

September 12, 2022

**ROCKDALE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

Present:

Councilmembers:

Brett Boren, Mayor
Lin Perry, Mayor Pro-Tem*
Brad Caffey
Kyle Walker
Scott Starnes
Esme Ruelas-Olivarez
Denise Wallace

City Staff:

Barbara Holly, AICP, City Manager
Shanna Johnson, City Secretary
Roxanne Proudley, Finance Director
Jerald Brunson, Public Works Director
Ben Blanchard, Planning Technician
Jerry Meadors, Chief of Police

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 Boren at 5:33 p.m., September 12, 2022, at City Hall, 505 W. Cameron Ave, Rockdale, Texas

Pledge of Allegiance

-Executive session moved to after the citizen communications

Citizen Communications

- Nancy Zenner – Informed Council of the CASA program coming to Milam Count for foster kids.
- Janette Barens – Talks about a having the Council meetings starting later, and about the vision issue with tall grass near the railroad tracks at Travis Street and HWY 79.
- Rachel Owens- a representative of the Milam County CPS Board gives an update on the items that they provide for kids and is looking for volunteers and donation from local businesses.
- Belinda Hillhouse- comments on the good job being done to replace the City's water pipes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

4A. The City Council convened in Executive Session at 5:51 p.m. to Advice of Counsel, Personnel, Texas Government Code, City Council will meet in executive session to discuss the City Manager's position, duties, responsibilities, and priorities, and considering the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices. (A confidential briefing of school security from Super Intendent) pursuant to Section 551.071, 551.074, and 551.076.

4B. The City Council reconvened in Open Session at 7:04 p.m. to consider and take any necessary action related to advice of Counsel, and the City Manager's position, duties, responsibilities, and priorities, or the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices.

7A. Consent Agenda Approvals:

1. Minutes of regular meeting on August 8 and August 29, and Special meetings on August 18, August 22, and August 29, 2022.
2. City bills paid
3. Investment report
4. Fund report
5. Tax collection 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 Perry and a second by Councilmember Starnes, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

7A. Conduct a public hearing on the proposed Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone # 1 (TIRZ #1) for property located at 900 FM 487 also known as the Rockdale Industrial Park, a 166.9 Acre tract (Property ID: 16861 & 56429), City of Rockdale, Milam County, Texas.

Public hearing was opened at 7:08 p.m. The following comments were received:

- Jim Gibson- stated that this is a chance for Council to hear from the citizens about the TIRZ.

Public hearing was closed at 7:11 p.m.

7B. Conduct a public hearing on the proposed Planned Development Residential District for property located at 900 FM 487 also known as the Rockdale Industrial Park, a 166.9 Acre tract (Property ID: 16861 & 56429), City of Rockdale, Milam County, Texas.

Public hearing was opened at 7:11 p.m. The following comments were received:

- Scott Miller- presented the Planned Development District (PDD), and discussed the zoning, acreage for a new elementary school, parks, sidewalks, and green space.

Public hearing was closed at 7:25 p.m.

8A. Consider and take any necessary action the first reading of an ordinance to rezone property located at 900 FM 487 also known as the Rockdale Industrial Park, a 166.9 Acre tract (Property ID: 16861 &

56429), City of Rockdale, Milam County, Texas from Industrial with a Planned Development overlay to a Planned Development Residential District.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Ruelas-Olivares and a second by Councilmember Caffey, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the first reading of the ordinance as presented. Motion carried.

8B. Consider and take any necessary action on the second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 4 Business Regulations by establishing regulations for the issuance of permits for the operation of shooting ranges and authorizing the discharge of firearms at an approved shooting facility; amending Chapter 3 Building Regulations by establishing range design criteria; amending Chapter 14 Zoning by amending the allowed use table; and amending Appendix A "Fee Schedule" by establishing initial application and renewal fees for shooting ranges

The following comments were received:

Belinda Hillhouse- against

Mary Lou Loehr- for the indoor gun range

Esme Ruelas-Olivares- spoke about the concern from her constituents

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Caffey and a second by Councilmember Perry, the Council voted five (5) for and one (1) opposed to postpone. Voting for the motion were Caffey, Perry, Wallace, Walker, and Starnes. Voting against was Ruelas-Olivares. Motion carried.

8C. Consider and take any necessary action on the second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 14, Zoning, the Setback Requirement for Pavement on Residential Properties in the side yards.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Caffey and a second by Councilmember Ruelas-Olivares, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the ordinance as presented. Motion carried.

9A. Consider and take any necessary action approving the contract for Don Allman to perform the FY 2022-23 single audit of the City of Rockdale.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Ruelas-Olivarez and a second by Councilmember Wallace, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the selection of Don Allman, LLC for the FY2022-23 audit. Motion carried.

9B. Consider and take any necessary action on an appointment to the Rockdale Municipal Development District Board of Directors.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Starnes and a second by Councilmember Ruelas-Olivarez, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to reappoint Denis Wallace, Denise Monzingo, Brian Wallis, and Jason Barcak. Motion carried.

9C. Consider and take any necessary action on updating the City's financial policy.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Ruelas-Olivarez and a second by Councilmember Caffey, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to the updated financial policy as presented. Motion carried.

9D. Consider and take any necessary action for the annual review of the City's Investment Policy.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Ruelas-Olivarez and a second by Councilmember Walker, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to the updated City's Investment policy as presented. Motion carried.

*Councilmember Perry leaves

9E. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation from the City Manager regarding a request submitted by the Rockdale Fair Association for funding from the hotel occupancy tax fund for advertising and entertainment cost for the 2022 fair.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Ruelas-Olivarez and a second by Councilmember Starnes, the Council voted four (4) for and one (1) opposed to approve \$51,856 of HOT funds to the Fair Association. Voting for the motion were Caffey, Ruelas-Olivarez, Wallace, and Starnes. Voting against was Walker. Motion carried.

9F. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation from the City Manager regarding a request submitted by the Rockdale Chamber of Commerce for funding from the hotel occupancy tax fund for part-time staffing and inflation.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Starnes and a second by Councilmember Ruelas-Olivarez, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the request of \$40,000 from the HOT funds to the Chamber of Commerce. Motion carried.

9G. Consider and take any necessary action to authorize the City Manager or the Mayor to sign and execute an engagement letter with McCall Parkhurst PID Bond attorneys.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Ruelas-Olivarez and a second by Councilmember Wallace, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the engagement letter with the PID bond attorneys. Motion carried.

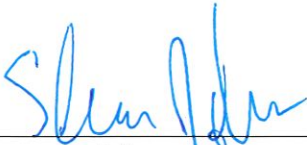
9H. Consider and take any necessary action to authorize the City Manager or the Mayor to sign and execute an engagement letter with P3 works, PID managers.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Walker and a second by Councilmember Caffey, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the engagement letter with the P3 Works. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

These minutes approved on the 10th day of October 2022.

ATTEST:



Shanna Johnson
City Secretary

APPROVED:



Brett M. Boren, Mayor