

CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS

MINUTES OF: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
 DATE OF MEETING: OCTOBER 24, 2022  
 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, RUBEN J BERNAL, RUBEN FALCON

JAMES WARNOCK ARRIVED AT 5:41 P.M. PAUL CASIAS ARRIVED AT 5:46 P.M.

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

Mayor Joe Chris Alexander called the Regular Meeting to Order at 5:31 p.m. after declaring a quorum present.

Mayor Joe Chris 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.**

Council Member Darren Hodges 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.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. **Chief of Police Robert Lujan with Fort Stockton Police Department----**
  - Statistics Report for September 2022

<b><i>Calls for Service:</i></b>		<b><i>Investigations Initiated:</i></b>	
<i>Dispatched</i>	1197	<i>83<sup>rd</sup> District Attorney</i>	4
<i>FSPD</i>	759	<i>112<sup>th</sup> District Attorney</i>	0
<i>FSFD</i>	11	<i>County Attorney</i>	7

PCEMS	300
PCSO	300
<b>Accidents Worked:</b>	<b>41</b>
Accidents (PD)	22

<b>Traffic Stops/Violations</b>	<b>235</b>
<b>Traffic Citations Issued</b>	<b>30</b>
Traffic Stops (PD)	139

<b>Misdemeanors</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Felonies</b>	<b>6</b>

Juvenile Probation	0
<b>Total Arrests:</b>	<b>9</b>
Assault – Family Violence	6
Burglary	1
Criminal Mischief	1
Criminal Trespass:	22
Disorderly Conduct	0
Driving While Intoxicated	2
Evading Arrest	1
Illegal Aliens	0
Murder	0
Possession of a Controlled Substance	1
Possession of Marijuana	0
Public Intoxication	2
Resisting Arrest	0
Theft	5
Warrants	1

• Fire Calls Report for September 2022

CAD #	Agency	Received	Call Type	Disposition	Location	Primary
22-011104	PCSO	9/27/2022 18:45	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	PCSO - PCSO	MM 269 EB	619
22-011044	FSFD	09/26/2022 11:04:44	FIRE - FIRE CALL	FC - FIRE CALL	252 E E ALEXANDER ROAD	624
22-010920	FSFD	09/22/2022 18:51:56	FIRE - FIRE CALL	FC - FIRE CALL	20 M S ON 285	501
22-010682	FSFD	09/16/2022 17:31:30	FIRE - FIRE CALL	FC - FIRE CALL	10 EB MM 246	501
22-010445	FSFD	09/10/2022 18:01:15	FIRE - FIRE CALL	FC - FIRE CALL	1537 N N HWY 285	501
22-010437	PCSO	9/10/2022 14:28	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	PCSO - PCSO	HWY 285 N BAILEY RD	622
22-010392	PCSO	9/9/2022 10:38	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	PCSO - PCSO	MM 276	501
22-010392	FSPD	9/9/2022 22:46	SUICIDAL SUBJ / CUT OFF GAS LINE	INCIDENT REPORT	901 N YOUNG # A	112
22-010337	FSFD	09/07/2022 22:12:16	FIRE - FIRE CALL	FC - FIRE CALL	BEHIND EMS BUILDING	121
22-010093	FSFD	09/01/2022 14:14:38	FIRE - FIRE CALL	PCSO - PCSO	298 MM I10	614

Most of the Fire calls were out in the County.

#### **RESOLUTION:**

2. Discuss/Act upon Resolution No. 22-115R, A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fort Stockton to File a Grant Application with the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Community Block Grant for FY 2023-2024. **(City Mgr./City Atty.)**

**City Manager Frank Rodriguez** explained that Brad Newton has been working on applying for grants. Therefore, he requested permission to file a Grant Application with the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Community Block Grant to replace the sewer line at the Nunez Park off of Main Street extending through the James Rooney Park to include the addition of a Lift Station.

This is the first step of the application process.

**Motion was made by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, seconded by Council Member Ruben Falcon, and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 22-115R, A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fort Stockton to File a Grant Application with the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Community Block Grant for FY 2023-2024. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.**

#### **ORDINANCES:**

3. Discuss/Act upon Ordinance No. 22-130, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 22 Titled Taxation\*, Article V. Hotel Occupancy Tax, Section 22-87. - Same - Membership; Terms; Officers of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Stockton; and Repealing all Other Ordinances or Portions Thereof in Conflict, a Severability Clause and Providing for an Effective Date. **(City Mgr./City Atty.)**

**City Secretary Marina Cantu** explained this ordinance is to reduce the number of Tourism Advisory Board Members from nine (9) to seven (7) as voted on during the previous City Council Meeting. It would also change the organizational meeting to elect a chairman and vice-chairman to the beginning of each fiscal year.

**Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 22-130, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 22 Titled Taxation\*, Article V. Hotel Occupancy Tax, Section 22-87. - Same - Membership; Terms; Officers of the Code of Ordinances of**

**the City of Fort Stockton; and Repealing all Other Ordinances or Portions Thereof in Conflict, a Severability Clause and Providing for an Effective Date. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.**

4. Discuss/Act upon Ordinance No. 22-131, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 13 Titled Historic Preservation\*, Article II. Historic Landmarks, Division 2. Historic Landmark Commission; Appointment, Terms, Compensation of Members; Vacancies; Officers; Ex-Officio Members and 13-32. Meetings; Quorum; Majority Vote; Minutes of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Stockton; and Repealing all Other Ordinances or Portions Thereof in Conflict, A Severability Clause and Providing for an Effective Date. **(City Mgr./City Atty.)**

**City Secretary Marina Cantu** explained this ordinance is to reduce the number of Historical Landmark Commission Members from eleven (11) to nine (9) as voted on during the previous City Council Meeting. This would also change the number of members needed to constitute a quorum to five (5).

**Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 22-131, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 13 Titled Historic Preservation\*, Article II. Historic Landmarks, Division 2. Historic Landmark Commission; Appointment, Terms, Compensation of Members; Vacancies; Officers; Ex-Officio Members and 13-32. Meetings; Quorum; Majority Vote; Minutes of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Stockton; and Repealing all Other Ordinances or Portions Thereof in Conflict, A Severability Clause and Providing for an Effective Date. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.**

5. Discuss/Act upon Ordinance No. 22-132, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12 Titled Garbage and Trash\*, Article IV. Littering, Division 2. Keep Historic Fort Stockton Beautiful Board, Section 12-102. Members Appointed; Terms of Office and Section 12-104. Attendance at Meetings; Compensation; Agenda of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Stockton; and Repealing all Other Ordinances or Portions Thereof in Conflict, A Severability Clause and Providing for an Effective Date. **(City Mgr./City Atty.)**

**City Secretary Marina Cantu** explained this ordinance is to reduce the number of Keep Historic Fort Stockton Beautiful Board Members from eleven (11) to nine (9) as voted on

during the previous City Council Meeting. This would change the number of board members needed to constitute a quorum to five (5). It would also change the organizational meeting to elect a chairman and vice-chairman to the beginning of each fiscal year.

**Motion was made by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, seconded by Council Member Darren Hodges, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 22-132, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12 Titled Garbage and Trash\*, Article IV. Littering, Division 2. Keep Historic Fort Stockton Beautiful Board, Section 12-102. Members Appointed; Terms of Office and Section 12-104. Attendance at Meetings; Compensation; Agenda of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Stockton; and Repealing all Other Ordinances or Portions Thereof in Conflict, A Severability Clause and Providing for an Effective Date. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

6. 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, 10/11/2022
- Special Town Hall Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton City Council, 10/17/2022
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton Tourism Advisory Board, 09/21/2022
- Special Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton Economic Development 4-A Corporation, 08/18/2022
- Special Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton Economic Development 4-B Corporation, 08/18/2022

**Accounts Payable 2021-2022 Fiscal Total: \$ 59,758.93**

**Accounts Payable 2022-2023 Fiscal Total: \$277,900.61**

**Accounts Payable Grand Total: \$ 337,659.54**

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

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

7. Discuss/Act upon Request for Proposals for Enhancement/Remodel of the Recreation Facility known as the "Hodges Pavilion". **(City Mgr.)**

**City Manager Frank Rodriguez** explained City Engineer Raul Rodriguez completed the drawings of the Hodges Pavilion. This is entering from the Parking Lot. You will have the Ticket booth and the "Hodges Pavilion" arch as you enter the property. There will be two water features and behind them with a place for a photo The shaded area represents concrete. Towards the Fence Line it is designed to allow vendors to plug into electrical plugins. The bottom area towards the stage will be levelled to allow for a dance floor in front of the stage. There is a gazebo setting designed for weddings. There is area for shade and additional trees. Exterior Lights will be adjusted to accommodate the Hodges Pavilion area.

**Motion was made by Council Member Darren Hodges, seconded by Council Member James Warnock, and carried unanimously to approve Solicitation Request for Proposals for Enhancement/Remodel of the Recreation Facility known as the "Hodges Pavilion". Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.**

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

**City Manager Frank Rodriguez** explained that Elfida Morales has been doing an excellent job with the City Hall & City Hall Annex Building.

**Chief of Police Robert Lujan** attested that they were pleased with Abuid Olivares' work at the Police Department and Dispatch Area. Elfida Morales placed a bid for the City Hall & City Hall Annex Building for \$2,000 per month. Abuid Olivares placed a bid on the Police Department & Dispatch Area for \$1,000 per month.

**Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Darren Hodges, and carried unanimously to Award the Bid for Contractual Janitorial Services for the City Hall & City Hall Annex to Elfida Morales for \$2,000 per month and Award the Bid for Contractual Janitorial Services for the Police Department & Dispatch Area to Abuid Olivares for \$1,000 per month. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.**

9. Discuss/Act upon Authorization to Utilize American Rescue Plan Funds for Wastewater Plant Aeration Pond Repair. (City Mgr./Dir. of Fin.)

**City Manager Frank Rodriguez** explained Repairing the Wastewater Plant Aeration Pond meets the requirements to utilize the American Rescue Plan Funds. Therefore, he requested permission to have those funds released for this project.

**Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to Authorize the Use of American Rescue Plan Funds for Wastewater Plant Aeration Pond Repair. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.**

10. Discuss/Act upon the 4th Quarterly Investment Report ending September 30, 2022. (City Mgr./Dir. of Fin.)

**Director of Finance Maria Rodriguez** explained at the end of September, TexPool's average interest rate was 2.85%; Pecos County State Bank, is currently at 2.32%.

In accordance with Resolution No. 11-110R, the City exceeded the required 7% of General Fund's and Enterprise Fund's budgeted expenses totaling \$19,381,260.00 by maintaining \$1,356,688.20.

<b>GENERAL</b>			
	<i>Beginning of Quarter</i>	<i>End of Quarter</i>	<i>Quarterly Interest Earned</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 9,541,237.63	\$ 9,978,805.24	\$ 51,169.32
<b>CVB</b>			
	<i>Beginning of Quarter</i>	<i>End of Quarter</i>	<i>Quarterly Interest Earned</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 604,942.80	\$ 673,672.05	\$ 3,281.79
<b>EDC 4-A</b>			
	<i>Beginning of Quarter</i>	<i>End of Quarter</i>	<i>Quarterly Interest Earned</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 2,939,967.94	\$ 3,056,546.77	\$ 15,373.19
<b>EDC 4-B</b>			
	<i>Beginning of Quarter</i>	<i>End of Quarter</i>	<i>Quarterly Interest Earned</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 1,975,917.60	\$ 1,779,514.84	\$ 9,316.97

<b>SPECIAL ASSESSMENT</b>			
	<i>Beginning of Quarter</i>	<i>End of Quarter</i>	<i>Quarterly Interest Earned</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 2,610,790.69	\$ 2,641,806.36	\$ 13,646.94
<b>TAX NOTES 2020 SERIES</b>			
	<i>Beginning of Quarter</i>	<i>End of Quarter</i>	<i>Quarterly Interest Earned</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 0.83	\$ 0.83	\$ 0.00

This account was closed as of today, October 24, 2022.

**Motion was made by Ruben Falcon, seconded by Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve the 4th Quarterly Investment Report ending September 30, 2022. Darren Hodges, James Warnock, Paul Casias, Ruben J Bernal, Ruben Falcon voted aye.**

11. Discuss/Act upon 4th Quarterly Revenue & Expense Report ending September 30, 2022. (City Mgr./ Dir. of Fin.)

	<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>REVENUES OVER/(UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>
<b>GENERAL</b>			\$ 860,047.32
	<i>This includes the donation from the Hodges Estate</i>		
<b>ENTERPRISE</b>			\$ 45,364.20
	<i>They were able to fulfill all of their transfers from the enterprise to the General Fund. The landfill and the Recycle Center were included.</i>		

**Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member James Warnock, and carried unanimously to approve the 4th Quarterly Revenue & Expense Report ending September 30, 2022. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.**

12. Questions from Media

There were no questions from the media.

13. Adjourn



Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, seconded by Council Member James Warnock, and carried unanimously to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 5:58 p.m. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.



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Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Marina A. Cantu, City Secretary