

CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS

MINUTES OF: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DATE OF MEETING: JULY 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, PAUL CASIAS, RUBEN FALCON, DARREN HODGES

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

Mayor Alexander called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:30 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."**

5. Discuss/Act upon Authorizing \$7,000.00 to the Fort Stockton Recreation Department, for the Study of Future Plans, for the new Fort Stockton Recreational Facility, to be paid from the General Fund. (Rec. Dir.)

Recreation Director Ruby Bernal explained the Intergovernmental Recreation Board is requesting \$7,000.00 for the study of future plans for the New Fort Stockton Recreational Facility.

Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias explained during their June Meeting the Intergovernmental Recreation Board authorized the Recreation Director to request equal contributions of \$7,000.00 from the City of Fort Stockton, Pecos County and the Fort Stockton Independent School District. Both Pecos County and the Fort Stockton Independent School District have approved their portions.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member James Warnock, and carried unanimously to Authorize \$7,000.00 to the Fort Stockton Recreation Department, for the Study of Future Plans, for the new Fort Stockton Recreational Facility, to be paid from the General Fund. Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Darren Hodges voted aye.

## PRESENTATIONS:

### 1. Chief of Police Robert Lujan with Fort Stockton Police Department---- • Statistics for June 2021

<b>Service Calls Dispatched:</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>Investigations Initiated:</b>	<b>222</b>
FSPD	588	83 <sup>rd</sup> District Attorney	54
FSFD	13	112 <sup>th</sup> District Attorney	46
PCEMS	137	County Attorney	100
PCSO	238	Juvenile Probation	9

<b>Accidents Worked:</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>Total Arrests:</b>	<b>43</b>
Accidents (PD)	26	Assault – Family Violence	3

<b>Traffic Stops/Violations</b>	<b>207</b>	Burglary	1
<b>Traffic Citations Issued</b>	<b>33</b>	Criminal Mischief	0
<b>Traffic Stops (PD)</b>	<b>124</b>	Criminal Trespass:	18

<b>Misdemeanors</b>	<b>26</b>	Disorderly Conduct	0
<b>Felonies</b>	<b>6</b>	Driving While Intoxicated	1
		Evading Arrest	1
		Illegal Aliens	0
		Murder	0
		Possession of a Controlled Substance	0
		Possession of Marijuana	0
		Public Intoxication	1
		Resisting Arrest	0
		Theft	2
		Warrants	12

- The 4th of July weekend yielded 265 phone calls. The majority of the calls were to report illegal popping of fireworks within City Limits.
- Dispatch issued 3 Protective Orders
- They registered 4 Sex Offenders within Pecos County.
- They sent out 6 Administrative Messages
- Other Agency Assists were 17
- 3 Motor Vehicle Assists

2. **Convention and Visitor's Bureau Director Crystal Lopez----**  
 • Department Activity Report

CVB Director Lopez reported the Hotel Motel Taxes for the month of May for 2020-2021 was at \$90,872.29 and June for 2020-2021 was at \$103,009.81 251,34 which is an increase. They are starting to pick up.

The Visitor Center had 4,982 visitors in 2019, 210 visitors in 2020, and 5,033 visitors in 2021.

**BREAKDOWN ON VISITOR REQUEST**

	Total	Foreign	Out-of-State	Texas
Total	135	2	67	66
Book	129	2	66	61
Mail	6	0	1	5

**YEAR TO DATE VISITORS**

2019 – 35,165

2020 – 13,004

2021 – 31,965

We are close to what we saw in 2019

**ANNIE RIGGS MUSEUM**

April 2021 – 130

	Total	Regional	Texas	Out-of-State	Foreign
2021	130	15	114	101	0

**HISTORIC FORT**

April 2021 – 213

	Total	Regional	Texas	Out-of-State	Foreign
2021	213	15	98	100	0

**SUMMER EVENTS**

CVB has recently started doing a Summer Events Posting on Facebook. This includes all the local events that are happening in Fort Stockton.

The following events were recently held:

LIVE AT ZERO STONE

7/9 7:30 PM-Ft: Bryon Garrison & the Rainmakers – Zero Stone Park

THE CLASSIC MAN GRAND OPENING  
7/9 4:30 PM-Music & Vendors

THE OLD 76  
7/9 8:00 PM – Ft: Rusty Cooper & the West Texas Aces

FARMERS MARKET  
7/10 4PM-8PM – Sagebrush Parking Lot

#### **4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FOOD AND ACTIVITIES**

CVB started helping set up on Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

The Barragan Family helped a great deal with the scheduled festivities.

- There was a variety food and mobile vendors
- Goat Roping
- Fireworks Display

#### **REUNION FESTIVAL**

- July 17, 2021 from 7:00 PM-12:00 AM
- Spandex Nation and Texas Rain Bands will be playing live music
- The Class of 2020 handed their contract for Inflatables over, Paid in Full for this event.
- Hungry Hippo, Jousting, Eliminator, Sumo Wrestling, Zombie Laser Tag, Big Wave Surfing, Ultimate Boxing and a Photobooth will be available to the public free of charge.

#### **CVB FUNDED EVENTS**

- **Water Carnival** - July 15-17, 2021
- **Main Street Dance** - August 14, 2021

**Council Member Falcon** inquired the difference in visitors 30,000 average. There are more visitors at the Visitor Center than the Annie Riggs Museum and the Fort. We need to figure out a way to have the visitors from the Visitor Center also visit the Annie Riggs Museum.

The Chamber stopped hosting the 4th of July Event. This was not on CVB's list of events. If this is going to be a City Funded event it needs to be budgeted. City staff can be involved if it is a City Event.

**Assistant City Manager Gonzales** advised City Council although the 4th of July event wasn't a 4th of July Event, the City assisted with the event.

**Council Member Hodges** suggested communicating with the other entities responsible for this event.

**Council Member Falcon** suggested planning for assistance with this event.

**CVB Director Lopez** advised everyone that the Prison Facility did not assist as they are still on lockdown.

**Council Member Falcon** recommended budgeting for the inflatables for next year.

- 3. **Housing Director Paula Ureste----**
  - Department Activity Report

**WAITING LIST**

New Applications: 9  
 Processed Applications: 10

**OCCUPANCY**

Inspections: 6  
 Reexaminations: 5  
 Interim Changes: 1  
 Mid-month (new): 2

GRAND TOTAL VOUCHERS:	78 for \$ 34,852
VOUCHERS UNDER LEASE ON THE LAST DAY OF MONTH:	80
ADMIN EXPENSES:	\$ 3,761
RESTRICTED FRAUD RECOVERY:	\$ 112
UNRESTRICTED FRAUD RECOVERY:	\$ 112
EOM NET RESTRICTED BALANCE:	\$ 7,589
EOM UNRESTRICTED BALANCE:	\$11,163
CASH/INVESTMENTS:	\$26,057

**Council Member Falcon** inquired who conducts the inspections

**Housing Director Ureste** responded that Paula Lopez of Code Enforcement conducts the inspections.

**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, 06/22/2021

- Special Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton Economic Development 4-A Corporation, 05/19/2021
- Special Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton Economic Development 4-A Corporation, 06/01/2021

**Accounts Payable Grand Total: \$298,448.97**

**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 James Warnock, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Darren Hodges voted aye. Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias abstained from the vote.**

#### **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

6. Discuss/Act upon Pay Application No. 4 for \$83,596.75 for Work Performed by West-Texas Roofing regarding the Replacement of the Visitor Center Roof.(CVB Dir.)

**Assistant City Manager Jesse Gonzales** explained this item was removed from the June 22, 2021 City Council Meeting Consent Agenda until an inspection could be conducted by the City Engineer. Since then, an inspection was completed, and the City Engineer was satisfied with the assessment. Therefore, he is recommending Pay Application No. 4 be approved.

**Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member James Warnock, and carried unanimously to approve Pay Application No. 4 for \$83,596.75 for Work Performed by West-Texas Roofing regarding the Replacement of the Visitor Center Roof. Council James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Darren Hodges voted aye.**

7. Discuss/Act upon Pay Application No. 3 totaling \$67,500.00 for Work Performed by AG Oilfield Services, Inc., which entailed the Completion of Phase II for Landfill Roadway located at 256 Moody Road, Fort Stockton, Texas 79735. (P.W. Dir.)

**Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, seconded by Council Member James Warnock, and carried unanimously to approve Pay Application No. 3 totaling \$67,500.00 for Work Performed by AG Oilfield Services, Inc., which entailed the Completion of Phase II for Landfill Roadway located at 256 Moody Road, Fort Stockton, Texas 79735. Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Darren Hodges voted aye.**

8. Discuss/Act upon Awarding of Bid for Purchasing of Materials for Street Construction and Repairs. **Bids Submitted:** *Aberock Materials, LLC, Arcosa Aggregates, Capitol Aggregates Inc., DG Trucking and Material, Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, Inc., Green Dream International LLC, Hunter Logistics, LLC, P2 Emulsions, Professional Road Maintenance llc, Wright Asphalt Products Co. (P.W. Dir.)*

**Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, and carried unanimously to award the Bid for Crushed Limestone and Aggregates #3, #4, #5 for Street Construction and Repairs to DG Trucking & Materials. Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Darren Hodges voted aye.**

**Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, seconded by Council Member James Warnock, and carried unanimously to award the Bid for Crushed Aggregates #3, #4, #4 Modified, #5 for Street Construction and Repairs to Green Dream International LLC. Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Darren Hodges voted aye.**

**Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, seconded by Council Member James Warnock, and carried unanimously to award the Bid for CSS-1H Emulsion and CRS-2 Emulsion to P2 Emulsions. Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Darren Hodges voted aye.**

9. Discuss/Act upon Awarding Bid for Belding Water Well #1 Repair Services. **Bids**

**Submitted:** *SECO Pump, Spring Branch Water Well Service, Weisinger Incorporated (P.W. Dir.)*

**Public Works Director Aaron Ramos** advised City Council that SECO Pump was the lowest bid submitted at \$112,760.00, followed by Spring Branch Water Well at \$208,890.95 and Weisinger Incorporated at \$242,944.80. He stated that SECO Pump was familiar with the well setup; therefore, he recommended awarding the bid to them.

**Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, and carried unanimously to award Bid for Belding Water Well #1 Repair Services to SECO Pump for \$112,760.00. Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Darren Hodges voted aye.**

10. Discuss/Act upon Purchase of a 2023 Freightliner 114SD from Freightliner of Austin with BuyBoard Government Purchasing Cooperative for \$200,809.00, Contract No. 601-19. **(P.W. Dir.)**

**Public Works Director Aaron Ramos** explained he would like to add a Sanitation Truck to the Fleet every year.

**Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, seconded by Council Member James Warnock, and carried unanimously to approve Purchase of a 2023 Freightliner 114SD from Freightliner of Austin with BuyBoard Government Purchasing Cooperative for \$200,809.00, Contract No. 601-19. Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Darren Hodges voted aye.**

**Mayor Alexander** recessed from the Regular Meeting to Convene into Executive Session at 6:17 p.m.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

11. **City Council may Convene in Closed Session in Accordance with Texas 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):**
  - a. Consultation with City Attorney Boinpally regarding the Utility Invoice received from West Texas Gas for the month of February 2021.

**Mayor Alexander** closed the Executive Session to Reconvene into the Regular Meeting at 6:37 p.m.

#### **REGULAR BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

12. Reconvene into Open Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.102 & Take Action, if any, on Matters Deliberated in Executive Session:
  - 11a. Discuss/Act upon Consultation with City Attorney Boinpally regarding the Utility Invoice received from West Texas Gas for the month of February 2021.

#### **NO ACTION TAKEN**

13. Questions from Media

There were no questions from the media as they had already departed from the meeting.

14. Adjourn

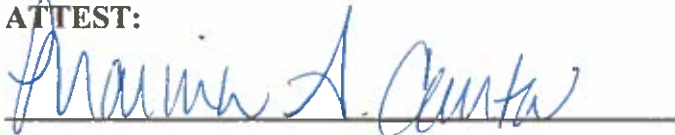


Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, seconded by Council Member James Warnock, and carried unanimously to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:38 p.m. Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Darren Hodges voted aye.



Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor

ATTEST:



Marina A. Cantu, City Secretary