

**ROCKDALE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Present:****Councilmembers:**

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

**City Staff:**

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

**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., April 10, 2017, at City Hall, 505 W. Cameron Ave, Rockdale, Texas

**Pledge of Allegiance****Citizen Communications**

Jeff Noack spoke to Council and requested they look into changing the ordinance to address boats parked on City streets. He feels that they are becoming a nuisance and should not be allowed to be stored on public streets.

**5A. Consent Agenda Approvals:**

1. Minutes of regular meeting on March 13, 2017
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 Dalley and a second by Councilmember W. Phillips, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**6A. Department Reports – Park Board**

Representative not present at meeting – no report.

**6B. Department Reports – Administration**

Sandra Ellis reported that the City has signed an energy contract to begin in 2018 through HGAC at a lower rate. Also reported on the continuing research into a records storage building to replace the storage area on the second floor of the current Police Department.

**6C. Department Reports – IT Services**

Council received a presentation from McLane Intelligent Solutions. Areas of review included IT health indicators, planning review, future work stations, performance indicators and tickets, and response time for requests.

- 7A. Consider and take any necessary action on the second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 12, Traffic and Vehicles, of the Code of Ordinances by providing for a stop sign (replacing the yield sign) at the four-way intersection of San Jacinto Drive and Post Oak Road**

**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 as presented. Motion carried.

**7B. Consider and take any necessary action on the second reading of an ordinance cancelling a portion of the May 6, 2017 General Election for the office of Council Member – West Ward; declaring unopposed candidate to be elected; and providing an open meetings clause and for other matters**

**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 ordinance as presented. Motion carried.

**8A. Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution suspending the effective date for ninety days in connection with the rate increase filing of Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC on or about March 17, 2017; requiring the reimbursement of municipal rate case expenses; authorizing participation in the coalition of similarly situated cities; authorizing intervention and participation in related rate proceedings; authorizing the retention of special counsel; finding that the meeting complies with the Open Meetings Act; making other findings and provisions related to the subject; and declaring an effective date**

**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 resolution as presented. Motion carried.

**8B. Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution designating authorized signatories for contractual documents and documents for requesting funds pertaining to the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Texas Capital Fund Program Contract Number 7216172**

**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 resolution as presented. Motion carried.

**8C. Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution recognizing May 8-13, 2017 as Economic Development Week in Rockdale, Texas**

**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 approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried.

**8D. Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution approving an application for funding through the Texas Department of Agriculture Texas Capital Fund Program for the Rockdale Senior Care Realty, LLC**

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

**9A. Mayor to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month in Rockdale, Texas**

**9B. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission regarding a short form subdivision request submitted by Randy Fletcher on behalf of Peggy Perry and Glenn Betchan for a reconfiguration of lot lines of Hogan Addition, Block 2, Lots 1 and 2 (properties known as 2002 & 2004 West Cameron Avenue), City of Rockdale, Milam County, Texas, into Lots 1A (0.172 acres) and 2A (0.185 acres)**

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

**9C. Receive an update and take any necessary action on the award of bids for Public Works surplus vehicles**

One bid was received for the 2000 Ford Ranger in the amount of \$832.50. No bids were received for the other two trucks.

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Calame and a second by Councilmember W. Phillips, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the one bid received for the Ford Ranger. Motion carried.

**9D. Consider and take any necessary action regarding the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) call for projects under the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Program**

Chris Whittaker reported that the City had previously asked for consideration of the Main Street and Cameron Avenue intersection project, but funding was no longer available at that time. A call for projects was recently released for the TASA Program and applications are due by May 22, 2017. Whittaker recommends that Council approve the submission of an application for Cameron Avenue with local costs to be split with the Rockdale Municipal Development District. This would allow for a continuation of the Downtown Revitalization Project.

Michelle Morgan spoke on behalf of the Rockdale Downtown Association. She stated that the RDA really supports this grant and looks forward to making a safe thoroughfare for pedestrians.

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Calame and a second by Councilmember W. Phillips, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve submission of application for the grant with help from MDD to pay for half of the funding requirement. Motion carried.

**9E. Consider and take any necessary action on the bid recommendation from BSP Engineers for the award of a construction contract for the Texas Capital Fund Project #7216172 (Industrial Park water line)**

Scott Murrah with BSP answered questions from Council regarding the project. He recommended the City proceed with the low bid which was received from Central Road and Utility, Ltd (CRU) with a base bid in the amount of \$1,065,513.10.

**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 award to lowest bidder (CRU) as recommended and proceed with the following contingency: proceed with any part of the project that does not require an easement and to proceed with the remainder of the project once all easement acquisitions are in place. Motion carried.

**9F. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation from KSA Engineers for the award of a construction contract for the Post Oak Water Line Replacement Project RD.031**

❖ Councilmember W. Phillips left at 6:20 p.m.

Stuart Cowell with KSA reported to Council that a total of six bids were received with the low bid from Qro-Mex Construction Company with a base bid in the amount of \$445,022.50. He recommended that the Council proceed with the low bidder and set aside 5% for contingencies.

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Calame and a second by Councilmember Fisher, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to approve the low bid from Qro-Mex Construction Company and set aside 5% for construction contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$467,273.63. Motion carried.

**9G. Mayor to proclaim April 9-15, 2017 as National Library Week in Rockdale, Texas**

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

Chris Whittaker reported on the following:

- Good Town Hall Meeting on the new Police Station. KSA will be back in June with an update.
- Council will receive a presentation next month on the water/sewer rate study.
- Warning sirens are up and running. Programmers still need to create a sixty-second warning signal.
- Meeting with AMR regarding response time issues.

Adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

These minutes approved on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Terry Blanchard, TRMC  
City Secretary

**APPROVED:**

  
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John E. King, Mayor