

**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, City Manager  
Terry Blanchard, City Secretary  
Roxanne Proudley, Finance Director  
Jerald Brunson, Public Works Director  
Curah Beard, Marketing Director  
Jerry Meadors, Police Chief  
Ward Roddam, Fire Chief

**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 5:30 p.m., September 8, 2020, at the George Hill Patterson Community Center, 609 Mill Ave, Rockdale, Texas.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**4A. Conduct a public hearing on the proposed 2020-21 budget (October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021) for the City of Rockdale**

Public hearing opened at 5:32 p.m. Barbara Holly gave a brief summary of the proposed balanced budget with a lower tax rate. The City has added \$27.4M in debt. The General Fund budget will stand alone with no transfers from the Enterprise Fund for the next fiscal year. Mayor King stated that Council may be looking to increase rates in 2021 in order to make debt payments for the next year. With no further comments, the public hearing was closed at 5:36 p.m.

**4B. Conduct a public hearing on the proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year for the City of Rockdale**

Public hearing opened at 5:37 p.m. No comments received. Public hearing was closed at 5:38 p.m.

**7B. Consider and take any necessary action on the purchase of a fire truck for the Rockdale Volunteer Fire Department**

Ward Roddam gave a brief summary. The purchase will replace older and broken equipment. A new ISO rating may be requested to help in lowering insurance rates. RVFD will sell the 1989 model truck and give proceeds to the City for use towards payments for the pumper truck.

**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 purchase as presented. Motion carried.

**5A. Consider and take any necessary action on the second reading of an ordinance cancelling 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**

**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.

**5B. Consider and take any necessary action on the second 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**

**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.

- 5C. Consider and take any necessary action on the second 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**

**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.

- 5D. Consider and take any necessary action on the second 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**

**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.

- 6A. Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution amending the FY 2019-2020 Enterprise Fund budget and authorizing emergency repairs for the Tracy Well pump**

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

- 6B. Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution amending the FY 2019-2020 General Fund budget and authorizing the city manager to allocate proceeds from the sale of the street sweeper towards the purchase of a dump truck for the Public Works Department**

**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 and authorize the city manager to allocate funds towards the purchase of a new dump truck. Motion carried.

- 7A. Consider and take any necessary action to postpone the final vote on the proposed budget and tax rate until the City Council meetings on September 14, 2020**

Item was postponed until September 14, 2020.

- 7C. Consider and take any necessary action to authorize the mayor to execute a Compromise and Settlement Agreement and Release of All Claims with Gary Darby regarding a paving lien for property located at 1804 West Cameron Avenue**

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Hillhouse and a second by Councilmember Wallace, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to authorize the mayor to execute the agreement as presented. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

These minutes approved on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

  
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 Terry Blanchard, TRMC  
 City Secretary

  
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 John E. King, Mayor