

January 9, 2023

**ROCKDALE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Present:**

**Councilmembers:**

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

**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  
Melanie Todd, Library Director

**Absent:**

Denise Wallace

**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 5:30 p.m., January 9, 2023, at City Hall, 505 W. Cameron Ave, Rockdale, Texas

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**10A. At 5:31 p.m. Council convened into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 to consult with attorney.**

**10.B. The City Council reconvened in Open Session at 6:15 p.m. to consider and take any necessary action on consultation with attorney.**

No motion made.

**Citizen Communications**

- Bobby Joe Tindle, Jr., President of the Rockdale Baseball League, spoke about the sewer back up from a line on Shelton Street. States it was an ongoing issue that the City came out to work on. Due to the backup, sewer waste backed up into the concession stands and bathrooms.
- Kenneth Callahan is concerned on the shrinkage of East and West Avenue of HWY 79 in the downtown area.
- Charles Albright shows the Council pictures of his damaged road. He would like the trash and debris cleaned up.
- Brittany Bell commends the Rockdale Police Department for their efforts even with limited resources.
- Dale Mantey spoke about the incident on June 11, 2022 when a vehicle drove through his parent's home. Mr. Mantey describes the scene and emotions of his family at the scene.
- Marvin D. Mantey spoke about the incident on June 11, 2022 when he received a text from his wife stating a car just drove through their house.
- Dora Mantey describes the scene that morning. What sounded like an explosion woke her up and she notices too much light coming in the house. A hole is discovered with part of the house gone and a car sitting next to the house.
- Marvin C. Mantey spoke about what it was like to receive a call about a car having gone through the house with his mother and daughter inside.

- Viktoria Mantey spoke about hearing a banging noise that woke her up that morning. She heard her grandma yelling and telling her to call 911. Her thoughts turn to the question, “what happens now?”
- Bill Torrey, District Attorney for Milam County, comments on the excellence of the Rockdale Police Department.

**7A. Consent Agenda Approvals:**

1. Minutes of regular meetings on December 12, 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 five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**7A. Consider and take any necessary action on the first reading of an ordinance and establishing procedures for a 2023 General Election to elect one (1) Council Member for the East Ward and one (1) Council member from the West Ward in the City of Rockdale.**

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

**7B. Consider and take any necessary action on the first reading of an ordinance regarding standards for tire producers and distributors.**

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

**7C. Consider and take any necessary action on the first reading an ordinance amending Chapter 3 Building Regulations, Section 3.12 Commercial Properties for Vacant Commercial Property registration requirements.**

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

**7D. Consider and take any necessary action on the first reading of an ordinance amending the Allowed Use Table to add Boat & RV storage to the list of allowed uses.**

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

**8A. Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution establishing a joint election agreement with the Rockdale Independent School District and the Rockdale Hospital District.**

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

**9A. Consider and take any necessary action ratifying the approval of construction of a metal building for Public Works.**

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Ruelas-Olivarez and a second by Councilmember Walker, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed and one (1) abstained to approve the construction of the building for Public Works. Motion carried.

**9B. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation to the City Council regarding a plat submitted by Teresa Isabel Cordon Hichos for property located at S25100 Wallis Blk 6, Lot 3, 4, & 5 (property known as 413 E Hamilton – property ID 13019) Rockdale, Milam County, Texas into lots 3A and 5A.**

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

**9C. Consider and take any necessary action on the Petition for the creation of the Public Improvement District (PID).**

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Perry and a second by Councilmember Walker, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the Petition of the PID as presented. Motion carried.

**9D. Consider and take any necessary action on awarding a contract to Hughes surveying for the resubdivision of Washington Heights.**

**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 award the contract to Hughes Surveying. Motion carried.

**9E. Discuss and consider declaring Old Hach Cl17 chlorine analyzers as surplus property.**

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Starnes and a second by Councilmember Walker, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to declare item as surplus. Motion carried.

**9F. Consider and take any necessary action on Planning and Zoning Board appointments.**

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Perry and a second by Councilmember Caffey, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to re-appoint Charles Miles, Joan Ratliff and Jerry Waggoner. Motion carried.

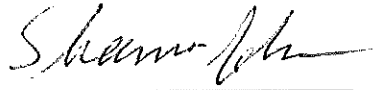
**9G. Consider and take any necessary action on Library board appointments.**

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Perry and a second by Councilmember Starnes, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to re-appoint Melanie Todd, Belinda Hillhouse and Jan Strutzman. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

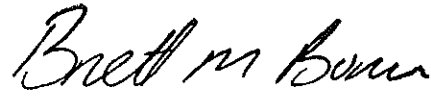
These minutes approved on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023.

**ATTEST:**



Shanna Johnson  
City Secretary

**APPROVED:**



Brett M. Boren, Mayor