

**ROCKDALE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

Present:**Councilmembers:**

John King, Mayor
Nathan Bland
Doug Calame
Colby Fisher
Willie Phillips
Joyce Dalley, Mayor Pro-Tem ❖

City Staff:

Chris Whittaker, City Manager
Terry Blanchard, City Secretary
Sandra Ellis, City Treasurer
Lon Williams, Code Enforcement Officer
Thomas Harris, Chief of Police

Absent:

Leroy Phillips

Call to Order and announce a Quorum is Present

With a quorum of the Council members present, the Regular Meeting of the Rockdale City Council was called to order by Mayor King at 5:30 p.m., October 10, 2016, at City Hall, 505 W. Cameron Ave, Rockdale, Texas

Pledge of Allegiance**Citizen Communications**

The following citizens requested to address Council:

- Collier Perry – Distributed copies of an email from Kara Clore and read email to audience. Councilmember Dalley was asked to verify the accuracy of the content. *Councilmember Dalley responded with her account of the event.*
- Kara Clore – Refuted statements made by Councilmember Dalley.

5A. Consent Agenda Approvals:

1. Minutes of regular meeting on September 12 and special meeting on September 12, 2016
2. City bills paid
3. Investment report
4. Tax collection report
5. Library Report
6. Municipal Court Report
7. Police Department Report
8. Code Enforcement Reports
9. Public Works Department Reports
10. Hotel Tax Fund Report

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Calame and a second by Councilmember Bland, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

6A. Department Reports – Airport Board

Jimmy Cox gave a brief summary of projects for the airport. Board will meet again in October.

6B. Department Reports – Cemetery Committee

Paul Luckey gave a brief summary of issues with City cemeteries.

7A. Conduct a workshop on the Tourism Committee and activities related to tourism

Council discussed options submitted by the Tourism Committee, city manager, and mayor. Requested input from current Tourism Committee members and local hotelier who were present at the meeting.

8A. Consider and take any necessary action on the Tourism Committee and activities related to tourism

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Bland and a second by Councilmember Dalley, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to dissolve the Tourism Committee (they can be special advisors to the city manager), return 28% to hotels for marketing, and use a flat formula of \$30 per head-in-bed times room nights with 60 days to turn in post event analysis. Motion carried.

8B. Receive an update and take any necessary action on revising the airport fees

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Calame and a second by Councilmember Dalley, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to allow the city manager to do a three-month contract at current rate for hangar 3 and adjust the fee schedule in November. Motion carried.

8C. Consider and take any necessary action on authorizing the city manager to accept property from the Flores family to alleviate drainage issues in exchange for a fence

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Dalley and a second by Councilmember Calame, the Council voted four (4) for and one (1) opposed to authorize the city manager to proceed with the fence. Voting for the motion were Fisher, Calame, Dalley, and W. Phillips. Voting against was Bland. Motion carried.

8D. Consider and take any necessary action on award of bid for administration services for infrastructure improvements through the Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Affairs (TDA) Texas Capital Fund program

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Bland and a second by Councilmember Calame, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to award bid to Langford Community Management Services. Motion carried.

8E. Consider and take any necessary action on award of bid for engineering services for infrastructure improvements through the Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Affairs (TDA) Texas Capital Fund program

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Bland and a second by Councilmember Fisher, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to award bid to BSP Engineers, Inc. Motion carried.

8F. Consider and take any necessary action on approval of the Rockdale Municipal Development District By-Laws

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Calame and a second by Councilmember Fisher, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the MDD By-Laws (amended July 25, 2016). Motion carried.

8G. Receive an update from the city manager regarding the Rockdale Projects List

Chris Whittaker gave updates on projects at Fair Park, Patterson Center, and downtown areas. Gave a brief summary of potential partnership with TxDOT for a project on Roberts Avenue.

8H. Consider and take any necessary action on an appointment to the Park Board

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Fisher and a second by Councilmember Bland, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to appoint Walker Crane to the Park Board. Motion carried.

9A. At 7:27 p.m. Council convened into executive session under Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code for deliberation about real property and under Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the city manager

9B. At 8:42 p.m. Council reconvened in open session to take action if, and as deemed appropriate in the City Council's discretion regarding the deliberation about real property and the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the city manager

❖ Councilmember Dalley left at 8:29 p.m.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Bland and a second by Councilmember W. Phillips, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to authorize the city manager to proceed with voluntary annexation. Motion carried.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Bland and a second by Councilmember Calame, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to authorize the city manager to proceed with hiring a temporary city planner. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

These minutes approved on the 14th day of November, 2016.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Terry Blanchard, TRMC
City Secretary



John E. King, Mayor

