

**ROCKDALE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR 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
Roxanne Proudley, Finance Director
Jason Hubbell, Public Works Director
Curah Beard, Marketing Director
Jerry Meadors, Police Chief

Absent:

Doug Calame

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, June 8, 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 5:37 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance**Citizen Communications**

No comments.

5A. Consent Agenda Approvals:

1. Minutes of regular meeting on April 13 and special meetings on April 13, May 2, and May 8, 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

Councilmember Hillhouse requested the Finance Director to email a copy of the check register to Council members at least one (1) week prior to meetings.

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 consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

- 6A. Consider and take any necessary action regarding an ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$12,650,000 "City of Rockdale, Texas Combination Tax and Surplus Net System Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2020A"; authorizing the sale thereof; enacting provisions incident and related to the issuance of said certificates**

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

- 6B. Consider and take any necessary action regarding an ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$3,065,000 "City of Rockdale, Texas Combination Tax and Surplus Net System Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2020B"; authorizing the sale thereof; enacting provisions incident and related to the issuance of said certificates**

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 approve the ordinance as presented. Motion carried.

- 6C. Consider and take any necessary action regarding an ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$8,790,000 "City of Rockdale, Texas Combination Tax and Surplus System Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2020C"; authorizing the sale thereof; enacting provisions incident and related to the issuance of said certificates**

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 approve the ordinance as presented. Motion carried.

- 6D. Consider and take any necessary action regarding an ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$2,035,000 "City of Rockdale, Texas Combination Tax and Surplus System Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2020D"; authorizing the sale thereof; enacting provisions incident and related to the issuance of said certificates**

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 ordinance as presented. Motion carried.

- 6E. Consider and take any necessary action on the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 13: Utilities of the City of Rockdale Code of Ordinances by adding Article 13.08 Disaster**

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

- 7A. Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution concerning a Principal Forgiveness Agreement with the Texas Water Development Board in the approximate amount of \$500,000; accepting the terms of the financial assistance from the State agency; and, authorizing officials of the City to execute the agreement**

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

- 7B. Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution concerning a Principal Forgiveness Agreement with the Texas Water Development Board in the approximate amount of \$400,000; accepting the terms of the financial assistance from the State agency; and, authorizing officials of the City to execute the agreement**

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 approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried.

- 7C. Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution authorizing the submission and acceptance of an application with the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) for the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Grant and authorizing the city manager to act as the City's chief executive officer and representative in all matters in connection with said application**

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 resolution as presented. Motion carried.

- 7D. Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution amending the FY 2019-2020 Enterprise Fund budget, eliminating the contingency fund, and applying the funds to future debt service payments**

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

- 7E. Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution amending the FY 2019-2020 General Fund budget to allocate remaining 2016 Certificates of Obligation to Parks budget for future Moultry Park improvements and to offset prior Splash Pad improvements**

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 approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried.

- 8A. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission regarding a short form resubdivision request submitted by Charles Miles for Property ID 15212, Ramsey Addition, Block 2, Lot 5 W pt of, Lot 6 W pt of, and a part of a called 50 foot wide unimproved street right-of-way (property known as 715 Ramsey Avenue), City of Rockdale, Milam County, Texas into Miles Addition, Lot 1 (being a 0.30 acre tract)**

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

- 8B. Consider and take any necessary action to authorize the re-issuance of a Declaration of Local State of Disaster due to Public Health Emergency to follow and comply with Orders issued by the Governor's Office while continuing proactive measures regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and to authorize the Mayor to recall the declaration at such time that safety measures for the virus are deemed to no longer be required**

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 re-issue the Declaration of Local State of Disaster. Motion carried.

- 8C. Discuss and take any necessary action on direction to staff regarding the preparation of an ordinance for "vacation rentals" (also called short-term rentals or STRs)**

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 direct staff to prepare an ordinance for vacation rentals. Motion carried.

- 8D. Discuss and take any necessary action on a proposal for the old City Hall building and related property**

The following comments were received from Council and staff:

- Coppedge – Guarantee retention of property's historic value as a stipulation of purchase
- Holly – Will need to go through the sealed bid process and utilize deed restrictions
- Larkin – Only approve bids that include architectural plans
- Wallace – Need to get cost totals for the properties that include engineering, asbestos removal, demolition, etc.
- King – Opposed to old Phillips & Luckey lot being included in proposal. That is a commercial lot that could be used for parking.

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 Barbara Holly to explore and discuss options for old City Hall and to create a proposal. Motion carried.

- 8E. Discuss and take any necessary action on direction to staff regarding the preparation of an ordinance for food truck permits**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Larkin and a second by Councilmember Hillhouse, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to instruct staff to prepare an ordinance for food truck permits. Motion carried.

8F. Consider and take any necessary action on an appointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Barcak and a second by Councilmember Coppedge, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to appoint Leslie Davidson to the P&Z Commission. Motion carried.

8G. Discuss and take any necessary action on providing direction to the city manager regarding preparations for the FY 2020-21 budget

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 authorize the city manager to act on behalf of the City to negotiate an electric contract and other budgeting items needing negotiations. Motion carried.

9A. At 6:41 p.m. Council convened into executive session under Section 551.074 to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of the city manager

Councilmember Barcak left the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

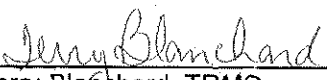
9B. At 7:11 p.m. Council reconvened in open session to take action if, and as deemed appropriate in the City Council's discretion regarding deliberations about the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of the city manager

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Larkin and a second by Councilmember Wallace, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to offer the position of city manager to the current interim city manager effective immediately. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

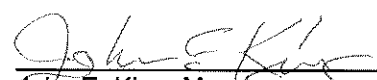
These minutes approved on the 13th day of July, 2020.

ATTEST:



Terry Blanchard, TRMC
City Secretary

APPROVED:



John E. King, Mayor