

**ROCKDALE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

Present:

Councilmembers:

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

City Staff:

Chris Whittaker, City Manager
Terry Blanchard, City Secretary
Sandra Ellis, City Treasurer
Jason Hubbell, Public Works Director
Thomas Harris, Chief of Police
Lon Williams, Code Enforcement Officer
Melanie Todd, Librarian
Michelle Lehmkuhl, City Attorney

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 5:35 p.m., February 12, 2018, at City Hall, 505 W. Cameron Ave, Rockdale, Texas

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizen Communications

Kirby King distributed information and spoke to Council regarding the claim of City's unlawful appropriation of real property belonging to Iglesia Cristiana "Rey de Reyes" and official oppression.

5A. Consent Agenda Approvals:

1. Minutes of regular meeting on January 8, 2018
2. City bills paid
3. Investment report
4. Tax collection report
5. Library Report
6. Municipal Court Report
7. Police Department Report
8. Racial Profiling Report
9. Code Enforcement Reports
10. Public Works Department Reports
11. Hotel Tax Fund Report

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Dalley and a second by Councilmember Phillips, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

6A. Department Reports – Library Board

Sharon Cloud reported that the new library hours are working well. Master Gardeners are making plans for landscaping at the library and Linwood Acres Garden Club is trimming rose bushes. Upcoming events include Meet the Candidates and 1st Friday Coffee.

6B. Department Reports – Public Works Department

Jason Hubbell gave a brief report to Council. Sludge hauling for the wastewater treatment plant will cost approximately \$26,500. Clean out for SBR will cost approximately \$450,000 to \$500,000. Staff has been trained to use the field testing equipment. The walking trail at Veterans Park has been revamped. Airport cameras have been installed. Crack sealing the runway through the RAMP Grant.

7A. At 5:54 p.m. Council convened into executive session under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code for consultations with attorney and under Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code for deliberation regarding economic development negotiations

❖ Councilmember Phillips left at 6:15 p.m.

- 7B. 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 the consultations with attorney and the deliberations 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 allow the city attorney and city manager to enter into an agreement with PARI Olefins to mutually terminate the City/PARI Olefins Industrial Park contract. Motion carried.

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 to cancel the Texas Capital Fund Grant for the Industrial Park with the Municipal Development District (MDD) repaying grant expenditures received within thirty (30) days of grant cancellation. Motion carried.

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 allow the city attorney and city manager to enter into an interlocal agreement to accept payment from the MDD for all City expenditures for the CRU contract incurred on behalf of the MDD. Motion carried.

- 11D. Consider and take any necessary action to authorize the city attorney and city manager to enter into an agreement with Verizon (subject to final legal review) to allow for service on Allday tower**

Jeff Ulmann with Knight and Associates gave a brief summary to Council regarding the agreement which would allow for placement of equipment on the Allday tower.

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 authorize the city attorney and city manager to enter into an agreement with Verizon to allow service on Allday tower (pending final legal review). Motion carried.

- 8A. Conduct a workshop for a quarterly review of the FY 2017-18 budget**

Postponed until March meeting.

- 8B. Conduct a workshop to review the Comprehensive Master Plan**

Postponed until March meeting.

- 9A. Consider and take any necessary action on the second reading of an ordinance ordering and establishing procedures for a 2018 General Election to elect one (1) Council Member for the East Ward and one (1) Council Member for the West Ward in the City of Rockdale**

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 approve the ordinance as presented. Motion carried.

- 10A. Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution authorizing the submission of a Groundwater Conservation Grant Application to the Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District (POSGCD) and authorizing the Mayor, the City Manager, and the Public Works Director to act as the City's representative to perform all reasonable and necessary actions with respect to the administrative consideration of the application, and to perform the terms and conditions of the award of the Conservation Grant, if approved by the POSGCD**

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.

- 11A. Receive an update from KSA regarding the new police station**

Brian Wyatt with KSA gave a brief update to Council. Project is progressing well. Scheduled to go vertical on March 2nd.

11B. Receive the annual audit for fiscal year 2015-16 from the City's auditors

Don Allman reviewed the 2016 audit with Council. Gave a brief summary of the financial highlights, statement of net position, changes in net position, capital assets, and long term liabilities. Several areas showed corrections for errors made by previous auditor. Mr. Allman stated that he hopes to begin the 2016-17 audit in April/May.

11C. Consider and take any necessary action on payment of the 2016 audit

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 authorize payment of the 2016 audit. Motion carried.

11E. Receive an update and take any necessary action on a plan for City employee compensation in lieu of employee water rates

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Dalley and a second by Councilmember Bland, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to authorize the city manager to make necessary adjustments to employees on City water with a one-time payment covering the rest of this fiscal year. Motion carried.

11F. Consider and take any necessary action on appointments and removal from the Planning & Zoning Commission

1. Appointment of Barkley Lagrone to fill unexpired term ending 02/2019
2. Removal of Paul Roedersheimer for excessive absences
3. Appointment of Jerry Waggoner to fill unexpired term ending 02/2020

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 appointments and removal as presented. Motion carried.

11G. Receive an update from the city manager on the Incode Purchasing Module

Postponed until March meeting.

11H. Receive an update from the city manager regarding the Rockdale Projects List


Chris Whittaker gave brief updates on the following:

- Flood damage at City Hall from water leak
- FM 908 curve
- AMR discussion with Coalition
- ½ cent sales tax – On Commissioners Court agenda for February 26th
- TWDB – Principal doesn't have to be paid back until project is complete; pay on interest
- Nicole Hirsch is the new Marketing Director and will begin work on March 1st
- Stone blocks paid for by Court Building Security Fund

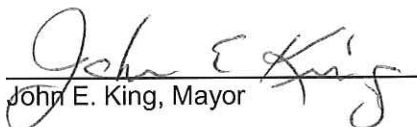
Adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

These minutes approved on the 12th day of March, 2018.

ATTEST:


Terry Blanchard, TRMC
City Secretary

APPROVED:


John E. King, Mayor