

**ROCKDALE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING**

Present:**Councilmembers:**

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

City Staff:

Chris Whittaker, City Manager
Terry Blanchard, City Secretary
Sandra Ellis, City Treasurer
Thomas Harris, Chief of Police

Call to Order and announce a Quorum is Present

With a quorum of the Council members present, the Special Meeting of the Rockdale City Council was called to order by Mayor King at 5:30 p.m., August 28, 2017, at City Hall, 505 W. Cameron Ave, Rockdale, Texas

Pledge of Allegiance**4A. Conduct a public hearing on:**

- i. **The proposed 2017-18 Budget (October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018) for the City of Rockdale**
- ii. **A proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year for the City of Rockdale**

Public hearing opened at 5:31 p.m. The following comments were received:

- Joan Ratliff – signed up to speak about the HOT funds. *Mayor responded that HOT funds will be on the September 11th meeting agenda.*
- Kara Clore – Asked if the vision coverage had been eliminated from the employee medical coverage. *Mayor responded that vision coverage had been removed in an effort to keep costs down.*

Public hearing closed at 5:33 p.m.

5A. Consider and take any necessary action on a change order to the Post Oak Savannah Grant (Project RD.031)

Chris Whittaker briefed Council on the "spaghetti bowl" of pipes at Mill Avenue. The change order in the amount of \$68,087 would allow for the pipes to be bypassed. This action would help to increase water pressure. Joseph Montelongo gave a brief summary of the water lines. Whittaker recommended the change order be funded from the 2015 COs. It would cost an additional \$20,000 for the contractors to remove the old piping. City crews could remove the piping at a later date. Councilmember Calame stated that he would like to see the pipe removal done as soon as possible.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Calame and a second by Councilmember Bland, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the change order as presented and fund from the 2015 COs. Motion carried.

6A. At 5:40 p.m. Council convened into executive session under Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code for deliberations regarding economic development negotiations

❖ Councilmember Phillips left early at 6:07 p.m.

6B. At 6:20 p.m. Council reconvened in open session to take action if, and as deemed appropriate in the City Council's discretion regarding economic development negotiations

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 a \$100,000 payment out of the 2015 COs for the Industrial Park water line. Motion carried.

August 28, 2017

Rockdale City Council Special Meeting

1688


Chris Whittaker announced that Shane Jeff had been hired as the new Public Works Director and will start work on Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

Adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

These minutes approved on the 11th day of September, 2017.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Terry Blanchard, TRMC
City Secretary



John E. King, Mayor