

CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS

MINUTES OF: SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: NOVEMBER 9, 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, JAMES WARNOCK, JOE CHRIS ALEXANDER, PAUL CASIAS, RUBEN J BERNAL, RUBEN FALCON

PRESENTATION:**1. City Manager Frank Rodriguez III----**

- City Manager's Report
- Update on Projects

City Manager Frank Rodriguez explained that City is on the last phase of the office buildings for the Landfill Construction. City Council has been able to be proactive in their approach to the aged infrastructure. They have been able to evaluate the needs of the community in dealing with the water, sewer, gas and broadband and remain conservative with the spending.

He recapped that the last audit yielded the City's Net Position increased by \$2.6 Million. The Fund Balance ended with \$2,602,000.00 which is an increase of 2.1% over the previous year.

The following are some of the Projects Completed:

- Police Department & Dispatch area-
 - \$374,000.00 to complete the entire move.
 - Most of the materials such as the wood, materials for the walls and tile for the flooring were located in Conex buildings from the 1033 program.
- Repairs and Remodel of the Recycling Center
- Repairs and Remodel of the Convention Center

The Current Project is the Remodel of the City Hall Restrooms.

The Future Projects for the City of Fort Stockton are:

- Landfill
- Sewer Tanks
- Gene Cummings Park

- Solar Lights
- Water Reclamation
 - Planting of Grass and Trees
- Hodges Pavilion
- Pothole Repairs
 - New equipment to help with the repairs.

There is a little over a Million Dollars of the American Rescue Funds that will be utilized for Infrastructure Repairs as directed by City Council.

Mayor Joe Chris Alexander added that the City via the Convention and Visitor's Bureau as well as the Economic Development Corporation contributed to the remodel of the Pecos County Civic Center and Coliseum.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

2. Discuss/Act upon the Prepayment Agreement between the City of Fort Stockton and MuniGas. **(City Mgr./Dir. of Fin.)**

Director of Finance Maria Rodriguez explained that MuniGas is anticipating an increase in price due to the price of gas. The financials they request to see are for the Enterprise Fund and not the General Fund. Therefore, they have requested a prepayment of \$650,000.00 to ensure that the City is able to pay.

Motion was made by Council Member Darren Hodges, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, and carried unanimously to approve the Prepayment Agreement between the City of Fort Stockton and MuniGas. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

3. Discuss/Act upon an Employee Stipend/Longevity. **(City Mgr./Dir. of Fin.)**

City Manager Frank Rodriguez explained that he would like to increase the longevity pay from \$7.00 to \$10.00. This would be a one-time payment for employees. This would be equivalent to \$49,686.00.

Motion was made by Darren Hodges, seconded by James Warnock, and carried unanimously to Authorize an increase in the Employee Stipend/Longevity pay from \$7.00 to \$10.00. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James

Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

4. Discuss/Act upon Designating November 14, 2022 as the Only Regular City Council Meeting for the month of November. **(City Mgr.)**

Motion was made by Council Member James Warnock, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to Designate November 15, 2022 as the Only City Council Meeting for the month of November. Council Member Darren Hodges, Council Member James Warnock, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon voted aye.

5. Discuss/Act upon Setting the Employee Appreciation Date. **(City Mgr.)**

City Manager Frank Rodriguez requested permission to close City Hall and City Buildings at 1:00 p.m. on December 9, 2022 for Employee Appreciation.

Motion was made by Council Member Darren Hodges, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, and carried unanimously to Set the Employee Appreciation Date as December 9, 2022 closing City Hall and City Buildings at 1:00 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.

Mayor Joe Chris Alexander recessed from the Special Meeting to Convene into Executive Session at 5:51 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

6. **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); Deliberation regarding Security Devices (Section 551.076); and/or Deliberation Regarding Economic**
 - a. Deliberation regarding Real Property more particularly described as the following:
 - Lot 6, Block 2, STOCKTON HEIGHTS ADDITION, Fort Stockton, Pecos County, Texas
 - Lots 1-4, Block 3, STOCKTON HEIGHTS ADDITION, Fort Stockton, Pecos County, Texas
 - Section 23, Block 146, Abstract 3712, T&STL, Pecos County, Texas

Mayor Joe Chris Alexander Closed Executive Session to Reconvene into the Special Meeting at 6:22 p.m.

SPECIAL BUSINESS CONTINUED:

7. Reconvene into Open Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.102 & Take Action, if any, on Matters Deliberated in Executive Session:
 - 6a. Discuss/Act upon Real Property more particularly described as the following:
 - o Lot 6, Block 2, STOCKTON HEIGHTS ADDITION, Fort Stockton, Pecos County, Texas
 - o Lots 1-4, Block 3, STOCKTON HEIGHTS ADDITION, Fort Stockton, Pecos County, Texas
 - o Section 23, Block 146, Abstract 3712, T&STL, Pecos County, Texas

8. Questions from Media

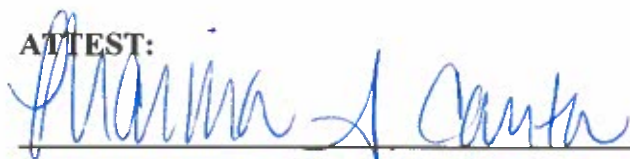
There were no questions as the media had already departed from the meeting.

9. Adjourn

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Casias, and carried unanimously to adjourn the Special City Council Meeting at 6:24 p.m. Darren Hodges, James Warnock, Paul Casias, Ruben J Bernal, Ruben Falcon voted aye.



Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor

ATTEST:


Marina A. Cantu, City Secretary