

August 22, 2022

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**ROCKDALE CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**Present:**

**Councilmembers:**

Brett Boren, Mayor  
Lin Perry, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Brad Caffey  
Kyle Walker  
Scott Starnes  
Esme Ruelas-Olivarez

**City Staff:**

Barbara Holly, AICP, City Manager  
Shanna Johnson, City Secretary  
Roxanne Proudley, Finance Director  
Jerald Brunson, Public Works Director  
Ben Blanchard, Planner  
Jerry Meadors, Chief of Police

**Absent:**

Denise Wallace

**Call to Order and announce a Quorum is Present**

With a quorum of the Council members present, the Special Meeting of the Rockdale City Council was called to order by Mayor Boren at 5:31 p.m., August 22, 2022, at City Hall, 505 W. Cameron Ave, Rockdale, Texas

**Pledge of Allegiance**

4A. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation from the city manager regarding a request submitted by the Vision Historic Preservation Foundation for funding window sashes, jambs, and doors in a historically appropriate manner for \$110,670.00.

The following comments were received:

- Ron Rabinowitz-against spending HOT funds for proposed request
- Belinda Hillhouse- against spending tax dollars on proposed request. The Vision Historic Foundation is responsible for raising their own money.
- Curah Beard- The Vision Historic Foundation's goal is to bring life downtown. The Foundation has filed for grants and other funding.

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Ruelas-Olivarez and a second by Councilmember Starnes, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed and one (1) abstain (Perry) to approve the Vision Historic Preservation request of \$110,670.00 as long as it is contingent within the law. Councilmember Perry abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

5A. Conduct a public hearing on the proposed FY 2022-23 budget (October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023) for the City of Rockdale

Public hearing was opened at 6:16 p.m. City staff recommends the staff retention budget. No comments were received. Public hearing closed at 6:28 p.m.

6A. Consider and take any necessary action on the first reading of the Ordinance to Adopt the proposed FY2022-23 budget (October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023) for the City of Rockdale.

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Perry and a second by Councilmember Walker, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to accept the first reading of FY 2022-23 with voter approved tax rate leaving budget as presented and taking \$112,673 from reserve Enterprise Fund. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

These minutes approved on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**



Shanna Johnson  
City Secretary



Brett M. Boren, Mayor