

February 14, 2022

The City Council met in Regular Session on February 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were City Administrator Jessie Montez, Mayor Sally Poteet, Council Members Danny Fryar, Gib Wheeler, Steven Villa, Leah Flanagan and James Jenkins. Also present, Chief of Police, Joe Morales and Finance Director, Laura Samanukorn. Visitors: Landfill Manager Bill Reed and Joe Jimenez.

Mayor Sally Poteet opened Regular Session at 7:01 p.m.

Public Comment: Mayor Sally Poteet announced Jody Arrington, the new congressman, is coming to the Martin County Senior Center on Thursday, February 17th, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for a meet and greet.

A motion was made by Council Member Fryar and seconded by Council Member Villa that the previous minutes from January 10, 2022 be approved. All voted for.

Joe Jimenez discussed appointment of the Housing Authority Board Members and expressed complaints he said were made by the tenants. Joe would like 3 (Three) of the board members replaced. Joe also expressed he thought an unfair amount was being charged for deposits and that 50% of the units were not being utilized and tenants were being harassed about their vehicles. Joe also felt there was a double standard to not accept tenants, who were not liked by the Director, Robert Bennett. Joe was advised by council to go through proper channels and have tenants file complaints directly to the Housing Authority Board. If the complaints were not acknowledged, then to contact HUD in San Antonio. Then to come back to the Council once the appropriate protocol had been followed.

No action was taken on requests made by Joe Jimenez.

Council Member Wheeler made the motion to hold The Order of Election to be held on May 7, 2022, for the following: Mayor, Council Member for District-1, District-2, and District-3 for a two (2) year term. Council Member Villa seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Fryar made the motion to appoint Helen Floyd as Election Judge for the 2022 City Elections and have City Elections held at the Martin County Election building, early voting beginning on Monday, April 25 to Friday, April 29, 2022 – then Monday, May 2 to Tuesday, May 3, 2022 (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.). Council Member Villa seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Flanagan made the motion to approve Plat for Family Dollar (Beginning a 0.9343-acre Tract out of the Northeast Quarter of Section 15, Block 36, T-1-S, T&P RR). Council Member Villa seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Fryar made the motion to grant Martin County Historical Museum \$100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) from the Hotel/Motel Fund for the Renovation of the Interior of the Museum. Council Member Villa seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Jenkins made the motion to add Mayor Sally Poteet to the Economic Development Corporation bank account. Council Member Villa seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Villa made the motion to begin assessing fees for trash from Oil Field trailers/dump trucks beginning March 1, 2022. Council Member Jenkins seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Fryar made the motion to approve the first reading of the Economic Development Resolution to give Martin County Historical Museum \$130,000.00 (One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars). Council Member Villa seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Villa made the motion to submit the Racial Profiling Report to record. Council Member Flanagan seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Chief Morales reported 105 (One Hundred Five) calls for service for the month.

City Manager, Jessie Montez, gave updates on Airport Project, seal coat bids, Carpenter Street survey and the Arsenic Removal Unit.

Council Member Jenkins made the motion to pay the January 2022 bills. The motion was seconded by Council Member Villa, and all voted for.

Council Member Fryar made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Villa seconded the motion, and all voted for. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Sally Poteet, Mayor

ATTEST: Jessie Montez, City Administrator