for May 1, 2021 to Elect One (1) Mayor & Two (2) Council Members; with Early Voting from April 19, 2021 – April 27, 2021.

Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to Approve City of Fort Stockton Order of General Election and Notice of General Election for May 1, 2021 to Elect One (1) Mayor & Two (2) Council Members; with Early Voting from April 19, 2021 – April 27, 2021.

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

11. Discuss/Act upon appointment and/or re-appointment of three (3) Convention & Visitor's Bureau (CVB) Board Members to fulfill a 3-Year Term.

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Motion was made by Council Member Palileo, seconded by Council Member Warnock and carried unanimously to appoint Heather Pass to the Convention & Visitor’s Bureau (CVB) Board to fulfill a 3-Year Term.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Falcon, seconded by Council Member Warnock and carried unanimously to appoint Vishal Chopra to the Convention & Visitor’s Bureau (CVB) Board to fulfill a 3-Year Term.

Motion was made by Council Member Casias, seconded by Council Member Hodges and carried to appoint Adam Gonzales to the Convention & Visitor’s Bureau (CVB) Board to fulfill a 3-Year Term.

TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

12. Questions from the Media.

Fort Stockton Pioneer Editor Nathan Heuer inquired if the members appointed during the meeting were all new to CVB.

Mayor Alexander explained they were all new appointments; however, Vishal Chopra served as a CVB Member in the past.

Fort Stockton Pioneer Editor Nathan Heuer inquired who was up for re-appointment to the CVB Board.

City Secretary Cantu stated Renee Gaylor, Jr. Sena & Louann Tovar were eligible for re-appointment to the CVB Board; however, of the three only Renee Gaylor submitted an application to be considered for re-appointment.

Mayor Pro-Tem Falcon elaborated on the importance of the role CVB plays in attracting tourism to our community.

THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:


13. Adjourn.

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There being no further business, motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to adjourn the Regular Meeting @ 6:02 p.m.


 Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor

ATTEST:

 Marina A. Cantu, City Secretary

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MOVED	SECONDDED	VOTED AYE	VOTED NAY
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