

**ROCKDALE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

Present:

Councilmembers:

John King, Mayor
Nathan Bland
Colby Fisher
Denise Wallace
Willie Phillips
Joyce Dalley, Mayor Pro-Tem

City Staff:

Chris Whittaker, City Manager
Terry Blanchard, City Secretary
Sandra Ellis, City Treasurer
Thomas Harris, Chief of Police
Lon Williams, Code Enforcement Officer

Absent:

Doug Calame

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 5:30 p.m., July 10, 2017, at City Hall, 505 W. Cameron Ave, Rockdale, Texas

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizen Communications

No comments.

5A. Consent Agenda Approvals:

1. Minutes of regular meeting on June 12, 2017
2. City bills paid
3. Investment report
4. Tax collection report
5. Library Report
6. Municipal Court Report
7. Police Department Report
8. Code Enforcement Reports
9. Public Works Department Reports
10. Hotel Tax Fund Report

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Bland and a second by Councilmember Dalley, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

6A. Department Reports – Airport Board

Representative not present at meeting – no report.

6B. Department Reports – Police Department

Thomas Harris gave a brief report to Council.

7A. Accept public comments regarding the 2016 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Public hearing opened at 5:35 p.m. No questions or comments. Public hearing closed at 5:36 p.m.

8A. Receive a presentation from Schneider Electric and conduct a workshop regarding a potential Investment Grade Audit Agreement

Workshop opened at 5:37 p.m. Debra Jones and Zia Qureshi with Schneider Electric gave a presentation on energy efficiency studies (primarily focused on the wastewater treatment plant) to Council. Entire plant needs rehab with main priorities as the bar screen and sludge removal. Estimates the WWTP is operating at 39% capacity. Workshop closed at 6:20 p.m.

8B. Conduct a workshop to discuss options for the FY 2017-18 budget and provide direction to the city manager for budget preparation

Workshop opened at 6:20 p.m. Chris Whittaker reported that health care information has been received and effective date has been changed to September 1st. Anticipate an \$80,000 increase for coverage. Propose eliminating vision and splitting premium cost with employees. City will pay 90% and employee will pay 10%. This proposal will have a net increase of approximately 12%. Also, may consider switching AFLAC provider to expand options for savings. Council reviewed notes on budget worksheets. Budget meetings will begin on August 1st. Workshop closed at 6:50 p.m.

9A. Consider and take any necessary action on the second reading of an ordinance providing for the regulation of commercial vacant structures within the City of Rockdale, Texas; providing for enforcement and penalty; providing open meetings and severability clause; establishing an effective date and other related matters

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Bland and a second by Councilmember Fisher, the Council voted four (4) for and one (1) opposed to approve the ordinance as presented. Voting for the motion were Bland, Fisher, Phillips, and Wallace. Voting against was Dalley. Motion carried.

9B. Consider and take any necessary action on the second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 3: Building Regulations by adopting the 2012 edition of the International Building Code; adopting the 2012 International Residential Code for one- and two-family dwellings; adopting the 2012 International Mechanical Code; adopting the 2012 edition of the International Plumbing Code; adopting the 2011 National Electrical Code; adopting the 2012 International Fire Code; adopting the 2012 edition of the International Fuel Gas Code; adopting the 2012 International Energy Conservation Code; providing for permits, fees and inspection; providing for registration and license requirements for plumbing, mechanical, and electrical contractors; providing for a penalty for violation hereof; providing that this ordinance is cumulative of all ordinances; amending the City ordinance and the Code of Ordinances; repealing all parts of ordinances in conflict; providing a severability clause; providing a savings clause; providing severability, penalty, emergency and open meetings clauses; and providing for related matters

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

9C. Consider and take any necessary action on the second reading of an ordinance modifying the Juvenile Curfew established by Ordinance 2007-06-11 (6A), making findings of fact; providing a severability clause, effective date, open meetings, and related matters

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

9D. Consider and take any necessary action on the second reading of an ordinance amending Section 12.04 by adding miscellaneous restrictions to prohibit the parking of certain vehicles for longer than four hours, parking of trailers, parking near a mailbox unit and providing for removal of vehicles; making findings of fact; providing a severability clause; providing for an effective date; and providing for related matters

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

9E. Consider and take any necessary action on the first reading of an ordinance granting to Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC, its successors and assigns, an electric power franchise to use the present and future streets, alleys, highways, public utility easements, public ways and public property of the City of Rockdale, Texas, providing for compensation therefor, providing for an effective date and a term of said franchise, providing for written acceptance of this franchise, providing for the repeal of all existing franchise ordinances to Oncor Electric

Delivery Company LLC, its predecessors and assigns, and finding that the meeting at which this ordinance is passed is open to the public

Chris Whittaker reported that ordinance is in final negotiation stages. Recommends postponing until August meeting.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Fisher and a second by Councilmember Bland, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to postpone until next month. Motion carried.

10A. Consider and take any necessary action on an Investment Grade Audit Agreement with Schneider Electric

Chris Whittaker recommends postponing until legal review finalized by City Attorney.

10B. Receive a presentation from Brian Shirley, president of 3cGeo, and take any necessary action on a proposed Rockdale Interactive Web Map (IWM) project

Brian Shirley gave a presentation to Council. Offers a flat fee based service. One-time upfront cost is \$30,000 with annual maintenance fee of \$4,200. Training is provided every other year.

Chris Whittaker recommends postponing decision and discuss during budget workshops.

10C. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission regarding a request submitted by Bobby Elliott for a short form subdivision of Linwood Acres, Section 3, Block A, All of Lot 11 and Lot 12, City of Rockdale, Milam County, Texas (properties known as 2201 O'Kelley Road and 901 Cady Road) into Lots 11A and 12A

1. V1 – Lot 12A – 3.5 feet variance

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

10D. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission regarding a request submitted by Dewain Fertsch for a short form subdivision and variances of Coffield Addition, Section 1, Block 3, All of Lot 13, City of Rockdale, Milam County, Texas (property known as 716 Hunter Drive) into Lots 13A (718 Hunter Drive) and 13B (716 Hunter Drive)

1. V1 – Lot 13A – 523 square feet
2. V2 – Lot 13B – 2506 square feet
3. V3 – Lot 13A – 6.32 feet lot width
4. V4 – Lot 13B – 24.01 feet lot width

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

10E. Consider and take any necessary action on improvements to the Patterson Community Center

Chris Whittaker gave a brief summary of recommendations from Stan Graves. Recommendations include: (1) add separate storage area for table and chairs so they are not in electrical closet; (2) update kitchen; (3) create lounge/conference room in wasted space; and (4) add pavilion on outside. Whittaker recommends approval of plan to establish a general concept for design.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Dalley and a second by Councilmember Fisher, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the concept plan and work on improvements in stages (choose as we move forward which areas to work on). Motion carried.

10F. Consider and take any necessary action on selling a 2012 Chevrolet Caprice patrol vehicle to the Precinct 4 Constable

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Dalley and a second by Councilmember Fisher, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to proceed with the resolution to authorize sale. Motion carried.

10G. Consider and take any necessary action on selling City property (ID 20432 & 73519), Sterling C. Robertson Survey, Abstract 52, All of a called 6.0 Acre tract, which was originally designated for the new Police Station (property known as 1166 Hwy 79 West)

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Dalley and a second by Councilmember Fisher, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to authorize the city manager to pursue sale of property and allow MDD to promote property. Motion carried.

10H. Receive an update from the city manager regarding the Rockdale Projects List

- Sumuel Park Grant ready for signature – City portion of grant will be \$160,000
- TxDOT update regarding 2018 project

11A. At 8:05 p.m. Council convened into executive session under Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the city manager

11B. At 8:26 p.m. Council reconvened in open session to take action if, and as deemed appropriate in the City Council's discretion regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the city manager


No action.

Adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

These minutes approved on the 14th day of August, 2017.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



 Terry Blanchard, TRMC
 City Secretary



 John E. King, Mayor