

**ROCKDALE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

Present:**Councilmembers:**

John King, Mayor
Belinda Hillhouse
Lin Perry, Mayor Pro-Tem
Michelle Larkin
Brett Boren
Denise Wallace
Scott Starnes

City Staff:

Barbara Holly, City Manager
Terry Blanchard, City Secretary
Roxanne Proudley, Finance Director
Jerald Brunson, Public Works Director
Stephen Goodrich, Police Captain
Ben Blanchard, Planning Technician
Jim Gibson, MDD Executive Director

Call to Order and announce a Quorum is Present

With a quorum of the Council members present, the Regular Meeting of the Rockdale City Council was called to order by Mayor King at 5:32 p.m., October 11, 2021, at City Hall, 505 W. Cameron Ave, Rockdale, Texas

Pledge of Allegiance**Citizen Communications**

Dr. Monzingo (RISD Superintendent) spoke about "branding" for the school and the city. Shirts were presented to Council members. #berockdaleproud

5A. Consent Agenda Approvals:

1. Minutes of regular meeting on September 13 and special meetings on September 7 and September 13, 2021
2. City bills paid
3. Investment report
4. Tax collection report
5. Fund report
6. Library Report
7. Municipal Court Report
8. Police Department Report
9. Building & Code Enforcement Report
10. Animal Control Report
11. Public Works Department Reports
12. Hotel Tax Fund Report

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Larkin and a second by Councilmember Hillhouse, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

6A. Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution nominating candidates for the Milam Appraisal District Board of Directors for the period ending December 31, 2023

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Hillhouse and a second by Councilmember Boren, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to nominate Tim Arledge, Lisa Gerthe, Larry Patterson, Travis Yoakum, and Barkley Lagrone. Motion carried.

7A. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission regarding a request submitted by Reagan Luersen for a replat of a portion of Lot 14, Block D, Linwood Acres – Section 3 (property known as 1905 Skyles Road – property ID 573646), City of Rockdale, Milam County, Texas to create Lot 14A

Planning & Zoning recommends approval with corrections to Section number on plat.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Perry and a second by Councilmember Larkin, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the request pending corrections to Section number. Motion carried.

- 7B. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission regarding a request submitted by Larry Nolen for a replat of A0520 Sterling Robertson, 6.171 acres (property known as 114 Sand Oak Drive – property ID 21066), City of Rockdale, Milam County, Texas into Tract 1 (4.99 acres, more or less) and Tract 2 (1.16 acres, more or less)**

Planning & Zoning recommends approval.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Larkin and a second by Councilmember Starnes, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the request as presented. Motion carried.

- 7C. Consider and take any necessary action on appointments to the Park Board**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Hillhouse and a second by Councilmember Larkin, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to appoint Dave Melton to the Park Board. Motion carried.

- 7D. Consider and take any necessary action on an appointment to the Rockdale Municipal Development District Board of Directors**

Item will be postponed until the next meeting.

- 7E. Consider and take any necessary action on proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance for allowed uses**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Larkin and a second by Councilmember Perry, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to authorize staff to move forward with drafting an ordinance of the proposed amendments. Motion carried.

- 7F. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation from the city manager regarding a request submitted by the Rockdale Historical Society for funding from the Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) fund to provide services as the Weekend Visitor Center for FY 2021-22**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Perry and a second by Councilmember Larkin, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve \$5,000 for the part-time operation of the Depot (with permission for the Rockdale Historical Society to request a prorated portion of the additional \$5,000 once the Depot is fully re-opened). Motion carried.

- 7G. Consider and take any necessary action on award of bid for Ortega Street Wastewater Improvements project**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Perry and a second by Councilmember Larkin, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to award bid to Palasota and to extend repayment terms for Tim Arledge to five (5) years. Motion carried.

- 7H. Consider and take any necessary action on award of bid for Wastewater Improvements – WWLA project**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Larkin and a second by Councilmember Boren, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to award bid to Palasota and not to exceed the \$150,000 cap that was previously approved. Motion carried.

- 7I. Consider and take any necessary action to authorize the publication of sealed bids for the remaining US Hwy 79 downtown water line work and, once bids are opened, to authorize the city manager to approve bids and award contract as long as bids are consistent with amount previously approved by City Council**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Perry and a second by Councilmember Larkin, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to authorize the city manager to initiate sealed bid process and to approve bid/award contract, as long as bids do not exceed previously approved amount. Motion carried.

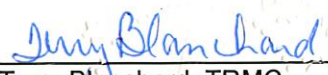
- 7J. **Discuss and take any necessary action to authorize the city manager to either renew an IT Services contract extension with McLane Intelligent Solutions or authorize the publication and posting of Requests for Proposals for IT Services (which includes clarification as requested by City Council regarding CJIS/non-CJIS compliance and pricing with all software and hardware included so that proposals may be compared equally)**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Perry and a second by Councilmember Boren, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to authorize staff to proceed with the RFP process for possible IT Services replacement company if unsatisfactory performance continues. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

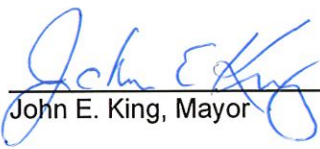
These minutes approved on the 8th day of November, 2021.

ATTEST:



Terry Blanchard, TRMC
City Secretary

APPROVED:



John E. King, Mayor