

CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS

MINUTES OF: SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DATE OF MEETING: MARCH 20, 2023
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: DARREN HODGES, JAMES WARNOCK, JOE CHRIS ALEXANDER, PAUL CASIAS, RUBEN J BERNAL, RUBEN FALCON

CITY MANAGER: FRANK RODRIGUEZ III
CITY SECRETARY: MARINA CANTU
CITY ATTORNEY: PUJA BOINPALLY

Mayor Joe Chris Alexander called the Special Meeting to Order at 5:30 p.m. after declaring a quorum present.

Mayor Joe Chris 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.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Act upon Hodges Pavilion Construction Agreement between the City of Fort Stockton and L.T. Construction, LLC for additions and buildout of the Hodges Pavilion. (City Mgr./City Atty.)

City Attorney Puja Boinpally advised City Council she had drafted the Agreement for the additions and buildout of the Hodges Pavilion. She stated the completion of the project is anticipated to span over 20 weeks, allowing for weather delays. There is a request for an initial \$100,000 mobilization payment. Thereafter, upon approved completion of each phase by the City Engineer, L.T. Construction LLC will invoice the City accordingly for the completed work. The City shall review and approve the invoice within 30 calendar days of the work being completed.

Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, and carried unanimously to approve the Hodges Pavilion Construction Agreement between the City of Fort Stockton and L.T. Construction, LLC for additions and buildout of the Hodges Pavilion. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

2. Discuss/Act upon Amending Solicitation of Sealed Bids for Belding Water Well #6 Replacement Well Services to reflect a well depth minimum of approximately 450 feet. (City Mgr./P.W. Dir.)

City Manager Frank Rodriguez III explained due to the recent activity happening within the vicinity of Water Well #6, he requested permission to change the depth of the well to reflect a minimum of 450 feet.

R.O Plant Supervisor Robbie Dominguez emphasized the importance of increasing the depth of the well for future use.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to Amend the Solicitation of Sealed Bids for Belding Water Well #6 Replacement Well Services to reflect a well depth minimum of approximately 450 feet. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

3. Discuss/Act upon Pay Application No. 1 totaling \$71,733.12 for Work Performed by Trans Pecos Energy Services, for the Cost of the Engineering Survey for the Easement of the 285 Sewer Line for the Lancium Utility Project. (City Mgr./EDC Dir.)

Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Executive Director Remie Ramos explained he received an invoice dated February 20, 2023. In accordance with the agreement the City is supposed to be invoiced for 3 draws, which would occur after completion of every 600 feet. Construction on the Sewer Line has not started; therefore, he requested the City pause this project, only paying \$58,000 for the engineering & survey for the easements as well as securing the easements.

He stated there is a question concerning a restocking fee for \$13,733.12 for materials that were purchased in advance.

EDC Executive Director Remie Ramos recommended rather than paying the restocking fee, he recommended paying for the \$40,000 worth of materials (pipe and manholes) the contractor was unable to return and storing them for future projects. He advised everyone, he requested an itemized list of the materials; however, has yet to receive it.

Council Member Darren Hodges inquired about the status of the project.


EDC Executive Director Remie Ramos explained Lancium has built the 300 Mega Watt Substation, which is a 25-million-dollar investment. However, they are waiting on some Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) Permits. Therefore, ERCOT has not released the 300 Mega Watts of power, which has stalled Lancium from building the 300 Mega Watt site until they have power.

This company is diversified; therefore, they have a good chance of surviving since they consist of high compute & data storage; they are not solely dependent on bitcoin.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve Pay Application No. 1 for the amended amount of \$58,000 for Work Performed by Trans Pecos Energy Services, for the Cost of the Engineering Survey for the Easement of the 285 Sewer Line for the Lancium Utility Project. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

4. Adjourn.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to adjourn the Special City Council Meeting at 5:52 p.m. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.



Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor

ATTEST:



Marina A. Cantu, City Secretary