

**ROCKDALE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

Present:

Councilmembers:

John King, Mayor
Belinda Hillhouse
Denise Wallace
Michelle Larkin
Doug Calame
Jason Barcak
Richard Coppedge, Mayor Pro-Tem

City Staff:

Barbara Holly, Interim City Manager
Terry Blanchard, City Secretary
Roxanne Proudley, Finance Director
Jason Hubbell, Public Works Director
Curah Beard, Marketing Director

Call to Order and announce a Quorum is Present

The City Council of the City of Rockdale, Texas conducted a meeting by telephone conference on Monday, April 13, 2020. 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.

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizen Communications

Mayor King proclaimed April as Fair Housing Month. No other comments were received.

5A. Consent Agenda Approvals:

1. Minutes of regular meeting on March 9 and special meeting on March 23, 2020
2. City bills paid
3. Investment report
4. Tax collection report
5. Sales Tax averaging report
6. Library Report
7. Municipal Court Report
8. Police Department Report
9. Code Official Report
10. Building Official Report
11. Public Works Department Reports
12. Hotel Tax Fund Report
13. Marketing Director Report

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 consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

6A. Consider and take any necessary action on the second reading of an ordinance cancelling a portion of the May 2, 2020 General Election for the office of Council Member – East Ward; declaring unopposed candidate to be elected; and providing an open meetings clause and for other matters

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

6B. Consider and take any necessary action on the first reading of an ordinance ordering that the General Election for the City of Rockdale scheduled to be held on Saturday, May 2, 2020 be postponed to Tuesday, November 3, 2020, reserving the right and authority to reschedule the election to such other date as may be allowed by law and approved by subsequent ordinance; making findings related thereto; and providing an effective date

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

- 6C. Consider and take any necessary action on the first reading of an ordinance ordering that the Special Election for the City of Rockdale scheduled to be held on Saturday, May 2, 2020 be postponed to Tuesday, November 3, 2020, reserving the right and authority to reschedule the election to such other date as may be allowed by law and approved by subsequent ordinance; making findings related thereto; and providing an effective date**

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

- 7A. Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution to suspend the effective date proposed by Atmos Energy Corporation – MidTex Division, to increase rates under the Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program for 45 days, and authorize the City’s continued participation in a coalition of cities known as the “Atmos Texas Municipalities”**

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

- 7B. Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution authorizing publication of notice of intention to issue combination tax and surplus system revenue certificates of obligation for the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) project**

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.

Mayor King informed Council that he will be issuing a letter to KSA Engineers to allow them to continue with the loan process.

- 7C. Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution authorizing publication of notice of intention to issue combination tax and surplus net system revenue certificates of obligation for the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) project**

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 resolution as presented. Motion carried.

- 7D. Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution authorizing the interim city manager, Barbara Holly, to act as the City’s executive officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the City’s participation in the HOME Program Reservation System, with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs**

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

- 8A. Receive an update and take any necessary action on the proposed closing timetable for the City of Rockdale’s transactions in regards to the CWSRF & DWSRF funding**

Mayor King reviewed the timetable from the Council packet. No further action was taken.

- 8B. Consider and take any necessary action on establishing policies and procedures for City staff regarding the COVID-19 impact on utility billing, late fees/service fees, and other City-related issues**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Coppedge and a second by Councilmember Larkin, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to allow city manager and staff the brevity to use their judgment on payment plans and to continue to waive late fees. Motion carried.

Staff will contact Incode for options to generate late notices (red cards) without late fees being added.

8C. Receive a quarterly report on the fiscal year 2019-20 budget

Mayor King reported that the city manager is in the process of taking a deep dive into the current budget to verify numbers for use as we move forward. Things look close to being on target, but are being verified at this time.

8D. Consider and take any necessary action on Council priorities for the FY 2020-21 budget

Mayor King asked each Council member to email their top five (5) priorities to the city manager within the next two (2) weeks. Priorities should include general and specific items. A consolidated list will be presented to Council at the next regular meeting for approval.

8E. Consider and take any necessary action to delay the review and award of IT Services proposals until after the COVID-19 restrictions are recalled

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

8F. Receive an update from the city manager regarding the Rockdale Projects List

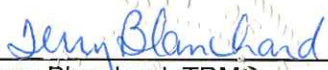
Barbara Holly reported no updates at this time.

Councilmember Barcak asked about selling the sweeper and where we are in the process. Jason Hubbell wasn't aware we were selling the sweeper. He offered to contact Purple Wave for listing, if that is what the Council prefers. Councilmember Calame stated that he brought this up at a previous meeting and suggested we sell the sweeper and use the proceeds to purchase other needed equipment. Mayor King stated that the item would be added to May Council agenda for official Council action.

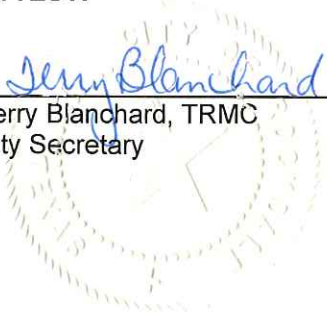
Adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

These minutes approved on the 8th day of June, 2020.

ATTEST:



Terry Blanchard, TRMC
City Secretary



APPROVED:



John E. King, Mayor