

CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS

MINUTES OF: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DATE OF MEETING: MAY 22, 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, RUBEN J BERNAL, RUBEN FALCON, PAUL J CHAVEZ

ABSENT: JOE CHRIS ALEXANDER

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

Council Member Ruben Falcon called the Regular Meeting to Order at 5:30 p.m. after declaring a quorum present.

Council Member Ruben Falcon 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.

Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock 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 Panther Track Team for their exemplary performance for this season, which qualified them for State. **(Mayor)**

Council Member Ruben Falcon presented the following members of the Fort Stockton Panther Track Team with Certificates of Recognition for assisting their team in qualifying for State.

- Aryan Hernandez
- Marco Garcia
- Jesus Hernandez
- Zane Hodges
- Christian Soto
- Kye Norman
- Eduardo Hernandez
- Isaiah Garcia
- Cruz Rojas
- Diego Ronquillo

Coach Vic Ivy and Coach Jhett Norman were also recognized with a Certificate of Recognition for leading the team.

Council Member Ruben Falcon further acknowledged the State Qualifying Members for representing Fort Stockton well during their recent Track Meet. They won the 1600 M Relay, which placed them #3 4A Track Team in the State of Texas.

PROCLAMATIONS:

2. Proclamation Endorsing May 15, 2023 as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" & May 14-20, 2023 as "Fort Stockton Police Week." (**Mayor**)

Council Member Ruben Falcon presented Chief of Police Ernesto Velasquez and his team with the Proclamation Endorsing May 15, 2023 as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" & May 14-20, 2023 as "Fort Stockton Police Week" after reading it aloud.

3. Proclamation Endorsing May 21-27, 2023 as "National Public Works Week." (**Mayor**)

Council Member Ruben Falcon presented Director of Public Works Luis Guerra and his team with the Proclamation Endorsing May 21-27, 2023 as "National Public Works Week" after reading it aloud.

4. Proclamation Endorsing Monday, May 29, 2023 as "Memorial Day." (**Mayor**)

Council Member Ruben Falcon presented Former Veterans Service Officer Joni McGee and Veteran Dorris Walker with the Proclamation Endorsing Monday, May 29, 2023, as "Memorial Day," after reading it aloud.

RESOLUTION:

5. Discuss/Act upon Resolution No. 23-114R, A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fort Stockton to File Grant Application #4905101 to the Office of the Governor for the Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) for 2022-2024. **(City Mgr./Dir. of Fin.)**

Motion was made by Council Member Darren Hodges, seconded by Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez, and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 23-114R, A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fort Stockton to File Grant Application #4905101 to the Office of the Governor for the Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) for 2022-2025. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

6. Discuss/Act upon a Resolution No. 23-115R, 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 June 20, 2023 City Special Runoff Election. **(Mayor/City Sec.)**

City Secretary Marina Cantu explained the purpose of this Resolution was to appoint Linda Blanco as the Presiding Judge, Sandy Young as the Early Voting Ballot Board Judge and Abbey Allen as the Alternate Judge and Alternate Early Voting Ballot Board Judge for the June 20, 2023 City Special Runoff Election.

Furthermore, the Resolution designates the rate of pay as \$14.00 per hour and sets the minimum number of election clerks as 3 for the Pecos County Annex Building, Election Room Polling Location.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, seconded by Council Member Darren Hodges, and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 23-115R, 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 June 20, 2023 City Special Runoff Election. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

ORDINANCES:

7. Discuss/Act upon Ordinance No. 23-108, Adopting Budget Amendment No. 1 to the Original Budget of the City of Fort Stockton, Texas for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023; Providing for Supplemental Appropriation and/or Transfer of Certain funds; Providing for Severability; and Providing for Other Matters Related to the Subject. **(City Mgr./Dir. of Fin.)**

Director of Finance Maria Rodriguez explained this Ordinance is to Adopt Budget Amendment No. 1 for FY 2022-2023 for the purchase of the Maintainer that was previously approved in January.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, seconded by Council Member James Warnock, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 23-108, Adopting Budget Amendment No. 1 to the Original Budget of the City of Fort Stockton, Texas for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023; Providing for Supplemental Appropriation and/or Transfer of Certain funds; Providing for Severability; and Providing for Other Matters Related to the Subject. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

CONSENT AGENDA:

8. 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, 05/08/2023
- Special Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton City Council, 05/15/2023
- Special Meeting Minutes of Economic Development 4A Corporation, 04/27/2023
- Special Meeting Minutes of Economic Development 4B Corporation, 04/27/2023
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Tourism Advisory Board, 04/18/2023

Accounts Payable Grand Total: \$213,076.89

Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Darren Hodges, and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

9. Discuss/Act upon Pecos County-City of Fort Stockton 2023 Interlocal Services Agreement - Street Paving. (City Mgr.)

City Manager Frank Rodriguez III explained this agreement targets the Street Paving for Sycamore Street, located behind Wal-Mart. This agreement specifies that Pecos County Precinct No. 1 will provide the equipment and manpower. The City of Fort Stockton will provide the materials.

Council Member Ruben J. Bernal inquired approximately how much materials would be needed to complete this project.

Director of Public Works Luis Guerra explained it would need 2 shots therefore, it would require enough materials to pave approximately 4 miles worth of street.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, seconded by Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez, and carried unanimously to approve Pecos County-City of Fort Stockton 2023 Interlocal Services Agreement - Street Paving. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

10. Discuss/Act upon Easement Agreement for Utilities between the City of Fort Stockton and Kings Builders and Management LLC for 0.032 Acre Easement out of Lots 1 & 3, Block 31, OLD FORT ADDITION. (Asst. City Mgr.)

Assistant City Manager Jesse Gonzales, Jr. explained there is a home that was recently built on this property located near the Post Office. This property does not have an alley; therefore, an Easement Agreement is required to get utilities to this property.

Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve Easement Agreement for Utilities between the City of Fort Stockton and Kings Builders and Management LLC for 0.032 Acre Easement out of Lots 1 & 3, Block 31, OLD FORT ADDITION. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

11. Discuss/Act upon Solicitation of Request for Proposals for the City of Fort Stockton's Combined Employee Group Medical Insurance. (City Mgr./Dir. of Fin.)

City Manager Frank Rodriguez III explained normally the City of Fort Stockton Solicits Requests for Proposals for Combined Employee Group Medical Insurance to ensure we are receiving the best rate. He further explained we are going out for a fully funded and a partially self-funded proposal.

Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve Solicitation of Request for Proposals for the City of Fort Stockton's Combined Employee Group Medical Insurance. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

12. Discuss/Act upon Authorizing Payment of \$334,000.000 for the Purchase of a John Deere 670G Motor Grader from YellowHouse Machinery Co. with Sourcewell Governmental Purchasing Cooperative, Contract No. 032119-JDC. (Asst. City Mgr./P.W. Dir.)

Assistant City Manager Jesse Gonzales, Jr. explained this is for the Purchase of the Motor Grader that was previously approved in April, this would authorize the payment of \$334,000.00. The Motor Grader has already been delivered and is being used.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, seconded by Council Member James Warnock, and carried unanimously to Authorize Payment of \$334,000.000 for the Purchase of a John Deere 670G Motor Grader from YellowHouse Machinery Co. with Sourcewell Governmental Purchasing Cooperative, Contract No. 032119-JDC. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

13. Discuss/Act upon appointment of City Council Member to the Intergovernmental Recreation Board to replace Paul Casias. (City Mgr.)

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member James Warnock, and carried unanimously to Appoint Ruben J. Bernal to the Intergovernmental Recreation Board to replace former Council Member Paul Casias. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

14. Questions from Media

There were no questions from the media.

15. Adjourn

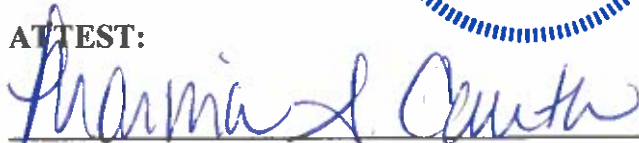
There being no further business, the Regular City Council Meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.





Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor

ATTEST:



Marina A. Cantu, City Secretary