

CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS

MINUTES OF: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
 DATE OF MEETING: OCTOBER 23, 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: JAMES WARNOCK, PAUL CASIAS, RUBEN J BERNAL, RUBEN FALCON,
 PAUL JEROME CHAVEZ

ABSENT: DARREN HODGES

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

Mayor Paul Casias called the Regular Meeting to Order at 5:30 p.m. after declaring a quorum present.

Mayor Paul Casias 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.

Mayor Paul Casias gave the Invocation.

Council Member Ruben J. Bernal led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America Flag & the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

PROCLAMATION:

1. Proclamation Endorsing November 11, 2023 as "Veterans Day." (**Mayor**)

Mayor Paul Casias read the Proclamation Endorsing November 11, 2023 as "Veterans Day" aloud.

PRESENTATIONS:

2. **City Manager Frank Rodriguez III----**
 - City Manager's Report

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- Police Department received 7 Tahoes and equipment to include shields last week.

LANDFILL:

- Hanson Engineering performed the pre-opening inspection of the New Landfill.
- The City has spent \$4,225,563.93 on the landfill to date.
- There is an anticipated Closing Cost estimated to be of a little over \$2,000,000 to place a cover over the entire the Old Landfill.

SPRING CLEAN-UP:

- The City will concentrate on areas located within the City.
- He clarified the article stating that last year the City changed their policy was inaccurate.
- **City Manager Frank Rodriguez III** explained the landfill fees charged at the gate for the County were discussed during the budget workshop for the 2020-2021 budget year. He communicated with Pecos County Judge Joe Shuster when he notified him the City would begin charging the County to dump trash during the Spring and Fall Cleanups. He explained the continued costs associated with opening the New Landfill. Judge Joe Shuster responded that the County could assist by providing \$1,000,000 toward the New Landfill. Therefore, the City did not initiate the fee for FY 2020-2021.
- During the FY 2021-2022 Budget Session, the issue arose again. City Manager Frank Rodriguez III advised Pecos County Judge Joe Shuster that the City Would be charging the County to dispose of trash during the Spring and Fall Cleanups. Since an agreement was not met, Notice was sent to Pecos County Judge Joe Shuster on October 17, 2022. It explained that the City was at a point where they could no longer waive the fee for the County and would charge \$105 per ton, which was the fee charged to all customers who utilize the City Landfill.
- Pecos County stated they were charged \$60,000 for trash services from the City. However, they approved for a trash company to pick up the trash for Iraan for approximately \$78,000.
- Given the continued expenses related to the Landfill, it only makes sense that anyone disposing of trash at the Landfill be charged to do so. It is not fair to our citizens to pay to dispose of their trash, while allowing the County to dispose of their trash at no charge.

WATER SERVICES:

- In February of 2024 a Workshop will be conducted to discuss water credits that Pecos County receives, as the Water Agreement the City currently has with Pecos County will expire.

Mayor Paul Casias inquired how many attempts were made to resolve the \$60,000 bill to the County.

City Manager Frank Rodriguez explained the bill was initiated in December, January was the first meeting, March was another meeting, June was another meeting, and on August 14, 2023 the County paid the invoice.

Mayor Paul Casias inquired how much the County has received in water credits since this all began.

City Manager Frank Rodriguez III explained the County has received \$3,088,692.38 water credits from 2009 to our current year.

CONSENT AGENDA:

3. 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, 10/10/2023
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Intergovernmental Recreation Board, 09/20/2023
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Substandard Building Commission, 09/07/2023
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton Tourism Advisory Board, 08/15/2023

Accounts Payable 2022-2023 Fiscal Total:	\$91,074.30
Accounts Payable 2023-2024 Fiscal Total:	\$331,864.47
Accounts Payable Grand Total:	\$422,938.77

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

RESOLUTION:

4. Discuss/Act upon Resolution No. 23-121R, Updating Authorized Representatives for Local Government Investment Cooperative. **(City Mgr./Dir. of Fin.)**

Director of Finance Maria Rodriguez explained she was asking permission to update the Authorized Representatives for Local Government Investment Cooperative (LOGIC). The Authorized Representatives would be Maria Rodriguez, Nilva Salinas, Frank Rodriguez III, and Jesse Gonzales Jr.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 23-121R, Updating the Authorized Representatives for Local Government Investment Cooperative. Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

5. Discuss/Act upon Removing Former Mayor Joe Chris Alexander and Adding Mayor Paul Casias to the Bank Accounts & Updating Bank Account Signature Cards. **(City Mgr./Dir. of Fin.)**

Director of Finance Maria Rodriguez explained she was requesting permission to remove Former Mayor Joe Chris Alexander and add Mayor Paul Casias to the Bank Accounts and update Signature Cards to reflect such changes.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, and carried unanimously to approve the Removal of Former Mayor Joe Chris Alexander and Addition of Mayor Paul Casias to the Bank Accounts & Updating Bank Signature Cards. Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

6. Discuss/Act upon Leasing of Ten (10) 2024 Pickups for the Public Works Department through Enterprise Fleet Management. **(City Mgr./P.W. Dir.)**

Director of Finance Maria Rodriguez explained she was asking permission to lease (10) 2024 Pickups; (6) Dodge Ram, 3/4 Tons and (4) Chevrolet, 1/2 Tons. She explained it would take approximately 6-9 months to receive the trucks, so she would like to order them now.

Council Member Ruben J. Bernal inquired if we were receiving more trucks because we have inoperable trucks or if we just needed additional trucks.

City Manager Frank Rodriguez III explained our Fleet Needs Assessment yielded a need for more trucks to replace our aged trucks, that are being band-aided. These trucks would greatly help our Public Works Department.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez, and carried unanimously to approve Leasing Ten (10) 2024 Pickups for the Public Works Department through Enterprise Fleet Management. Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

7. Discuss/Act upon the 4th Quarterly Investment Report ending September 30, 2023. (City Mgr./Dir. of Fin.)

At the end of September, TexPool's average interest rate was 5.35%; LOGIC's average interest rate was 5.52%; 90-day T-bills were 5.62% and the one-year T-bills were 5.49%. Our local bank, Pecos County State Bank, is currently at 4.92%.

In accordance with Resolution No. 11-110R, the City exceeded the required 7% of General Fund's and Enterprise Fund's budgeted expenses totaling \$21,858,810.00 by maintaining \$1,530,116.70

GENERAL			
	<i>Beginning of Quarter</i>	<i>End of Quarter</i>	<i>Quarterly Interest Earned</i>
TOTAL	\$ 10,794,752.57	\$ 10,234,610.75	\$ 141,978.22
CVB			
	<i>Beginning of Quarter</i>	<i>End of Quarter</i>	<i>Quarterly Interest Earned</i>
TOTAL	\$ 918,796.67	\$ 861,640.86	\$ 11,745.80
EDC 4-A			
	<i>Beginning of Quarter</i>	<i>End of Quarter</i>	<i>Quarterly Interest Earned</i>
TOTAL	\$ 3,362,086.90	\$ 3,449,484.67	\$ 45,157.76
EDC 4-B			
	<i>Beginning of Quarter</i>	<i>End of Quarter</i>	<i>Quarterly Interest Earned</i>
TOTAL	\$ 1,881,195.17	\$ 1,929,236.21	\$ 25,579.75
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT			
	<i>Beginning of Quarter</i>	<i>End of Quarter</i>	<i>Quarterly Interest Earned</i>
TOTAL	\$ 2,914,390.83	\$ 3,209,739.16	\$ 40,983.47

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve the 4th Quarterly Investment Report ending September 30, 2023. Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

8. Discuss/Act upon Agreement between the City of Fort Stockton and Triple R Welding, LLC for the Covered Parking for Public Works Machinery/Equipment Construction. **(City Atty.)**

City Attorney Puja Boinpally explained Triple R Welding, LLC stated it would take approximately 6 weeks to complete the project.

There is a 15% mobilization fee which is \$16,822.50 and the remaining \$95,327.50 will be due upon completion of services.

Council Member Ruben J. Bernal inquired where this Covered Parking would be constructed.

City Manager Frank Rodriguez III explained it would be next to the New Fire Department, on the other side of the two trailers.

Council Member Ruben Falcon inquired if the agreement addressed Change Orders.

City Attorney Puja Boinpally responded any claims for increases in the cost of the work must be presented by the Contractor to the City in writing prior to performance by the Contractor of such change or deviation in the Services, and written approval of the City, by the City Manager, shall be obtained by the Contractor before proceeding with ordered change or revision.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve the Agreement between the City of Fort Stockton and Triple R Welding, LLC for the Covered Parking for Public Works Machinery/Equipment Construction. Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

9. Discuss/Act upon the Bid for Contractual Janitorial Services for the City Hall & City Hall Annex &/or Police Department & Dispatch Area. **Bids Received:** *Elfida Morales, Abiud Olivares (City Mgr./C.O.P.)*

Patrol Officer Derek Stratton advised City Council the Police Department is very happy with the work Abiud Olivares has done these past few years. She mops every day. She increased her bid a little bit, however; there is money in their budget to cover the expense.

City Manager Frank Rodriguez III advised City Council that Abiud Olivares increased her bid by \$200.

City Manager Frank Rodriguez III advised City Council that the City was happy with the work performed by Elfida Morales. She did not increase her bid.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, seconded by Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez, and carried unanimously to Award the Bid for Contractual Janitorial Services for the City Hall & City Hall Annex to Elfida Morales & Award the Bid for Contractual Janitorial Services for the Police Department & Dispatch Area to Abiud Olivares. Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

10. Discuss/Act upon Request for Proposals for 2 Station Dispatch Console for Police Department. (Assit. City Mgr./C.O.P.)

Assistant City Manager Jesse Gonzales Jr. explained the current system we are utilizing is outdated; therefore, this request is to Solicit Proposals for 2 Station Dispatch Console for the Police Department which would be an upgrade.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve the Solicitation of Proposals for 2 Station Dispatch Console for Police Department. Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

11. Discuss/Act upon Appointment, Re-Appointment, Removal of Board Members or Amendment to Board Bylaws, as needed for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. (Mayor/City Mgr.)

ITEM WAS TABLED.

12. Discuss/Act upon Designating November 13, 2023 as the Only Regular City Council Meeting in November. (City Mgr.)

City Manager Frank Rodriguez III explained due to the holiday schedule he recommended only having one meeting for the month of November. He suggested holding the meeting November 13, 2023.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, and carried unanimously to Designate November 13, 2023 as the Only Regular City Council Meeting in November. Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

13. Questions from Media.

There were no questions from the media.

14. Adjourn.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, and carried unanimously to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 6:02 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.



Paul Casias

Paul Casias, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marina A. Cantu

Marina A. Cantu, City Secretary