

CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS

MINUTES OF: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DATE OF MEETING: APRIL 13, 2021
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 A. CANTU
CITY ATTORNEY: PUJA BOINPALLY

Mayor Alexander called the Regular Meeting to order a 5:32 p.m. after declaring a quorum present.

Council Member Hodges 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.”

RECOGNITION:

1. Commend the Landfill Personnel for an outstanding performance resulting in NO VIOLATIONS during the recent TCEQ Compliance Investigation of the City of Fort Stockton Landfill located at 3400 Stone Road conducted on March 15, 2021.

City Manager Rodriguez recognized Assistant Public Works Director Carlos Lopez for the outstanding performance of the Landfill Personnel during their recent TCEQ Compliance Investigation.

PRESENTATIONS:

2. **Chief of Police Robert Lujan with Fort Stockton Police Department----**
 • Statistics for March 2021

Service Calls Dispatched:	886	Investigations Initiated:	30
FSPD	520	83 rd District Attorney	7
FSFD	17	112 th District Attorney	3

<i>PCEMS</i>	<i>167</i>
<i>PCSO</i>	<i>178</i>

<i>County Attorney</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>Juvenile Probation</i>	<i>2</i>

<i>Accidents Worked:</i>	<i>42</i>
<i>Accidents (PD)</i>	<i>27</i>

<i>Total Arrests:</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>Assault – Family Violence</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Burglary</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Criminal Mischief</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Criminal Trespass:</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>Disorderly Conduct</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Driving While Intoxicated</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Evading Arrest</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Illegal Aliens</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Murder</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Possession of a Controlled Substance</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Possession of Marijuana</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Public Intoxication</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Resisting Arrest</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Theft</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Warrants</i>	<i>2</i>

<i>Traffic Stops/Violations</i>	<i>165</i>
<i>Traffic Citations Issued</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>Traffic Stops (PD)</i>	<i>106</i>

<i>Misdemeanors</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>Felonies</i>	<i>5</i>

Chief of Police Lujan informed everyone that Leilani Bernal of Fort Stockton, Texas and Isaiah Marquez of El Paso, Texas were recently hired as Officers of the Fort Stockton Police Department.

Mayor Alexander inquired what academy the officers attended.

Chief of Police Lujan responded that Officer Leilani Bernal attended Sul Ross University Academy while Officer Isaiah Marquez attended the El Paso Community College Academy.

Council Member Hodges inquired how many individuals were enrolled in our local academy.

Chief of Police Lujan responded 6 individuals were enrolled in the local academy.

Council Member Casias inquired how many vacancies the Police Department had.

Chief of Police Lujan answered there was 1 vacancy in Patrol and 1 vacancy in Administration.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 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, 03/23/2021
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Keep Historic Fort Stockton Beautiful Board, 03/03/2021
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton Convention & Visitor's Bureau, 02/16/2021

Accounts Payable Grand Total: \$441,460.86

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.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

4. Discuss/Act upon Awarding Bid for Construction Project of New Landfill Roadways Owned and Operated by City of Fort Stockton. **Bids Submitted:** *AG Oilfield Services, Inc., Badger BMB Services, Inc., CK Newberry, LLC, Harding Earthworks, Onyx Contractors, Quality Contractors, Salinas Construction Technologies, Ltd., Stephenson Dirt Contracting, LLC, West Texas Contractors. (City Mgr./P.W. Dir.)*

City Manager Rodriguez advised City Council the 3 lowest bidders were Onyx Contractors, AG Oilfield Services, Inc. & Harding Earthworks.

He provided information on the location of the companies, their experience and the projects they have worked on.

Motion was made by Ruben Falcon, seconded by Paul Casias, and carried unanimously to award AG Oilfield Service Inc. the Bid for Construction Project of New Landfill Roadways Owned and Operated by City of Fort Stockton in the amount of \$225,000.00. James Warnock, Pam Palileo, Paul Casias, Ruben Falcon, Darren Hodges voted aye.

5. Discuss/Act upon Awarding Bid for Pest Control Services for the City of Fort Stockton. **Bid Submitted:** *Brockman Pest Control (City Mgr.)*

City Manager Rodriguez informed City Council that Brockman Pest Control was the only bid received on time. Brockman Pest Control is the current Pest Control Service Provider. He recommended approving the bid for Pest Control Services.

Motion was made by Paul Casias, seconded by Ruben Falcon, and carried unanimously to award Brockman Pest Control the Bid for Pest Control Services for the City of Fort Stockton. James Warnock, Pam Palileo, Paul Casias, Ruben Falcon, Darren Hodges voted aye.

6. Discuss/Act upon Pay Application No. 3 totaling \$67,907.50 for Work Performed by Redneck Metal Buildings through 04/13/2021 regarding the Construction of New City Recycling Center Facility Project. **(City Mgr./Dir. of Fin.)**

City Manager Rodriguez advised City Council that Assistant Public Works Director Lopez conducted a walk through of the New City Recycling Center Facility and he confirmed that the project is complete. Therefore, City Manager Rodriguez asked permission to approve Pay Application No. 3 in the amount of \$67,907.50.

Motion was made by James Warnock, seconded by Darren Hodges, and carried unanimously to approve Pay Application No. 3 totaling \$67,907.50 for Work Performed by Redneck Metal Buildings through 04/13/2021 regarding the Construction of New City Recycling Center Facility Project. James Warnock, Pam Palileo, Paul Casias, Ruben Falcon, Darren Hodges voted aye.

7. Discuss/Act upon Retention Stipend in the amount of \$1,200.00 for Full-Time Employees Who were Employed before December 31, 2020 & Actively Employed on April 16, 2021; Paid Separately. (City Mgr./Dir. of Fin.)

City Manager Rodriguez asked City Council to Approve a Retention Stipend in the amount of \$1,200.00 for Full-Time Employees who were employed before December 31, 2020.

He explained this stipend is designed to retain personnel and to remain in direct competition with companies that are offering improved wages in this area. He commended City Personnel for doing an excellent job especially during the COVID Pandemic. He added that they did their part to keep the community safe and our utilities operational. If approved, the stipend would be paid in a separate check on April 16, 2021.

Council Member Hodges inquired how many employees this would entail.

City Manager Rodriguez explained this would include 114 employees.

Mayor Alexander inquired where the funds would come from.

City Manager Rodriguez replied this stipend would be paid with funds that were allocated in the budget.

Motion was made by Paul Casias, seconded by James Warnock, and carried unanimously to approve Retention Stipend in the amount of \$1,200.00.00 for Full-Time Employees Who were Employed before December 31, 2020 & Actively Employed on April 16, 2021; Paid Separately. James Warnock, Pam Palileo, Paul Casias, Ruben Falcon, Darren Hodges voted aye.

8. Discuss/Act upon the Fiscal-Year 2021-2022 Budget Preparation Calendar. (City Mgr./Dir. of Fin.)

Director of Finance Rodriguez provided City Council with the tentative budget calendar. She explained the top portion could be changed; however, the bottom needed to remain the same in order to meet all required deadlines. She added that the dates are similar to what has been done in the past.

Motion was made by Ruben Falcon, seconded by Pam Palileo, and carried unanimously to approve Fiscal-Year 2021-2022 Budget Preparation Calendar. James Warnock, Pam Palileo, Paul Casias, Ruben Falcon, Darren Hodges voted aye.

9. Discuss/Act upon Fort Stockton Police Department Provider Agreement concerning Medicare Rates for in "Custody" patients between the City of Fort Stockton and Pecos County Memorial Hospital. (City Mgr./C.O.P.)

City Manager Rodriguez explained that this agreement was implemented last year. He requested to continue this agreement with the hospital. In case there is an individual in custody that requires treatment, the city would be charged the Medicare Rate for care provided by the Pecos County Memorial Hospital.

Motion was made by James Warnock, seconded by Ruben Falcon, and carried unanimously to approve Fort Stockton Police Department Provider Agreement concerning Medicare Rates for in "Custody" patients between the City of Fort Stockton and Pecos County Memorial Hospital. James Warnock, Pam Palileo, Paul Casias, Ruben Falcon, Darren Hodges voted aye.

10. Questions from Media. (Mayor)

Fort Stockton Pioneer Editor Nathan Heuer inquired if the stipend was something that was historically given to city personnel.

City Manager Rodriguez responded that this would be the 3rd year that this stipend would be given to personnel.

11. Adjourn. (Mayor)

Motion was made by James Warnock, seconded by Pam Palileo, and carried unanimously to adjourn Regular City Council Meeting at 5:51 p.m. James Warnock, Pam Palileo, Paul Casias, Ruben Falcon, Darren Hodges voted aye.



Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor

ATTEST:



Marina A. Cantu, City Secretary