

CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS  
MINUTES OF: SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DATE OF MEETING: MARCH 31, 2020  
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:

PHYSICALLY PRESENT: RUBEN FALCON, JAMES WARNOCK, MIKE URETA JR., & PAUL CASIAS

PRESENT VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE: PAM PALILEO

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

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Ureta gave the Invocation.

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

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.”

**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**1. Rocky Rives of Smith & Rives, PC---**

- City of Fort Stockton’s Final Audit for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2019.

Rocky Rives of Smith & Rives, PC is an independent auditor for the City of Fort Stockton. Mr. Rives gave a financial report that is an unmodified, best opinion and this said assessment cannot be rendered.

The financial highlight is the city’s net position increase of 4.6 million dollars. There was also a business type increase of 555,000 dollars. The total assets amounted to 20.2 million dollars. The business assets were 33.3 million dollars.

The General Fund Balance is of major importance which at the final amendment was 9.5 million dollars.

A GAO Letter is issued to any entity that receives federal revenues and is subject to Yellow Book Standards. In this audit report there were no significant deficiencies or findings. Thus, no need for a corrective action plan.

Several reports were provided:

MOVED  
 SECONDED  
 VOTED AYE  
 VOTED NAY

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- Management Report- included accounting practices, estimations of uncollectible taxes, and liabilities. These proposed adjustments have been approved by management. City personnel must post in the city records.
- Conflict of Interest Disclosure-This issue was addressed today; it was corrected and posted today.
- Management Representative Letter- stated that standard guidance was followed, information requested was given, and will be used for peer review at a later date.

**SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**2. Discuss/Act upon Ordinance No. 20-101-A, City of Fort Stockton, Texas First Amended Declaration of Local State of Disaster due to Public Health Emergency.**

**City Manager Frank Rodriguez** proposed that all park equipment be secured and closed to the public due to the hard surfaces being a further threat to our community in acquiring COVID-19. The parks to be included would be Jaycee, Nunez, Lannom, and the Teresa Mason Park.

**Mayor Alexander** stated the Golf Course would remain open.

It was noted that Judge Joe Shuster had instituted a County Wide Curfew for minors ages 17 and under. This curfew will begin at 11:00 pm through 5:00 pm every day of the week. He also ordered the Rooney Park playground and basketball courts be closed.

**City Manager Rodriguez** proposed the Ordinance be amended to change the curfew time from 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 pm.

**Motion was made, seconded and carried to Approve Order No. 20-101(a), City of Fort Stockton, Texas First Amended Declaration of Local State of Disaster due to Public Health Emergency.**

FALCON  
 WARNOCK  
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 PALILEO  
 CASIAS

X  
 X  
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WARNOCK			X	
URETA		X	X	
PALILEO			X	
CASIAS			X	

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**THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

3. Discuss/Act upon the City of Fort Stockton's Final Audit for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2019, as presented by Rocky Rives of Smith & Rives, PC.

Mayor Alexander stated the Financial Audit for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2019 went well with the sales tax being kind.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to Approve the City of Fort Stockton's Final Audit for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2019, as presented by Rocky Rives of Smith & Rives, PC.

**FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

4. Discuss/Act upon temporary utility rate relief for only commercial and residential utility accounts, by reducing a portion of the total amounts billed for water, sewer, gas and sanitation services as deemed necessary by City Council.

Mayor Alexander stated the Community of Fort Stockton has been affected by many factors. The COVID-19 Pandemic, schools/business closures, employee cutbacks and unemployment have economically handicapped our community. Mayor Alexander proposed all business, commercial, and residential utility bills inside and outside the city limits to be temporarily reduced by 50%. This will begin with the April 15th city billing. May it be noted that the City of Fort Stockton reserves the right to review monthly. They will make an evaluation of the community to see if further need is warranted.

Director of Finance Rodriguez prepared a financial statement -\$233,436.55 will be the amount taken off people's billings.

Mayor Pro-Tem clarified that the government, school, and church buildings are included in this discount.

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**Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to Authorize a Temporary Utility Rate Relief for Government, School & Church Buildings as well as Commercial & Residential Utility Accounts, by reducing the total amounts billed for water, sewer, gas and sanitation services by 50%.**

**FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**5. Discuss/Act upon the City of Fort Stockton Spring Clean-Up Week from Monday, April 13, 2020 - Friday, April 17, 2020.**

**City Manager Frank Rodriguez proposed the City of Fort Stockton Spring Clean-up Week continue as planned with one stipulation. He asked for citizens to take their own bulk trash to the Landfill along with their bill. The bill assures the customer will not be charged for the bulk trash. Instructions will be given on how to sort appliances, wood, and tires.**

**Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to Approve the City of Fort Stockton Spring Clean-Up Week from Monday, April 13, 2020 - Friday, April 17, 2020.**

**SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**6. Discuss/Act upon SCADA Final Payment #3 (1st Phase) for \$87,500.00 to Paso-Tex Industries LLC to Finalize & Configure Flow Meters @ Well #1, #2, & #6, etc.**

**City Manager Frank Rodriguez spoke with Assistant Public Works Direct Carlos Lopez, who stated this project is complete.**

**Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to Approve SCADA Final Payment #3 (1st Phase) for \$87,500.00 to Paso-Tex Industries LLC to Finalize & Configure Flow Meters @ Well #1, #2, & #6, etc.**

**SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**7. Questions from the Media.**

FALCON  
 WARNOCK  
 URETA  
 PALILEO  
 CASIAS

MOVED	SECONDED	VOTED AYE	VOTED NAY
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	X	X	X
X		X	X
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 WARNOCK  
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 CASIAS

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		X	X

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	X	X	X
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URETA			X	
PALILEO			X	
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**Fort Stockton Pioneer Publisher Steve Fountain** asked for clarification concerning the Emergency Declaration. The Procedure modifying the curfew after the City Council Meeting was held was questioned.

**Council Member Palileo** explained the Mayor is authorized to make amendments as deemed necessary. The amendments are then reviewed by the City Council within 7 days for approval.

**EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:**


**8. Adjourn**

**There being no further action to be discussed, a motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to adjourn the Special Meeting at 6:09 pm.**



**Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
**Marina A. Cantu, City Secretary**

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