

October 10, 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, Planner
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., October 10, 2022, at City Hall, 505 W. Cameron Ave, Rockdale, Texas

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizen Communications

- Jeannette Behrens – discussed the tall grass hazard around the train tracks, and her communication with City Manager Holly. Ms. Behrens wants to be shown respect.
- Thomas Doss – Would like more code enforcement.
- Cindy Stewart – Questions why the Rockdale Volunteer Junior Fire Department was disbanded.
- Kenneth Callahan – Concerned about West Bell Avenue being too narrow to allow parking on both sides of the street.
- Joyce Dalley – Speaks in favor of Manager Holly's contributions to the city.
- Tatianna Olivarez – Thanked the volunteers you helped for the Clean up Day. For Arbor Day on November 4th Rockdale Earth Day is replacing the red oak tree at the Old City Cemetery and are looking for other places to add new trees.

8C. Review and approve a quote from JB Smith Company, Houston to do an audit of the water production and billing system accuracy.

Public Works Director Brunson reported on the water use/loss survey and the visit to Round Rock's water department last week. Presenters Jim Smith and James Sheely will submit a cost analysis proposal. The analysis will show and define the areas with any leaks.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Ruelas-Olivarez and a second by Councilmember Starnes, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the quote and move forward with the water audit. Motion carried.

6. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation to the City Council regarding a request submitted by La Vera Wade to rename East 3rd Street to Gertharine Green Street.

City Manager Holly spoke about the honorary naming sign to appear above all the of East 3rd Streets signs. Mrs. Green was born in 1918 and has worked in a sewing factory in Taylor and well as many other places. She was the treasurer for the Episcopal Church.

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 honorary sign for East 3rd Street. Motion carried.

7C. Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution adopting a Public Improvement District (PID) policy.

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

7A. Consider and take any necessary action on the first reading of an ordinance proposing Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1 (TIRZ) for property located at 900 FM 487 also known as Cornerstone Development, a 166.9 Acre tract (Property ID: 16861 & 56429), City of Rockdale, Milam County, Texas.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Perry and a second by Councilmember Caffey, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1. Motion carried.

7B. Consider and take any necessary action on the second reading of an ordinance to rezone property located at 900 FM 487 also known as Cornerstone Development, 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-Olivarez and a second by Councilmember Perry, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the Planned Development Residential District. Motion carried.

7D. Consider and take any necessary action on the G-17 engagement letter for bond underwriter for Cornerstone Development.

Tripp Davenport with FMS Bonds spoke about the process for a bond underwriter.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Starnes and a second by Councilmember Perry, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the G-17 engagement letter. Motion carried.

7E. Consider and take any necessary action to authorize the Mayor to approve the Cornerstone Development agreement.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Perry and a second by Councilmember Caffey, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the Development agreement upon final review by city manager and the city attorney. Motion carried.

5A. Consent Agenda Approvals:

1. Minutes of regular meetings on September 12th and 19th, and a special meeting on September 19, 2022
2. City bills paid
3. Investment report
4. Fund report
5. Tax collection report
6. Hotel Tax Fund Report

7. Library Report
8. Municipal Court Report
9. Police Department Report
10. Animal Control Report
11. Public Works Department Reports
12. Municipal Development District report
13. Building & Code Enforcement Report

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

8A. Consider and take any necessary action on broadcasting the City Council meetings.

Jolen Johnson presented the different options for broadcasting city meetings using companies like Rushworks or Granicus.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Ruelas-Olivares and a second by Councilmember Perry, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the Rushworks system with assistance from Univista and the final cost total. Motion carried.

8B. Consider and take any necessary action on the award of a bid to RM Quality Construction for the HOME program for the construction of one new home.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Perry and a second by Councilmember Walker, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the bid to RM Quality Construction. Motion carried.

8G. Consider and provide direction to staff on surveying/platting concerns raised by Elissa Benford-Roberts.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Perry and a second by Councilmember Caffey, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to authorize the city manager to engage local surveyors to work with the attorney to survey Washington Heights. Motion carried.

8D. Consider and take any necessary action on a bid award to Zapata Electrical for the meter installation for peristaltic pumps for the Caustic system at Mill Street and Texas Street treatment plants.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Perry and a second by Councilmember Ruelas-Olivarez, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the bid award to Zapata Electrical TDA contact 7219371. Motion carried.

8E. Consider and take any necessary action to authorize the city manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement with the Rockdale MDD detailing employment duties and responsibilities for each entity.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Perry and a second by Councilmember Caffey, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Rockdale MDD. Motion carried.

8F. Consider and take any necessary action on Personnel Policy change to allow newly hired employees to be eligible for holiday pay.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Ruelas-Olivarez and a second by Councilmember Walker, the Council voted three (3) for and three (3) opposed to approve the Personnel policy change. Voting against was Councilmember Perry, Caffey, and Starnes. Voting for was Walker, Ruelas-Olivarez, and Wallace. Mayor Boren voted to approve the motion. Motion carried.

9(1). At 7:47 p.m. Council convened into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 and Section 551.074, Personnel, Texas Government Code, City Council will meet in executive session to discuss the City Manager's position, duties, responsibilities, and priorities

9(2). The City Council reconvened in Open Session at 9:11 p.m. to consider and take any necessary action on the City Manager's position, duties, responsibilities, and priorities.

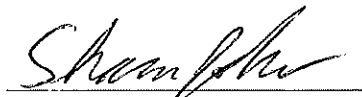
MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Perry and a second by Councilmember Ruelas-Olivarez, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the contract as presented with amending the termination clause of 60 days' notice and if becomes incapacitated to use accumulated sick/leave hours. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

These minutes approved on the 14th day of November 2022.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Shanna Johnson
City Secretary



Brett M. Boren, Mayor

