

CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS
 MINUTES OF: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
 DATE OF MEETING: MARCH 9, 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, RUBEN FALCON & PAUL CASIAS

PRESENT VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE: PAM PALILEO

JAMES WARNOCK ARRIVED VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE AT 5:41 P.M.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Falcon called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. after declaring a quorum present.

Council Member Hodges gave the Invocation.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Falcon 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. Chief of Police Robert Lujan with Fort Stockton Police Department
 📊 Statistics for February 2021

Service Calls Dispatched:	833
FSPD	458
FSFD	15
PCEMS	137
PCSO	217

Investigations Initiated:	37
83 rd District Attorney	4
112 th District Attorney	8
County Attorney	14
Juvenile Probation	0

Accidents Worked:	54
Accidents (PD)	25

Total Arrests:	14
Assault – Family Violence	0
Burglary	0
Criminal Mischief	0
Criminal Trespass:	8
Disorderly Conduct	0
Driving While Intoxicated	0
Evading Arrest	0
Illegal Aliens	0
Murder	0
Possession of a Controlled Substance	1
Possession of Marijuana	0

Traffic Stops/Violations	168
Traffic Citations Issued	100
Traffic Stops (PD)	101

Misdemeanors	11
Felonies	2

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Public Intoxication	1
Resisting Arrest	0
Theft	0
Warrants	3

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:

- ◆ Special Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton City Council, 02/25/2021
- ◆ Special Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton City Council, 03/01/2021
- ◆ Regular Meeting Minutes of Keep Historic FS Beautiful Board, 02/03/2021
- ◆ Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton Convention & Visitor’s Bureau, 01/19/2021

Accounts Payable Grand Total: \$263,996.60

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

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS:

3. Discuss/Act upon Resolution No. 21-101R, Completing the Annual Review of the Current City of Fort Stockton Investment Policy Manual.

Director of Finance Rodriguez explained the purpose of this Resolution was to remain in compliance with the Annual Review Requirements.

There were no changes made.

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She further explained that most of the city's money was in LOGIC. The interest rate was not particularly good; therefore, some of the city's money is at the Pecos County State Bank where it is accruing more than it would with LOGIC.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to Approve Resolution No. 21-101R, Completing the Annual Review of the Current City of Fort Stockton Investment Policy Manual.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

4. **Discuss/Act upon Sale of 41 Arcade Games, 2 Ticket Stations, and 1 Glow Vending Machine with Lone Star Auctioneers (LSO), an Online Auction Service.**

City Manager Rodriguez explained that Convention and Visitor's Bureau Director Crystal Lopez requested that City Council approve these items to be auctioned off through Lonestar Auctioneers. These items are currently located at the Entertainment Plaza.

Mayor Pro-Tem Falcon inquired if the funds made off this auction would be deposited into the CVB Fund or the General Fund.

City Manager Rodriguez responded that the funds would be deposited into the General Fund and reallocated to the CVB Fund.

Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to Approve the Sale of 41 Arcade Games, 2 Ticket Stations, and 1 Glow Vending Machine with Lone Star Auctioneers (LSO), an Online Auction Service.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

5. **Discuss/Act upon Pay Application No. 1 totaling \$166,680.00 Work Performed by Redneck Metal Buildings through 03/09/2021 regarding the Construction of New City Recycling Center Facility**

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Project.

Public Works Director Aaron Ramos explained Redneck Metal Buildings submitted Pay Application No. 1 for \$166,680.00 for work completed through 03/09/2021. This includes the concrete slab and materials.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to Approve Pay Application No. 1 totaling \$166,680.00 Work Performed by Redneck Metal Buildings through 03/09/2021 regarding the Construction of New City Recycling Center Facility Project.

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Seconded: X
Voted Aye: X
Voted Nay: X

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

6. Discuss/Act upon Solicitation of Bids for Pest Control Services for City Buildings.

City Manager Rodriguez explained he was requesting permission to go out for the Annual Bids for Pest Control Services for City Buildings.

Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to Approve the Solicitation of Bids for Pest Control Services for City Buildings.

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Seconded: X
Voted Aye: X
Voted Nay: X

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

7. Discuss/Act upon Awarding of Bid for the Purchase and Installation of Weigh Scale.

Public Works Director Ramos explained that Rusty's Weigh Scales and Service was the only bid received. He assured everyone that the bid met the scope of the request. Rusty's Weigh Scales provided two bids for new scales and one alternate bid to relocate the existing scale.

The first bid was for the Mettler Toledo Scale \$94,194.00 and the other for Tufner Economy Scale for \$85,030.00

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He explained the differences between the two bids for new scales. The Mettler Toledo Scale has better electronics and warranty. The Mettler Toledo Scale has a 5-year warranty for the loadcells and weighbridge, which covers 100% parts, 100% labor costs, & 100% travel time. It also includes Lightning Protection which offers full coverage due to lightning strikes. The Tufner Economy scale has a 5-year warranty for the weighbridge and 2-year warranty for the loadcells.

The alternate bid for relocation of the existing landfill scale, which is also a Mettler Toledo, is \$65,035.00. This includes the \$48,875.00 to relocate the existing scale onto the new foundation as well as the \$16,160 for the loadcell conversion kit. The loadcell conversion kit is essential because the old model is obsolete. The scales have 10 loadcells each. The alternate bid does not include the demolition of the old foundation.

Based on the reviews the Tufner Scale is a good brand; however, the loadcells tend to go out due to lightning strikes and power outages.

Public Works Director Ramos recommended selecting the first bid for the Mettler Toledo Scale and the Alternate Bid to relocate the existing scale once the new landfill is opened. This would allow the new landfill to have 2 scales like most Texas Landfills. One scale for incoming traffic and one for outgoing traffic. It would also be beneficial to have two scales, that way there is a backup when one is down for repairs. The City has rarely had any issues with the current scale. Typically, the current scale is only down when it is recalibrated.

Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the Solicitation of Bids for the Purchase and Installation of Weigh Scale to Rusty's Weigh Scales for their First Bid for the New Mettler Toledo Scale at \$94,194.00 and their Alternate Bid to Relocate the Existing Mettler Toledo Weigh Scale onto the new foundation, which includes the conversion kit at \$65,035.00.

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EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

8. City Council to consider and/or act upon Governor’s Executive Order #GA34 and any Action Necessary to Update.

Mayor Pro-Tem Falcon advised everyone that Governor Abbott withdrew his statewide mask mandate effective 12:01 a.m. on March 10, 2021. This means no State Level COVID-19 operating limits for businesses or establishments. Face coverings are encouraged if social distancing is not feasible. No person may be required by any jurisdiction to wear or mandate the wearing of a face covering. However, businesses and other private establishments may require employees or customers to follow additional hygiene measures including the wearing of a face covering.

Council Member Hodges inquired how many residents have been vaccinated in Fort Stockton.

Fort Stockton Pioneer Editor Nathan Heuer responded approximately a little over 4,000 people have been vaccinated; of that 2,100 have been fully vaccinated.

Mayor Pro-Tem Falcon recommended that businesses assess their risks and take the appropriate actions necessary to protect their establishment.

Mayor Pro-Tem Falcon recessed the Regular Meeting to Convene into Executive Session at 5:57 p.m.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

**9. 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: (a) Annual Evaluation & Revision to Contract for City Manager Frank Rodriguez III.**

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Mayor Pro-Tem Falcon closed Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. to reconvene into the Regular Meeting.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

**10. Reconvene into Open Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section §551.102 & Take Action, if any, on Matters Deliberated in Executive Session
 (9a) Discuss/Act upon Annual Evaluation & Revision to Contract for City Manager Frank Rodriguez III**

City Council commended City Manager Rodriguez for a job well done during the recent freeze and COVID pandemic.

Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to renew and extend the Contract for City Manager Frank Rodriguez III.

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

11. Questions from the Media.

There were no questions from the Media.

TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

12. Adjourn.

There being no further business, motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to adjourn the Regular Meeting @ 6:51 p.m.


 Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor

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ATTEST:


Marina A. Cantu, City Secretary