

**ROCKDALE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Present:**

**Councilmembers:**

John King, Mayor  
Nathan Bland  
Doug Calame  
Colby Fisher  
Leroy 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  
Zach Reeves, Public Works Director  
Melanie Todd, Librarian  
Michelle Lehmkuhl, City Attorney

**Absent:**

Willie 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., November 14, 2016, at City Hall, 505 W. Cameron Ave, Rockdale, Texas

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Citizen Communications**

Mayor King mentioned the TML article that featured Councilmember Dalley.

**5A. Consent Agenda Approvals:**

1. Minutes of regular meeting on October 10, 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 Bland and a second by Councilmember Calame, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**6A. Department Reports – Planning & Zoning Commission**

Doug Williams reported on P&Z monthly meetings. Currently working on the Comprehensive Master Plan review and still researching industrialized housing.

**6B. Department Reports – Library Department**

Melanie Todd gave a brief summary of events at the library. Everyone is invited to attend the First Friday Coffee hosted by the library.

**7A. Conduct a workshop on sewer averaging**

Workshop was opened at 5:43 p.m. Chris Whittaker gave a brief summary. Options were discussed by Council and staff. Whittaker recommended that the City continue with sewer averaging for this year and make a plan to move away from sewer averaging by October 1, 2017. Workshop was closed at 6:02 p.m.

**7B. Conduct a workshop regarding the fee schedule**

Workshop was opened at 6:03 p.m. Chris Whittaker gave a brief summary. Council discussed fee changes. Lon Williams mentioned that Section A1.002 Central Heat and Air Conditioning/Mechanical item (d) for a permit for non-profit groups at no charge was overlooked and needed to be added to the list of changes. Workshop was closed at 6:09 p.m.

- 8A. Consider and take any necessary action on the first reading of an ordinance amending Appendix A of the City's Code of Ordinances, the Fee Schedule, Article A1.000 Building, Development and Property Maintenance Fees; Article A2.000 Utility Rates and Charges; and Article A3.000 Other Fees, by amending the fees charged for building permits, electrical permits, plumbing permits, water and wastewater utilities, solid waste collection, airport hangar, miscellaneous fees and by adding Section A3.019 Rental Fees for Fair Park; amending and repealing conflicting ordinances; providing a severability clause; providing an effective date and an open meetings clause**

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Dalley and a second by Councilmember Fisher, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the ordinance with the addition of A1.002 Central Heat and Air Conditioning/Mechanical item (d) Permit fee for non-profit groups/organizations at no charge. Motion carried.

- 9A. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission for a short form subdivision request submitted by Guillermo Flores and the City of Rockdale for a replat of Hillyer Stokes Addition, Block 5, Lot 4, City of Rockdale, Milam County, Texas (property at end of Highland Avenue between Miller Street and Broadnax Street) into Lot 4A (0.12 acre tract) and Lot 4B (0.08 acre tract)**

**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 approve the request as presented. Motion carried.

- 9B. Receive a presentation and take any necessary action on an IT assessment and recommendations**

Chris Whittaker gave a brief summary of the IT needs and requirements for the City. Ben Terry with McLane Intelligent Solutions gave a presentation to Council.

**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 allow the city manager and the mayor to enter negotiations and execute a contract with McLane Intelligent Solutions in an amount not to exceed \$36,283. Motion carried.

- 9C. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation from the Tourism Committee regarding the proposal from Sparks Engineering, Inc. for structural engineering evaluation/consult of the Sheckles and Galbreath bridges**

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Dalley and a second by Councilmember Fisher, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the proposal from Sparks Engineering, Inc with the assessment to be completed after the bridges are set. Motion carried.

- 9D. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation from the Tourism Committee regarding the Bridge Park construction document proposal**

**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 proposal as presented. Motion carried.

- 9E. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation from the Tourism Committee on a Walking/Driving Tour brochure**

**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 proceed with the brochure to be funded by Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) funds. Motion carried.

**9F. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation from the Tourism Committee regarding promotional items**

**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 approve up to \$5,000 from HOT funds. Motion carried.

**9G. Consider and take any necessary action on appointments to the Building Standards Commission**

**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 reappoint Don Gooding, Warren Gilley, and Elmo Miller (as alternate) to the Building Standards Commission. Motion carried.

**9H. Receive an update from the city manager on the FY 2015-16 Budget**

Chris Whittaker reported on the FY 2015-16 budget. He stated that the auditors want all items expensed. Updates on budget expenses will be provided to Council every six (6) months.

**9I. Receive an update from the city manager regarding the Rockdale Projects List**

Chris Whittaker reported on the following projects:

- Purchase of property for new police station
- Contract with KSA to be finalized
- New sirens are up. Need to provide public education for new tones.
- Bar screen at WWTP
- Recycling dumpster has added a third pick up per month. Under new Progressive contract that begins in January, 2017, a fourth pick up will be added per month.
- Energy savings study to look for cost savings
- One proposal received for City Planner

**10A. At 7:27 p.m. Council convened into executive session under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code for consultation with attorney regarding intergovernmental cooperation, and service on city boards and commissions in light of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Public Information Act, and Code 2016-09-12 (7A)**

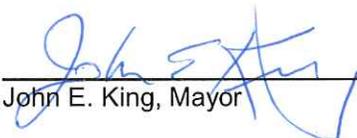
**10B. At 8:30 p.m. Council reconvened in open session to take action if, and as deemed appropriate in the City Council's discretion regarding matters discussed in executive session**

No action was taken.

Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

These minutes approved on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

**APPROVED:**

  
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 John E. King, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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 Terry Blanchard, TRMC  
 City Secretary

