

CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS

MINUTES OF: SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DATE OF MEETING: DECEMBER 5, 2023
TIME OF MEETING: 12:00 PM
PLACE OF MEETING: 121 WEST SECOND STREET FORT STOCKTON, TX 79735

ROLL CALL WAS ANSWERED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENT: DARREN HODGES, JAMES WARNOCK, PAUL CASIAS, RUBEN J BERNAL, RUBEN FALCON, PAUL JEROME CHAVEZ

RUBEN J. BERNAL WAS PRESENT VIA PHONE

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Act upon Extending Deadline for Receiving Sealed Proposals for Approximately 500 Acres of Land. (City Mgr./City Atty.)

City Manager Frank Rodriguez III requested permission to extend the deadline advising Council Members he had talked with several potential bidders. They asked some good questions. He stated one of the main things we were trying to establish was that the bidder would understand what the city was responsible for and what the tenant would be responsible for. He explained historically the city incurs all the cost. The effluent water going from the pond is 1.3 million a day and needs to be utilized. There is potential for a better outcome than before. He proposed there be a pre-bid meeting so bidders would understand and get the same information; furthermore, it would be a better outcome for the city. He is asking to extend the bid date to January 4, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. and set a pre-bid meeting date of December 19, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. for the 500 acres that are currently being utilized between the two landfills.

Council Member Ruben J. Bernal asked about length of the lease and was advised by City Manager Frank Rodriguez that council would consider the option of year one and year two being a certain amount in hopes of retaining a long term tenant.

City Manager Frank Rodriguez stated a company called Apex called asking if we would sell effluent water. He advised Two Hundred Seventy Five (275) acres are being used for hay sales and the other portion is not being utilized. If any company wanted to use the effluent water for something other than farming, start to finish would be five years. He requested permission to have a clause in the agreement in the event this prospective business does come

open that the city has the option to utilize a portion of the water giving the city the right to adjust the water flow that is going to the hay sales.

Motion was made by Council Member Ruben Falcon, seconded by Council Member Ruben J Bernal, and carried unanimously to approve the extension of the deadline for Receiving Sealed Proposals for Approximately 500 Acres of Land to January 4, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., including a mandatory pre-bid conference for December 19, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. Council Member Darren Hodges, Mayor Pro-Tem James Warnock, Mayor Paul Casias, Council Member Ruben J Bernal, Council Member Ruben Falcon, Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez voted aye.

2. Adjourn.

Motion was made by Council Member Darren Hodges, seconded by Council Member Paul Jerome Chavez, and carried unanimously to adjourn the Special Council meeting at 12:10 p.m. Council Member Darren Hodges, 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