

CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS

MINUTES OF: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: MARCH 27, 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 Regular 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.

Council Member Darren Hodges gave the Invocation.

Council Member James Warnock led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America Flag & the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

RESOLUTION:

1. Discuss/Act upon Resolution No. 23-109R, A Resolution of the City of Fort Stockton, Pecos County, Texas, Appointing and Setting the Rate of Pay for Election Officials, Setting the Minimum Number of Election Clerks and Designating the Early Voting Ballot Board for the May 6, 2023 City General Election. **(Mayor/City Sec.)**

City Secretary Marina A. Cantu explained we are designating our Presiding Judge as Linda Blanco, our Early Voting Ballot Board Judge as Sandy Young and our Alternate Judge & Alternate Early Voting Ballot Board Judge as Abbey Allen for the General Election

scheduled for May 6, 2023 to Elect one (1) Mayor and Two (2) Council Members, designated as Place 1 and 2. The rate of pay will be increased from \$12.00 to \$14.00 per hour and there will be a minimum of three (3) clerks at the polling place.

Council Member Ruben Falcon inquired if a run-off election was budgeted for this year.

City Secretary Marina Cantu explained the run-off election was not budgeted for this year since the budget was approved prior to the adoption of the proposed charter.

Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben Falcon, and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 23-109R, A Resolution of the City of Fort Stockton, Pecos County, Texas, Appointing and Setting the Rate of Pay for Election Officials, Setting the Minimum Number of Election Clerks and Designating the Early Voting Ballot Board for the May 6, 2023 City General Election. 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.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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: (Mayor)

- Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton City Council, 03/13/2023
- Special Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton City Council, 03/20/2023
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Tourism Advisory Board, 02/21/2023
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Housing Authority Board, 02/16/2023
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Intergovernmental Recreation Board, 01/18/2023

Accounts Payable Grand Total: \$339,952.46

Council Member Ruben Falcon inquired about the \$1,250 the Pop Warner Invitational received from the Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

Mayor Joe Chris Alexander responded this is the amount they qualified for based on the number of heads in beds.

Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda, as

presented. 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.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

3. Discuss/Act upon Contract Agreement between the City of Fort Stockton and Matthies-Bennett Pecos County 4-H Scholarship Auction scheduled for April 15, 2023. (Asst. City Mgr.)

Assistant City Manager Jesse Gonzales Jr. advised City Council the 4-H Auction would be held April 15, 2023. He requested approval for the items listed to go to auction, which mainly consisted of vehicles.

Council Member Ruben Falcon voiced he liked the fact that the proceeds would benefit a local organization.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member James Warnock, and carried unanimously to approve Contract Agreement between the City of Fort Stockton and Matthies-Bennett Pecos County 4-H Scholarship Auction scheduled for April 15, 2023. 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. Discuss/Act upon AdComp Systems Payments & Technology Services Authorization Agreement between the City of Fort Stockton and Adcomp Systems Inc. (Dir. of Fin.

Director of Finance Maria Rodriguez advised everyone that AdComp manages our Kiosk System. She further advised they negotiated a reduction from 3.00% to 2.99% for every \$100 transaction.

Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Darren Hodges, and carried unanimously to approve AdComp Systems Payments & Technology Services Authorization Agreement between the City of Fort Stockton and Adcomp Systems Inc. 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.

5. Discuss/Act upon Awarding of Bid for Chemicals and Filters for Two (2) Existing Water Treatment Plants. **Bids Submitted:** *Alpha Water Resources, LLC, Amaya Solutions, Inc. dba American Water Chemicals (R.O. Plant Sup.)*

Reverse Osmosis Plant Supervisor Robbie Dominguez explained we are currently utilizing Amaya Solutions, Inc. for our Chemical Products. He stated he is not familiar with the Kinglee Chemical Products; however, he spoke with the City of Seymore and the City of El Paso who utilize these products.

The City of El Paso has been using them for 15 years and the City of Seymore has been using them for 16 years. They are both extremely satisfied with the products. They informed him with the use of these Chemical Products, they have been able to resale the membranes rather than disposing of them.

The price per tote for the anti-scalant from Alpha Water Resources, LLC (Kinglee) is \$3,860 and Amaya Solutions (AWC) is \$4,600; for a difference of \$700.

The High and Low PH is a little more expensive with Kinglee than Amaya Solutions. This cleaner is not used as much as the anti-scalant.

The Cartridge Filters from Amaya Solutions, Inc. (AWC) are \$16 each and \$12 each from Alpha Water Resources (Kinglee) R.O. Plant Supervisor Robbie Dominguez advised City Council he is currently utilizing filters from Alpha Water Resources (Kinglee).

One thing that Kinglee added was the silica cleaners along with the alternative anti-scalant. Should our aquifer get low, resulting in an increase in silica the alternate anti-scalant is more suitable for silica use. Hopefully we would not have to utilize this product.

He recommended awarding the bid for Chemicals and Filters to Alpha Water Resources, LLC.

Council Member Ruben Falcon inquired how long the agreement would be for.

RO Plant Supervisor Robbie Dominguez explained the agreement would be for 1 year, with the option to extend for an additional year.

Council Member Ruben J. Bernal inquired how often they change the filters.

RO Plant Supervisor Robbie Dominguez responded they usually change it out once a month during the winter and twice a month during the summer. There are 196-micron filters per train.

Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to award Bid for Chemicals and Filters for Two (2) Existing Water Treatment Plants to Alpha Water Resources, LLC. 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.

6. Discuss/Act upon Awarding Bid for RO Membranes for Water Treatment Plant. **Bids Submitted: Alpha Water Resources, LLC, Water Tech of Texas, LLC (R.O. Plant Sup.)**

RO Plant Supervisor Robbie Dominguez explained this is the same product offered by both bidders.

Falcon Water Tech of Texas, LLC will provide 189 membranes for Train B at \$480 each, for a total of \$90,833.40.

Alpha Water Resource, LLC will provide 189 membranes for Train B at \$441.11 each, for a total of \$83,370.00.

He recommended awarding the bid for RO Membranes for Alpha Water Resources, LLC.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member Darren Hodges, and carried unanimously to award Bid for RO Membranes for Water Treatment Plant to Alpha Water Resources, LLC. 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.

7. Discuss/Act upon Awarding of Bid for Pest Control Services for City Buildings. **Bids Submitted: Brockman Pest Control, Durango Pest Control, Morgado Pest Control LLC (City Mgr.)**

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member James Warnock, and carried unanimously to Postpone the item until the next City Council Meeting. 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.

Mayor Joe Chris Alexander recessed from the Regular Session to convene into Executive Session at 5:48 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

8. City Council May Convene in Closed Session in Accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Concerning Attorney-Client Matters (Section 551.071); Deliberation regarding Real Property (Section 551.072); Deliberation regarding Prospective Gifts (Section 551.073); Personnel Matters (Section 551.074); and/or Deliberation regarding Security Devices (Section 551.076):

Ref: (a) Annual Evaluation of City Secretary Marina A. Cantu.

Mayor Joe Chris Alexander closed the Executive Session to Reconvene into the Regular Session at 6:06 p.m.

REGULAR BUSINESS CONTINUED:

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

(8a) Discuss/Act upon Annual Evaluation of City Secretary Marina A. Cantu

Mayor Joe Chris Alexander voiced City Secretary Marina Cantu does an outstanding job and City Council has no complaints. He further stated “she is rock solid and answers all our calls, emails and questions in a timely manner. We had a highly positive review for her.”

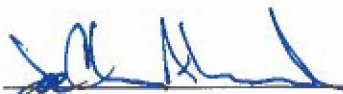
Motion was made by Council Member Darren Hodges, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve the Positive Annual Evaluation for City Secretary Marina A. Cantu, with a salary of \$80,000. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

10. Questions from Media

There were no questions from the media.


11. Adjourn

Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben Falcon, and carried unanimously to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 6:08 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