

**ROCKDALE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING**

Present:**Councilmembers:**

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

City Staff:

Barbara Holly, Interim City Manager
Terry Blanchard, City Secretary
Stephen Goodrich, Police Lieutenant
Jason Hubbell, Public Works Director

Absent:

Doug Calame

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 4:30 p.m., May 2, 2020, at City Hall, 505 W. Cameron Ave, Rockdale, Texas

Pledge of Allegiance

- 4A. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission regarding a short form subdivision and variance request submitted by Jamal Williams for Property ID 20336, Wallis Addition, Block 1, Lots 8, 9, and 10 (property known as 812 San Gabriel Street), City of Rockdale, Milam County, Texas into Lot 8A**
1. V1 – 2.1' front setback variance
 2. V2 – 0.9' front setback variance
 3. V3 – 1.8' front setback variance

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Coppedge and a second by Councilmember Larkin, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the request as presented. Motion carried.

- 4B. Consider and take any necessary action on Council priorities for the FY 2020-21 budget**

Council asked to get information to Barbara Holly for inclusion in the budget. No action taken.

- 4C. Consider and take any necessary action on the potential sale of the street sweeper**

Jason Hubbell reported to Council regarding the street sweeper. Trade-in value is only \$30,000-\$40,000. Purple Wave auction site does not allow for a minimum bid. Council asked Mr. Hubbell to get a determination on the current value of the street sweeper and explore auction sites that allow for a minimum bid.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Coppedge and a second by Councilmember Barcak, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to authorize the Public Works Director to put the street sweeper up for auction with a minimum bid of \$5,000 less than current valuation (once determined). Motion carried.

- 4D. Consider and take any necessary action on providing assistance to local hotels with Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) funds**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Larkin and a second by Councilmember Coppedge, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to use 380 Agreement and grant hotels reimbursement for 50% of expenses paid to City during current fiscal year (October 2019 to present). Motion carried.

- 5A. At 4:50 p.m. Council convened into executive session under Section 551.074 to deliberate the appointment, employment, and duties of the police chief**

- 5B. At 5:08 p.m. Council reconvened in open session to take action if, and as deemed appropriate in the City Council's discretion regarding deliberations about the appointment, employment, and duties of the police chief**

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MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Larkin and a second by Councilmember Coppedge, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to extend an employment offer to Candidate #1 including agreed upon salary package with a reply deadline of Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 4 PM and, if declined, extend same offer to Candidate #2 with a reply deadline of Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 4 PM. Motion carried.

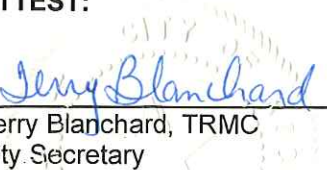
Adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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

ATTEST:



Terry Blanchard, TRMC
City Secretary



APPROVED:



John E. King, Mayor