

CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS

MINUTES OF: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DATE OF MEETING: MARCH 11, 2024
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, PAUL CASIAS, RUBEN J BERNAL, RUBEN FALCON,
PAUL JEROME CHAVEZ

ABSENT: DARREN HODGES

Mayor Paul Casias called the Regular Meeting to Order at 5:30 p.m. after declaring a quorum present.

Mayor Paul Casias 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.

Mayor Paul Casias gave the Invocation.

Council Member Ruben J. Bernal led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America Flag & the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY:

1. Public Testimony

There was not any Public Testimony.

ORDINANCES:

2. Discuss/Act upon Ordinance No. 24-104, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Fort Stockton Titled Building and Building Regulations*, Article II.

Building Code and Repealing all other Ordinances or Portions Thereof in Conflict, A Severability Clause and Providing for its Publication and Effective Date. (City Atty./Bldg. Offl.)

Building Official Roy Mendoza explained after an analysis of the Building Code Fees it was determined that the fees needed to be increased to reflect that of the surrounding communities.

City Attorney Puja Boinpally explained that the current Initial Registration Fee is \$75 and the Renewal Fee is \$50. The Initial Registration Fee will be increased to \$125 and the Renewal Fee will be increased to \$100.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, seconded by Council Member Ruben Falcon, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 24-104, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Fort Stockton Titled Building and Building Regulations*, Article II. Building Code and Repealing all other Ordinances or Portions Thereof in Conflict, A Severability Clause and Providing for its Publication and Effective Date. Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

CONSENT AGENDA:

3. 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, 02/26/2024
- Special Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton City Council, 03/07/2024
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton Historical Landmark Commission, 02/07/2024
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Keep Historic Fort Stockton Beautiful Board, 02/07/2024
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Animal Control Advisory Board, 11/30/2023

Accounts Payable Grand Total:

\$1,654,326.05

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, seconded by Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez, and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

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

ANNEXATION REQUEST:

4. Discuss/Act upon Municipal Services Agreement between the City of Fort Stockton and Property Owner Texas New Mexico Power Company. **(City Atty.)**

City Attorney Puja Boinpally explained this is the Municipal Services Agreement for the Property TNMP is requesting to Annex into the City of Fort Stockton. This Agreement states that the City of Fort Stockton will make utility services available to the area upon annexation into the city. She noted she had originally prepared the agreement for the February 26, 2024 City Council Meeting; however, TNMP did not notify the city that they concurred with the agreement until after that meeting. Therefore, the date would need to be changed to March 11, 2024.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, seconded by Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez, and carried unanimously to approve Municipal Services Agreement between the City of Fort Stockton and Property Owner Texas New Mexico Power Company, amending the date of approval to read March 11, 2024. Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

RESOLUTION:

5. Discuss/Act upon Resolution No. 24-108R, a Resolution setting a date, time and place for the Public Hearing on the Proposed Annexation of Certain Property by the City of Fort Stockton, Texas, more particularly described as a 31.9306 Acre Parcel, being a Portion of Block 29, ELLYSON FIRST ADDITION and a Portion of Section 27, Block 146, TEXAS AND ST. LOUIS RAILROAD COMPANY SURVEYS, Pecos County, Texas to the City of Fort Stockton, which shall be zoned as "Commercial District (C)" for the Procurement of Utility Services, as requested by Property Owner Texas New Mexico Power Company and Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to Publish Notice of Such Public Hearing. **(City Sec./Bldg. Offl.)**

City Secretary Marina Cantu explained the purpose of the Resolution was to set the date, time & place of the Public Hearing for the Texas New Mexico Power Company Annexation. The Public Hearing is scheduled for April 8, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers. The notice will be published in the local newspaper.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 24-108R, a Resolution setting a date, time and place for the Public Hearing on the Proposed Annexation of Certain Property by the City of Fort Stockton, Texas, more particularly described as a 31.9306 Acre Parcel, being a Portion of Block 29, ELLYSON FIRST ADDITION and a Portion of Section 27, Block 146, TEXAS AND ST. LOUIS RAILROAD COMPANY SURVEYS, Pecos County, Texas to the City of Fort Stockton, which shall be zoned as "Commercial District (C)" for the Procurement of Utility Services, as requested by Property Owner Texas New Mexico Power Company and Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to Publish Notice of Such Public Hearing. Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

6. Discuss/Act upon 2024 Interlocal Services Agreement for Labor and Equipment between the City of Fort Stockton and Pecos County Water Control & Improvement District #1. (City Atty.)

City Attorney Puja Boinpally apologized as she made a mistake and previously listed the Entity as Pecos County Water District. There is already another Pecos County Water District; therefore, she wanted to clean it up to specify Pecos County Water Control & Improvement District #1. The agreement itself will remain the same.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben Falcon, and carried unanimously to approve 2024 Interlocal Services Agreement for Labor and Equipment between the City of Fort Stockton and Pecos County Water Control & Improvement District #1. Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

7. Discuss/Act upon Maintenance/Support Agreement Contract No. 4183 between the City of Fort Stockton and Terralogic Document Systems. (City Atty.)

City Secretary Marina Cantu explained this is the Maintenance/Support Agreement for Terralogic Document Systems who provides services for our Laserfiche Program. This is the

Program that we scan our permanent records such as Ordinances, Resolutions and Minutes to be retained.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve the Maintenance/Support Agreement Contract No. 4183 between the City of Fort Stockton and Terralogic Document Systems. Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

8. Discuss/Act upon Bid for Belding Water Well #6 Replacement Well Services. **Bid Received:** *Hydro Resources - Mid Continent, Inc. (City Mgr./R.O. Plant Sup.)*

City Manager Frank Rodriguez III explained a scope of the existing well was done, which revealed the casing was broken in several places and had fallen inward. Therefore, it was determined that the well needed to be replaced. He recommended awarding the bid to Hydro Resources - Mid Continent, Inc. to complete the replacement of the well.

Motion was made by Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, and carried unanimously to award Bid for Belding Water Well #6 Replacement Well Services to Hydro Resources - Mid Continent, Inc. Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

9. Discuss/Act upon Initiating the Inclusion Process for a portion of Section 17, Block 146, T&STL & a portion of Section 23, Block 146, T&STL.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, and carried unanimously to Authorize Initiating the Inclusion Process for a portion of Section 17, Block 146, T&STL & a portion of Section 23, Block 146, T& STL. Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

10. Discuss/Act upon Bid for Plat with Boundary Survey of a Portion of Section 17, Block 146, T&STL & a Portion of Section 23, Block 146, T&STL.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez, and carried unanimously to Solicit Bids for Plat with Boundary

Survey of a Portion of Section 17, Block 146, T&STL & a Portion of Section 23, Block 146, T&STL. Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

11. Discuss/Act upon 232 ft. of Cement Paving of West Second Street at the New Fire Station entrance Project to be completed by L.T. Construction, LLC in the amount of \$199,427.23 as approved by the Economic Development 4-A Corporation on March 8, 2024. **(EDC Dir.)**

NO ACTION TAKEN

12. Discuss/Act upon Pay Application No. 1 totaling \$99,427.23 for work performed by L.T. Construction, LLC for the 232 ft. of Cement Paving of West Second Street at the New Fire Station entrance Project as approved by the Economic Development 4-A Corporation on March 8, 2024. **(EDC Dir.)**

NO ACTION TAKEN

13. Discuss/Act upon Infrastructure Assistance to Texas New Mexico Power Company in an amount not to exceed \$230,000.00 as approved by the Economic Development 4-A Corporation on March 8, 2024. **(EDC Dir.)**

Assistant City Manager Jesse Gonzales Jr. explained EDC 4-A met last Friday and approved \$230,000.00 for the Infrastructure Assistance to the Texas New Mexico Power Company to install water, gas & sewer to the area that is being annexed.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve Infrastructure Assistance to Texas New Mexico Power Company in an amount not to exceed \$230,000.00 as approved by the Economic Development 4-A Corporation on March 8, 2024. Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

14. Discuss/Act upon the Lannom Park Renovation Project which includes Playground Shades, Multi Use Courts, Solar Lighting, Irrigation System Repairs and Electrical Upgrades not to exceed \$200,000.00 as approved by the Economic Development 4-B Corporation on February 15, 2024. **(EDC Dir.)**

Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Remie Ramos explained the original list was very extensive as this is the way it was written to be posted for 60 days. However, the project has been scaled back to only include solar lights and the shaded playground area. This will be for the Lannom Park. He reiterated the \$200,000.00 would be utilized for solar lighting and playground equipment.

Motion was made by Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez, seconded by Council Member Ruben Falcon, and carried unanimously to approve Lannom Park Renovation Project which includes Playground Shades, Multi Use Courts, Solar Lighting, Irrigation System Repairs and Electrical Upgrades not to exceed \$200,000.00 as approved by the Economic Development 4-B Corporation on February 15, 2024. Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

15. Discuss/Act upon Payment to AOT Recreation in the amount of \$98,460.00 for the installation of new swings and playground with shades as part of the Lannom Park Renovation Project as approved by the Economic Development 4-B Corporation on February 15, 2024. **(EDC Dir.)**

Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Remie Ramos explained as part of the \$200,000.00 approved in the previous item the initial plan was to build a shade over the existing playground; however, it was determined that the playground equipment needed to be replaced as well. Therefore, this is to approve the payment for the new playground equipment.

Motion was made by Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve Payment to AOT Recreation in the amount of \$98,460.00 for the installation of new swings and playground with shades as part of the Lannom Park Renovation Project as approved by the Economic Development 4-B Corporation on February 15, 2024. Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

16. Discuss/Act upon Pay Application No. 4 totaling \$37,314.00 for work performed by AG Oilfield Services, Inc. which includes phase 5: Loading and Stacking Pipe at Belding Yard for Clearing of the Right-of-Way for the Removal of 13,851 feet of Pipeline within Section 34, Block 27, and Section 6, 7, 17, and 18, Block 28, University Lands, Pecos County, Texas. **(City Mgr.)**

Assistant City Manager Jesse Gonzales Jr. explained this is the Fourth Pay Application for the removal of the 20" line. He elaborated that this is Phase 5. Phase 4 will occur afterwards because

of the season and logistics. The City Engineer will inspect the progress tomorrow and will sign off on the progress, if completed. We are requesting permission to approve the payment in advance.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve Pay Application No. 4 totaling \$37,314.00 for work performed by AG Oilfield Services, Inc. which includes phase 5: Loading and Stacking Pipe at Belding Yard for Clearing of the Right-of-Way for the Removal of 13,851 feet of Pipeline within Section 34, Block 27, and Section 6, 7, 17, and 18, Block 28, University Lands, Pecos County, Texas. Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

17. Discuss/Act upon Donation of bullet and stab protective vests from Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. to the Fort Stockton Police Department. (C.O.P.)

Chief of Police Ernesto Velasquez explained this was to accept the protective vests for K-9 Fauce and K-9 Nemo provided by Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. The K-9 Officers brought the grant to Chief of Police Ernesto Velasquez attention, and they were given permission to apply for it. This company provides over 5,472 vests across the United States. The City of Fort Stockton is very fortunate to be receiving two of them. Upon acceptance, the vests should be delivered between 8-10 weeks.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, seconded by Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez, and carried unanimously to Accept Donation of bullet and stab protective vests from Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. to the Fort Stockton Police Department. Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

18. Discuss/Act upon the Purchase of a M2-106, Conventional Cab, SBFA, SRA (PRL-20M) Sanitation Truck from Houston Freightliner with Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program for \$253,794.00, utilizing funds budgeted for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. (City Mgr./Dir. of Fin.)

City Manager Frank Rodriguez explained we are requesting permission to purchase a new Sanitation Vehicle. He further explained the buildout process usually takes approximately 6-7 months. He requested permission to purchase this vehicle before the end of the fiscal or the beginning of the new fiscal. It's part of the Capital Improvement Budget.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, and carried unanimously to approve the Purchase of a M2-106, Conventional Cab, SBFA, SRA (PRL-20M) Sanitation Truck from Houston Freightliner with Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program for \$253,794.00, utilizing funds budgeted for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

19. Questions from Media.

There were no questions from the media.

20. Adjourn.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 5:55 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.



Paul Casias, Mayor

ATTEST:



Marina A. Cantu, City Secretary