

September 11, 2023

The City Council met in Public Hearing followed by Regular Session September 11, 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 Economic Development Director, Jaque Alcalá. Visitors: Shawn Bustamante, Amber Bustamante, Danny Fryar, Regina Hunt, Laura Graves, Carla Ingram, Shannon Black, Kim Baker, Brent Swink, Maggie Allred, Sparky Allred and Mike Black.

Mayor Sally Poteet opened Public Hearing for Proposed Tax Rate at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Public Hearing was closed and Regular Session was opened at 7:01 p.m.

Public Comment: None

A motion was made by Council Member Villa and seconded by Council Member Flanagan that the previous minutes from August 14, 2023 be approved. All voted for.

Shawn and Amber Bustamante presented Expanse Media Production (All About Stanton).

Council Member Flanagan made the motion to grant \$10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to Martin County Chamber of Commerce for phase one of the Expanse Media Production (All About Stanton) from the Hotel Occupancy Tax for advertising. Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion, and all voted for.

First reading for Luchi's Smokehouse Economic Development Grant in the amount of \$7,600.00 (Seven Thousand Six Hundred Dollars)

Council Member Flanagan made the motion to amend previously adopted and accept \$30,000.00 (Thirty Thousand Dollars) Economic Development Grant for the Martin County Chamber of Commerce. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion. All voted for. Council Member Villa abstained from vote.

First reading for Martin County Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Grant in the amount of \$30,000.00 (Thirty Thousand Dollars).

No Action taken on salary for the Martin County Chamber of Commerce through City of Stanton.

Council Member Villa made the motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.868885/\$100, which is effectively a 3.5% increase in the tax rate. Council Member Flanagan seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Flanagan made the motion to adopt a Resolution for the City of Stanton Investment Policy. Council Member Villa seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Villa made the motion to adopt a Resolution to charge \$2.00 (Two Dollars)/transaction fee to all credit and debit card payments beginning October 1, 2023. Council Member Jenkins seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Mayor Sally Poteet discussed Martin County Appraisal District's possible project for a new building.

Council Member Villa made the motion to have next Council Meeting for Tuesday, October 10, 2023, due to holiday on Monday. Council Member Hernandez seconded, and all voted for.

No action taken on accepting utilities for Martin County Project.

Chief of Police, Joe Morales, reported 116 (One Hundred Sixteen) calls for service. Chief Morales discussed incentives to help attract new recruits.

City Manager, Jessie Montez, gave the following updates: Compactor returned to landfill, presented Landfill Violations and discussed upcoming Seal Coat Project.

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

Council Member Flanagan made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Villa seconded the motion, and all voted for. Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Sally Poteet, Mayor

ATTEST: Jessie Montez, City Administrator