

May 15, 2023

The City Council met in Regular Session May 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were City Administrator Jessie Montez, Mayor Sally Poteet, Council Members Adrian Hernandez, Gib Wheeler, Steven Villa, Leah Flanagan and James Jenkins. Also present, Chief of Police, Joe Morales and Finance Director, Laura Samanukorn. Visitors: Danny Fryar, Bill Reed, Lester Baker, Kim Baker, Regina Hunt, Reggie Baker and Pam Baker.

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

Public Comment: Gib Wheeler commented he had a call from a County Commissioner and was asked if the City could pitch-in for the new water tower going up for the Martin County Project. The original bid for the water tower was \$2.2 Million (Two Point Two Million Dollars) and the current cost is \$3.9 Million (Three Point Nine Million Dollars). Item will be placed on next meeting's agenda.

A motion was made by Council Member Villa and seconded by Council Member Flanagan that the previous minutes from April 10, 2023 be approved. All voted for.

Mayor Sally Poteet swore-in Unopposed Council Members Steven Villa, District-4 and Adrian Hernandez, At-Large.

Reggie Baker presented a plaque to the City of Stanton thanking them for their support with the Martin County Convent. Mr. Baker also gave an update on the Martin County Convent Project.

Martin County Little League was not present to give update.

Council Member Flanagan made the motion to designate Mayor Sally Poteet to serve on the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission Board of Directors effective June 1, 2023. Council Member Villa seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Villa made the motion to accept low bid of \$170,196.83 (One Hundred Seventy Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars and Eighty-Three Cents) from Missouri Petroleum Production Company. Council Member Jenkins seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Villa made the motion to grant Old Sorehead Trade Days \$17,573.44 (Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars and Forty-Four Cents). Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Chief of Police, Joe Morales, reported 119 (One Hundred Nineteen) calls for service. Mr. Morales informed the City Council that Stanton ISD is ending the SRO (School Resource Officer) Program with City of Stanton Police Department to be effective June 9, 2023. Mr. Morales also informed Council about Captain Franco suffering an injury at home and possibly being out until August.

City Manager, Jessie Montez, gave the following updates: The 2023 certified estimate came-in from tax office and is 3.2% (Three Point Two Percent) less than last year's, but can now start the 2023-2024 budget. Health Insurance may be going up 25% (Twenty Five Percent) to 35% (Thirty-Five Percent) and may have to look at other options to help keep cost down. Fog Seal done at the Stanton Police Department Parking Lot, the Water Department Drive-Thru and the alley/road by the Post Office. Red Deer is 35% (Thirty-Five Percent) complete with grant for waterline on Bell and Florence Streets. Danny's appreciation gathering will be May 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

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

Council Member Jenkins made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Villa seconded the motion, and all voted for. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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Sally Poteet, Mayor

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ATTEST: Jessie Montez, City Administrator