

**ROCKDALE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING**

Present:

Councilmembers:

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

City Staff:

Barbara Holly, Interim City Manager
Terry Blanchard, City Secretary

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 8:30 p.m., May 8, 2020, at City Hall, 505 W. Cameron Ave, Rockdale, Texas

Pledge of Allegiance

Public comments were received from the following individuals regarding the police chief position:

- Terrace Mitchell – asked when requirements changed for the police chief
- Sharee Mitchell – stated that bringing in an outside person would endanger the citizens. It is a big concern to bring in a new force. She is afraid for the citizens. She supports Goodrich for chief.
- Johnny Stewart – wanted to know when a degree became more important than respectability
- Tangela Jones – Supports Stephen Goodrich for chief. He is Rockdale. Council should hire from within. Make the right decision for the people.
- Kefa Mitchell – agrees with previous statement

4A. At 8:39 p.m. Council convened into executive session under Section 551.074 to deliberate the appointment, employment, and duties of the police chief

Councilmember Calame left the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

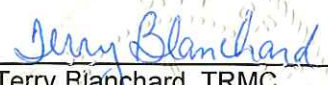
4B. At 9:45 p.m. Council reconvened in open session to take action if, and as deemed appropriate in the City Council's discretion regarding deliberations about the appointment, employment, and duties of the police chief

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 authorize the city manager to extend an employment offer to Candidate #5 including agreed upon salary package within the timeframe as discussed. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

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

ATTEST:



Terry Blanchard, TRMC
City Secretary

APPROVED:



John E. King, Mayor

