

March 13, 2023

The City Council met in Regular Session following Public Hearing on March 13, 2023 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, Leah Flanagan and James Jenkins. Also present Chief of Police, Joe Morales and Finance Director, Laura Samanukorn. Visitors: Bill Reed. Kat White joined the meeting via phone. Absent: Steven Villa.

Mayor Sally Poteet opened Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

Albert Chavez: 511 N. Gray Street (Lot 1 & 2 Block 3 Ridgelea ADD).

Public Comment: None

Mayor Sally Poteet closed the Public Hearing and opened Regular Session at 7:01 p.m.

Public Comment: None.

A motion was made by Council Member Fryar and seconded by Council Member Flanagan that the previous minutes from February 13, 2023 be approved. All voted for.

Kat White with GrantWorks presented Texas Department of Agriculture form A102 CDBG Section 3 Goals and Concepts as related to the CDBG Program and Grant Contracts Number CDV21-0113.

Council Member Wheeler made the motion to rescind previous low-bid contractor award for Stanton Tx CDBG grant CDV21-0113 due to ongoing non-response for 3 (three) weeks and history of not completing work on-time. Grant contract number: CDV21-0113 was awarded to second lowest-bidder, Red Deer with the bid of \$503,255.00 (Five Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars) and local funds will be \$298,255.00 (Two Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars) which includes 10% match. Council Member Jenkins seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Flanagan made the motion to table Railroad Ordinance. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Jenkins made the motion to table Ordinance discontinuing allowing past due customers to have utilities under another customer's name. Council Member Fryar seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Wheeler made the motion to cancel May 6, 2023 City Election due to "Unopposed Candidates Declared Elected" and adopt an Ordinance cancelling City Election. Council Member Flanagan seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Fryar made the motion to reappoint Shawna Burch and Mike Waggoner to the Economic Development Corporation for a two (2) year term. Council Member Jenkins seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Flanagan made the motion to appoint Mayor Sally Poteet to Municipal Judge. Council Member Jenkins seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Flanagan made the motion to increase water tap fees to cover cost of materials. Three Quarter Inch (3/4") tapping fee \$900 (Nine Hundred Dollars), One Inch (1") fee \$1,033.00 (One Thousand Thirty-Three Dollars) and One and a Half Inch (1.5") and Two Inch (2") fee will be quoted upon request. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Wheeler made the motion to amend the budget by adding line item for the Texas Comptroller/Sales Tax Refund. Council Member Flanagan seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Water and sewer for Martin County Project was briefly discussed.

Council Member Jenkins made the motion to approve \$3,000.00 (Three Thousand Dollars) on a reimbursement basis to Martin Animal Advocates for spaying and neutering. Council Member Fryar seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Fryar made the motion to approve the Planning and Zoning request for Albert Chavez: 511 N. Gray Street (Lot 1 & 2 Block 3 Ridgelea ADD). Council Member Flanagan seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Mayor Sally Poteet read the first Reading of Economic Development Resolution for Buff Fitness for \$2,500.00 (Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) for new commercial door and door frame.

Chief of Police, Joe Morales, reported 130 (One Hundred Thirty) calls for service for the month of February. Chief Morales also discussed MHMR calls being very time consuming. Chief Morales presented Racial Profiling Report submitted to State and reported number being compliant with State.

City Manager, Jessie Montez, gave the following updates: New compactor for landfill should be delivered by the end of the week. TXDOT should start raising intersection of Business 20 and Hwy 137 on April 4th. TML Regional Meeting in Socorro March 31st. Chamber Banquet March 27th. Billy Black is the new President of Martin County Little League and is requesting to revamp Tommy Walker Field and was advised to put proposal together.

Council Member Jenkins made the motion to pay the February 2023 bills. The motion was seconded by Council Member Flanagan, and all voted for.

Council Member Fryar made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion, and all voted for. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Sally Poteet, Mayor

ATTEST: Jessie Montez, City Administrator