

**ROCKDALE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING**

Present:

Councilmembers:

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

City Staff:

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

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., September 24, 2018, at City Hall, 505 W. Cameron Ave, Rockdale, Texas

Pledge of Allegiance

- 4A. Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution regarding Atmos Energy Corporation’s proposal to increase natural gas rates pursuant to its Statement of Intent filed on or about June 1, 2018**

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

- 4B. Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution authorizing the adoption of Citizen Participation and Complaint Procedures pertaining to the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program administered by the General Land Office (GLO)**

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

- 4C. Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution authorizing the adoption of certain grant procurement procedures pertaining to Federal Grant Programs administered by the General Land Office (GLO)**

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

- 5A. Consider and take any necessary action on the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) State Fiscal Year 2019 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) 5 October application invitation for funding of water distribution improvements**

Bob Fisher and Bob Lane with KSA made presentations to Council. Jennifer Ritter with Specialized Public Finance was available by phone and presented funding information to Council regarding Revenue Bonds and Certificates of Obligation. David Mendez with Bickerstaff gave a brief summary and recommended revenue bonds for application purposes.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Calame and a second by Councilmember Dalley, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the city manager to move forward with TWDB project with revenue bonds for maximum amount (\$45,090,000) by the 5th of October and to submit application with option of financing (considering revenue bonds first with the option of certificates of obligation, if necessary). Motion carried.

- 5B. Consider and take any necessary action on an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Rockdale and the Rockdale Municipal Development District for the Texas Department of Transportation Set Aside (TASA) Sidewalk Grant Project CSJ #0204-06-060**

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

- 5C. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission regarding a short form subdivision request submitted by Graciela Chaidez for all of a called 6.297 acre tract, part of the Sterling C. Robertson Survey, A-52, Milam County, Texas into Tract One (1.500 acres), Tract Two (1.500 acres), and Tract Three (3.306 acres)**

Planning & Zoning Commission recommends approval.

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

Belinda Hillhouse addressed Council regarding complaints she had heard about the way the city manager performed his job. Now she is hearing that the Council should be watching what the city manager is supposed to be doing. She thinks the city manager needs more direction from Council and that the Council needs to take more responsibility.

- 6A. At 7:13 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**
- 6B. At 8:05 p.m. Council reconvened in open session to take action if, and as deemed appropriate in the City Council's discretion regarding deliberations of appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the city manager**

There was no action taken.

Adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

These minutes approved on the 8th day of October, 2018.

ATTEST:



 Terry Blanchard, TRMC
 City Secretary

APPROVED:



 John E. King, Mayor

