

**ROCKDALE CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING**

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

John King, Mayor  
Nathan Bland, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Joyce Dalley  
Denise Wallace  
Richard Coppedge  
Jason Barcak  
Doug Calame

**City Staff:**

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

**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 27, 2018, at City Hall, 505 W. Cameron Ave, Rockdale, Texas

**Pledge of Allegiance****4A. Conduct a Public Hearing on:**

- i. The proposed 2018-19 Budget (October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019) 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 5:33 p.m. No comments were received. Public hearing closed at 5:34 p.m.

- 5A. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission regarding a short form subdivision request submitted by Judy White for Sterling C. Robertson Survey, A-52 being a resubdivision of Lot 1A, per plat recorded in Cabinet A, Slide 151-A, of the plat records of Milam County, Texas (Record Owner of 2.80 acre tract, Judy Sheryl White, Volume 738, Page 193, ORMCT) into Lot 1 (0.77 acres) and Lot 2 (1.12 acres)**

Planning & Zoning Commission recommends approval.

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

- 5B. Consider and take any necessary action on award of bid for North Burleson Street FEMA Hazard Mitigation Project**

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Coppedge and a second by Councilmember Barcak, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to award bid to Patin Construction. Motion carried.

- 6A. Conduct a Town Hall Session to receive comments regarding the Sumuel Park Splash Pad Grant**

Town Hall Session opened at 5:37 p.m. The following comments were received:

- Mayor King gave a brief summary of the grant history
- Henry Miller – Splash Pad groundbreaking was a positive event. Wants to make sure that any Splash Pad will be placed on the East side of town. Finds it sickening that each time the East side gets something, it gets taken away.
- Randy Mitchell – If City doesn't put in Splash Pad, then City won't be able to get any future grants
- LC Richards – Grateful for the donation of Sumuel Park. They have a diverse neighborhood. Glad to see families using the park. Happy to see parks evolve in the last 5-6 years.
- Danny Mitchell – Concerned about the list of equipment needs. Feels that if you start something, you should finish it. Need to get things done.

- Peggy Morrison – If the grant is there, it should be used for that purpose only. East side needs activities.
- Angela White – Concerned about the community. The division of East and West needs to go away. Need to be a unified community. People need to stand up for what is right. A life is not equal to a dump truck.
- Dave Melton – Has had a change of heart and supports the Splash Pad. Everyone is replaceable. We need to listen to the people who live in the area.
- Iterrean Mitchell – Concerned about the reasons for not doing the Splash Pad. Pads are self-sustaining. Claims water fountains are off due to theft of water. Cameron has 4 parks that are maintained religiously. Need better work ethic in the Public Works Department.
- Elissa Benford-Roberts – Thanked everyone for coming. She is excited about the Splash Pad at Samuel Park. She never said that she didn't want the pad.
- Danny Mitchell – Encourages citizens to participate in meetings
- Belinda Hillhouse – Encourages people to come to all meetings. Can't spend grant money on any other projects.
- Dennis Brooks – Use it or lose it. Thanked Chris. Integrity needs to stand to bring community together. Let's go with it. Symbol of a promise kept.
- Rick Powell – How did it go from being approved to being on the chopping block?
- Wendie Upson – Doesn't understand why we are here. Frustrated that homework wasn't done prior to decision being made.
- Preston Gates – Wants to know why the Roberts Street project is taking so long. *Chris Whittaker replied that until AT&T relocates their line, the project cannot be completed per TxDOT.*
- Henry Miller – Asked for Council input
- Jason Barcak – Thanked everyone for showing up and providing input

Town Hall Session was closed at 6:35 p.m.


- 7A. At 6:45 p.m. Council convened into executive session under Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the city manager**
- 7B. At 7:06 p.m. Council reconvened in open session to take action if, and as deemed appropriate in the City Council's discretion regarding deliberation of the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the city manager**

No action was taken.

Adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

These minutes approved on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

**ATTEST:**

  
 Terry Blanchard, TRMC  
 City Secretary

**APPROVED:**

  
 John E. King, Mayor