



CITY OF ROCKDALE  
Rockdale City Hall  
505 West Cameron Avenue  
Rockdale, Texas 76567

**ROCKDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TELEPHONIC OPEN MEETING**

**Monday, August 10, 2020**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**505 West Cameron Avenue**  
**5:30 p.m.**

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** in accordance with the order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the City Council of the City of Rockdale will conduct its Regular Meeting scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on August 10, 2020, located at City Hall, 505 West Cameron Avenue, Rockdale, Texas 76567 by telephone in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called "social distancing") to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). **There will be no public access to the location described above.**

This Notice and Meeting Agenda are posted online at [www.rockdalecityhall.com](http://www.rockdalecityhall.com).

The public meeting, along with a toll-free dial-in number to participate in the telephonic meeting, is hosted through GoToWebinar. The dial-in number is: 1-914-614-3426 (US) or 1-877-309-2074 (toll free). The audio access code is: 943-062-317.

To join the meeting from your computer, tablet, or SmartPhone, the meeting URL is: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7136180517552459532> .

The public will be permitted to offer public comments electronically as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting. Emailed comments may also be submitted prior to the meeting.

Members of the public who wish to submit their written comments on a listed agenda item may submit their comments by email to [citysecretary@rockdalecityhall.com](mailto:citysecretary@rockdalecityhall.com). **Email comments must be received before 3:00 PM on Monday, August 10, 2020.** To submit comments/questions during the meeting, participants may use the "Questions" feature on the GoToWebinar page.

A recording of the telephone meeting will be made, and will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request.

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**REGULAR MEETING – AGENDA**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

- 5. CONSENT AGENDA** – All consent agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. Information concerning consent agenda items is available for public review.

**A. Approvals:**

1. Minutes of regular meeting on July 13 and special meeting on August 3, 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 Reports
9. Building Official Report
10. Public Works Department Report
11. Hotel Tax Fund Report
12. Marketing Director Report

**6. ORDINANCES**

- A. Consider and take any necessary action on the first reading of an ordinance canceling a portion of the May 2, 2020 (postponed to November 3, 2020) General Election for the office of Council Member – West Ward; declaring unopposed candidate to be elected; and providing an open meetings clause and for other matters
- B. Consider and take any necessary action on the first reading of an ordinance amending the election order originally for the May 2, 2020 special election that was moved to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date due to the COVID pandemic
- C. Consider and take any necessary action on the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 14: Zoning, Article 14.02 by adding to existing definitions in Section 14.02.004 and by adding Subsection 14.02.051(p) regarding Bed and Breakfast Facilities and Short-term Rental Facilities
- D. Consider and take any necessary action on the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 14: Zoning, Article 14.02 by adding to existing definitions in Section 14.02.004 and by adding Subsection 14.02.051(q) regarding Mobile Food Vendors

**7. RESOLUTION**

- A. Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution authorizing the city manager to allow discretionary spending from excess funds for necessary items not currently budgeted

**8. ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Consider and take any necessary action on revising the temporary suspension of utility billing late fees/service fees and utility disconnections for non-payment of services that were necessitated in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- B. Consider and take any necessary action on suggestions and potential projects for the use of CARES Act (CRF) funds
- C. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation from the marketing director regarding a request submitted by the Rockdale Historical Society for funding from the hotel occupancy tax fund to provide services as the Weekend Visitor Center for FY 2020-21
- D. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation from the marketing director regarding a request submitted by the Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center for funding from the hotel occupancy tax fund to provide services as the Visitor Center for FY 2020-21

- E. Consider and take any necessary action to ratify the percentage of the increase in tax revenues for the 2020-21 fiscal year that will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate


## 9. ADJOURNMENT

### APPROVED:

  
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Barbara Holly, City Manager

  
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John E. King, Mayor

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that this Notice of Meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the City Hall of the City of Rockdale, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and said notice was posted on the following: 8-7-2020, 11:00 a.m. p.m. and remained so posted at least 2 hours after said meeting was convened.

  
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Terry Blanchard, City Secretary

The City Council reserves the right to meet in a closed session on any agenda item should the need arise and if applicable pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

One or more members of the **ROCKDALE MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT** and the **PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION** may attend this meeting. No action will be taken by either the MDD or P&Z during this meeting.

All meetings of the City Council are open to the public and public participation is invited on all open session business items. The Rockdale City Hall is wheelchair accessible and special parking is available on the west side of the building. If special accommodations are required for participation, please contact the City Secretary at (512) 446-2511 a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting and every effort will be made to provide reasonable accommodations.

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