

CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS

MINUTES OF: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DATE OF MEETING: MARCH 28, 2022
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, PAM PALILEO, PAUL CASIAS, RUBEN FALCON, DARREN HODGES

MAYOR: JOE CHRIS ALEXANDER
CITY MANAGER: FRANK RODRIGUEZ III
CITY SECRETARY: MARINA CANTU
CITY ATTORNEY: PUJA BOINPALLY

INVOCATION:

Mayor Alexander called the Regular Meeting to Order at 5:34 p.m. after declaring a quorum present.

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.

Council Member Hodges gave the Invocation.

The State Qualifying Fort Stockton Prowler Powerlifting Team led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America Flag & the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. **Commend the Fort Stockton Prowler Powerlifting Team for their exemplary performance for this season, which qualified them for state. (Mayor)**
Council Member James Warnock presented certificates to the following Fort Stockton Prowler Powerlifting Girls who qualified for State for this season:
 - Gabriella Renteria

- Izabella Diaz
- Yadira Hernandez
- Alyssa Rangel
- Livia Lujan
- Rosa Hernandez
- Beverly Baiza
- Tori Wilkins

He also presented the following individuals with certificates for their contribution to the girls success:

- DeeDee Delao, Coach
- Jeremy Boatright, Assistant Coach
- Victor Garcia, Assistant Coach
- Reagan Munoz, Manager

2. Chief of Police Robert Lujan with Fort Stockton Police Department----

- Statistics for February 2022

Service Calls Dispatched:	1299	Investigations Initiated:	0
FSPD	839	83 rd District Attorney	12
FSFD	19	112 th District Attorney	0
PCEMS	135	County Attorney	22
PCSO	303	Juvenile Probation	0
Accidents Worked:	51	Total Arrests:	9
Accidents (PD)	24	Assault – Family Violence	1
		Burglary	0
Traffic Stops/Violations	248	Criminal Mischief	0
Traffic Citations Issued	35	Criminal Trespass:	11
Traffic Stops (PD)	173	Disorderly Conduct	0
		Driving While Intoxicated	2
Misdemeanors	15	Evading Arrest	0
Felonies	0	Illegal Aliens	0
		Murder	0
		Possession of a Controlled Substance	0
		Possession of Marijuana	0
		Public Intoxication	0
		Resisting Arrest	0
		Theft	1
		Warrants	4

- 2 vacancies in dispatch
- 2 vacancies in patrol

3. **Gas Superintendent Cruz Herrera---**

- Cast Iron Gas Line Project

Gas Superintendent Cruz Herrera advised City Council that the Cast Iron Gas Line Project is approximately 100 ft. away from completion.

It was reported to the Railroad Commission that the City of Fort Stockton would finish the Cast Iron Gas Line Replacement Project by March 30th. The City of Fort Stockton is on target to meet that deadline.

Mayor Alexander inquired about the location of the last 100 ft. of Cast Iron Gas Line that was being replaced.

Gas Superintendent Cruz Herrera advised City Council that the remaining Cast Iron Gas Line was being replaced in an area approximately 1/2 a block, located off of 13th Street and 1053, the Imperial Highway, by Tacos OJ. This will complete the streets that were designated to be replaced.

Council Member Falcon applauded the Team for Undertaking the Cast Iron Gas Line Replacement Project. It is remarkable that the project will be completed without raising rates after being threatened with heavy fines.

Mayor Alexander expressed how impressive this progress was as this project could not be worked on during the winter.

Gas Superintendent Cruz Herrera advised City Council that he plans to apply for grants through the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) as a means to recoup funds that were utilized on the Cast Iron Gas Line Project.

CONSENT AGENDA:

4. 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, 03/14/2022
- Special/Joint Meeting Minutes of the Fort Stockton City Council, Pecos County and FSISD, 03/17/2022
- Regular Meeting Minutes of the Fort Stockton Charter Commission, 03/09/2022

- Special Meeting Minutes of Intergovernmental Recreation Board, 02/23/2022
- Special Meeting Minutes of Intergovernmental Recreation Board, 03/04/2022
- Special Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton Economic Development 4-A Corporation, 02/01/2022
- Special Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton Economic Development 4-A Corporation, 02/22/2022
- Special Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton Economic Development 4-B Corporation, 02/22/2022
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton Convention and Visitor's Bureau, 02/23 2022

Accounts Payable Grand Total: \$273,355.69

Mayor Pro-Tem Casias voiced how the Special Joint Meeting between the City Council, Pecos County Commissioners Court and the Fort Stockton Independent School District was a huge accomplishment. Three Entities with their own agenda were able to come together to agree upon a Letter of Intent for the youth in this community.

Motion was made by James Warnock, seconded by Pam Palileo, and carried unanimously to approve Consent Agenda, as presented.. James Warnock, Pam Palileo, Paul Casias, Ruben Falcon, Darren Hodges voted aye.

RESOLUTION:

5. Discuss/Act upon a Resolution No. 22-104R, 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 7, 2022 City General and Special Election. **(Mayor/City Sec.)**

City Secretary Cantu explained the City General and Special Election will be held May 7, 2022. The Presiding Judge will be Ken Hatfield, the Alternate Judge and Early Voting Ballot Board Judge will be Tammy Huckaby, and the Alternate Early Voting Ballot Board Judge will be Linda Blanco. They will be paid \$12.00 per hour. There shall be a minimum of three (3) Clerks at the polling place. The Early Voting Ballot Board Judge and two (2) Clerks will serve as the Early Voting Ballot Board to verify signatures and confirm the count of the Early Voted Ballots received.

Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Pam Palileo, and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 22-104R, 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 May 7, 2022 City

General and Special Election. Council Member James Warnock, Council Member Pam Palileo, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Darren Hodges voted aye.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

6. Discuss/Act on upon Election Service Contract between the City of Fort Stockton and the Pecos County Clerk, State of Texas, County of Pecos. **(Mayor/City Sec.)**

City Secretary Cantu explained it has been recommended by the Secretary of State's Office that the Municipalities contract with the County for Election Services. Therefore, the City of Fort Stockton will Contract with Pecos County for Election Services. Early Voting will be held from April 25, 2022 - May 3, 2022 at the Pecos County Annex Building, Election Room. Election Day will be held May 7, 2022 at the Polling locations for Precinct 1, Precinct 2, Precinct 7 and Precinct 10.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member James Warnock, and carried unanimously to approve Election Service Contract between the City of Fort Stockton and Pecos County Clerk, State of Texas, County of Pecos. Council Member James Warnock, Council Member Pam Palileo, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Darren Hodges voted aye.

7. Discuss/Act upon awarding of bid for RO Membranes for Water Treatment Plant owned and operated by the City of Fort Stockton. **Bid submitted: *Alpha Water Resources, LLC* (City Mgr./R.O. Plant Sup.)**

R.O. Plant Supervisor Robbie Dominguez explained the City Solicited bids for RO Membranes for the Water Treatment Plant owned and operated by the City of Fort Stockton. The City only received one bid from Alpha Water Resources, LLC. He explained they submitted a bid with an alternate bid for the membranes that are currently being utilized at the RO Plant. He suggested going with the new style as they have a higher recovery rate. The price difference is approximately \$15.00 each.

Council Member Warnock inquired if they would be able to fulfill the City's Request.

RO Plant Supervisor Dominguez replied that the company stated they have the membranes in their warehouse ready to deliver.

There are 189 membranes at \$481.25 each for a total of \$90,956.00 plus freight.

Council Member Falcon inquired if the City of Fort Stockton could accept this bid as it was the only one submitted.

Mayor Alexander responded the City of Fort Stockton could accept the bid as long as we are able to show that the effort was made to obtain three bids.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member Pam Palileo, and carried unanimously to award the bid for RO Membranes for Water Treatment Plant owned and operated by the City of Fort Stockton to Alpha Water Resources, LLC in the amount of \$90,956.00 plus freight. Council Member James Warnock, Council Member Pam Palileo, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Darren Hodges voted aye.

8. Discuss/Act on Solicitation of Bids for Pest Control Services for City Buildings. (City Mgr.)

City Manager Rodriguez explained he was requesting permission to solicit bids for Pest Control Services for City Hall, City Hall Annex, New Police Department, Police Department Modular Buildings, Public Works Buildings on Valentine and Railroad Avenue, Animal Shelter, Building and Restroom at the Shooting Range and 2 Modular Buildings in Belding.

Bids are scheduled to be opened on April 22, 2022.

Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, and carried unanimously to approve Solicitation of Bids for Pest Control Services for City Buildings. Council Member James Warnock, Council Member Pam Palileo, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Darren Hodges voted aye.

9. Discuss/Act upon Auction Items with Rene Bates Auctioneers, Inc., an Online Auction Service. (City Mgr./CVB Dir.)

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member Pam Palileo, and carried unanimously to approve Auction Items with Rene Bates Auctioneers, Inc., an Online Auction Service. Council Member James Warnock, Council Member Pam Palileo, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Darren Hodges voted aye.

10. Discuss/Act upon initiating the Voluntary Annexation Process for 20.1 acres of the Triple Crown Estates, being all of Lots 2 through 13 (inclusive) and all of Lots 27 through 42 (inclusive), and all of Lots 44 through 58 (inclusive), a subdivision to the City of Fort Stockton,

Pecos County, Texas, and Zoned property Multiple-Family Dwelling District (MF) for the purpose of obtaining Utility Services. (Mayor)

Mayor Alexander explained that this property is located to the west side of town. Their intention is to build 6 homes sell them and then build another 6 homes.

City Secretary Cantu explained this item was to initiate the Voluntary Annexation Process for the property.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, seconded by Council Member Pam Palileo, and carried unanimously to approve the Initiation of the Voluntary Annexation Process for 20.1 acres of the Triple Crown Estates, being all of Lots 2 through 13 (inclusive) and all of Lots 27 through 42 (inclusive), and all of Lots 44 through 58 (inclusive), a subdivision to the City of Fort Stockton, Pecos County, Texas and requested to be Zoned Multiple-Family Dwelling District (MF) for the purpose of obtaining Utility Services. Council Member James Warnock, Council Member Pam Palileo, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Darren Hodges voted aye.

11. Discuss/Act upon Final Pay Application totaling \$179,974.48 for Work Performed by Colt I&E, LLC, completing the Original Contract for the Cast Iron Gas Line Project. (City Mgr./Int. P.W. Dir.)

City Manager Rodriguez explained based on bid that was accepted, he was requesting permission to approve the final payment of \$179,974.48 for work performed by Colt I&E, LLC.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member Pam Palileo, and carried unanimously to approve Final Pay Application totaling \$179,974.48 for Work Performed by Colt I&E, LLC, completing the Original Contract for the Cast Iron Gas Line Project. Council Member James Warnock, Council Member Pam Palileo, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Darren Hodges voted aye.

12. Questions from Media

There were no questions from the media.

13. Adjourn

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, seconded by Council Member Pam Palileo, and carried unanimously to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. Council Member James Warnock, Council Member Pam Palileo, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Darren Hodges voted aye.



Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor

ATTEST:


Marina A. Cantu, City Secretary