

April 10, 2023

The City Council met in Regular Session April 10, 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, Steven Villa, Leah Flanagan and James Jenkins. Also present, Chief of Police, Joe Morales and Finance Director, Laura Samanukorn. Visitors: Megan Solsbery, Rudolph Alcorta, David Butler, Kelly Allred and Jeremy Louder.

Mayor Sally Poteet opened Regular Session at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment: None.

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

David Butler gave update on Martin County Convent Project.

Council Member Fryar made the motion to approve \$2,500.00 (Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars), from the Hotel/Motel Fund, to Old Settler's Reunion/Parade to go towards purchase of supplies and new banner. Council Member Villa seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Megan Solsbery with Eckert and Company presented the 2021-2022 Audit.

Council Member Villa made the motion to accept the 2021-2022 Audit. Council Member Jenkins seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Villa made the motion to accept the Quarterly Investment Report for the First Quarter-2023. Council Member Flanagan seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Fryar made the motion to accept petition and adopt Ordinance to vacate/abandon alleys (BLK 1 Sunset Place) and grant permission to place structure on abute area. Council Member Villa seconded the motion, and all voted for.

No discussion for Martin County Project.

Council Member Villa made the motion to remove the Justice of the Peace as the temporary Municipal Judge and name Mayor Sally Poteet as the Ex Officio Judge. Council Member Jenkins seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Flanagan made the motion to amend Water/Sewer Fund Revenue (WS-00-4126) and Expenditure (WS-01-8396) both to \$376,000.00 (Three Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Dollars) due to CDBG Water Line Project. Council Member Villa seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Fryar made the motion to schedule Council Meeting for May 15, 2023 due to elected officials Type A General Law, cannot qualify until the 6th (Sixth) day after election day. Council Member Jenkins seconded the motion, and all voted for.

No action on Tabled Item: Railroad Ordinance.

No action on Tabled Item: Piggy-Back Ordinance.

Mayor Sally Poteet read second reading for Economic Development Project for Buff Fitness granting \$2,500.00 (Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) for commercial door and frame.

Chief of Police, Joe Morales, reported 119 (One Hundred Nineteen) calls for service. New body cams have been ordered. Rita's break-in solved with 4 (Four) juvenile arrests. Also, a juvenile arrest after threat made at the school. Police Department is still shorthanded. April 26<sup>th</sup> Joe Morales and Dustin Franco will go to San Angelo to try to recruit new officers from the academy. Would possibly like to do an incentive to recruit new officers. Council Member Villa received an email from Jordan Voggs addressing a complaint against Officer Swilling. Joe Morales confirmed an investigation has been opened. Council Member Wheeler inquired about investigation for young man who was shot. Joe Morales advised data is still be sifted through. Investigation is still ongoing, and no charges have been filed at this time.

City Manager, Jessie Montez, gave the following updates: New compactor arrived at landfill. LeeTech did not shut down CDBG Water Line Project. Red Deer will begin this week. New website up and running.

Jeremy Louder addressed a complaint against Stanton Police Department. Jeremy did a controlled burn with permission from the County Judge and Sheriff. Officer Cook with Stanton Police Department arrived to the scene and mentioned multiple times that they could be fined up to \$10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Dollars). Jeremy wanted the Council to be informed of the situation since it was in the county and not the city. Jeremy felt Officer Cook escalated the situation by not letting it go and making comments about the possibility of being fined. Council Member Flanagan addressed that the issue was the materials burned were against state regulations, but understood what Jeremy was trying to express.

Mayor Sally Poteet closed Regular Session and opened Executive Session at 7:44 p.m. to discuss Police Department complaint and invited City Manager, Jessie Montez and Chief of Police, Joe Morales to stay.

Mayor Sally Poteet closed Executive Session and opened Regular Session at 8:25 p.m.

Council Member Wheeler made the motion to pay the March 2023 bills. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fryar, and all voted for.

Council Member Villa made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Flanagan seconded the motion, and all voted for. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

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Sally Poteet, Mayor

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ATTEST: Jessie Montez, City Administrator