

April 8, 2024

**ROCKDALE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Present:**

**Councilmembers:**

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

**City Staff:**

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

**Absent:**

Brett Boren, Mayor

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

With a quorum of the Council members present, the Regular Meeting of the Rockdale City Council was called to order by Mayor Boren at 5:30 p.m., April 8, 2024, at City Hall, 505 W. Cameron Ave, Rockdale, Texas

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Invocation**

- Rita Quinn lead the prayer.

**Proclamations**

- Mayor Pro Tem Perry proclaims Fair Housing Month (April 2024).
- Mayor Pro Tem Perry proclaims Motorcycle Safety Awareness (May 2024). Ms. Penny Fuller and Mr. Charles Starr accept the proclamation.
- Mayor Pro Tem Perry proclaims Earth Day (April 22, 2024). Mr. Rey Mata and Mrs. Rita Quinn accept the proclamation.
- Mayor Pro Tem Perry proclaims National Library Month (April 2024). Mrs. Melanie Todd accepts the proclamation.
- Mayor Pro Tem Perry proclaims National Music Week (May 5-12, 2024). Robert Burnett accepts the proclamation.

**Citizen Communications**

- Mr. Walter Hurd- brings in a piece of the pipe from his water meter and discusses the leak at his property.

**Presentation**

- Rachel Owens, Executive Director of Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), discusses the program. CASA currently has Boardmember spots available and is asking for donations.

**7A. Consent Agenda Approvals:**

1. Minutes of regular meeting on March 11, 2024, and Special meeting on March 18, 2024

2. City bills paid
3. Investment report
4. Fund report
5. Tax collection report
6. Hotel Tax Fund report
7. Library report
8. Municipal Court report
9. Public Safety report
10. Animal Control report
11. Public Works Department report
12. Municipal Development District report
13. Building and Code Enforcement report

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Caffey and a second by Councilmember Walker, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the consent agenda with an update on item 10A changing Councilmember Melton's vote to abstained. Motion carried.

**9A. Conduct a public hearing for the City of Rockdale Amended 2024 Water Conservation and Adopted Drought Contingency Plans.**

Public hearing was opened at 5:59 p.m. No comments were received:  
With no further comments, the public hearing was closed at 6:00 p.m.

**10A. Consider and take any necessary action on the first reading of an ordinance for the amended 2024 Water Conservation and Adopted Drought Contingency Plans.**

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Walker and a second by Councilmember Starnes, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the ordinance as presented. Motion carried.

**10B. Consider and take any necessary action on the first reading of an ordinance for amended street names for the Cornerstone Subdivision.**

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Walker and a second by Councilmember Ruelas-Olivares, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the ordinance as presented. Motion carried.

**10C. Consider and take any necessary action on the second reading of an ordinance cancelling a portion of the May 5, 2024, General Election for the office of Council Member – Eastward; declaring unopposed candidate to be elected; and providing an open meeting clause and for other matters.**

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Ruelas-Olivares and a second by Councilmember Melton, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the ordinance as presented. Motion carried.

**11A. Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution approving the Articles of Incorporation for the Rockdale Municipal Development District and Authorizing the filing of such Articles to the Texas Secretary of State.**

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Starnes and a second by Councilmember Caffey, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried.

**12A. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation to the City Council regarding a plat submitted by Ranch Road Development for Phase 1C for property located in the 1100 block of North FM 487, Rockdale, Milam County, Texas into six blocks and 64 lots.**

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Starnes and a second by Councilmember Walker, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the plat with updates to include changing the street name of Pickett to Pickel and update signature block to Code Official. Motion carried.

**12B. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation to the City Council regarding a plat submitted by CD Caffey for property located at Property ID: 74060, Rockdale, Milam County, Texas into lot 22A.**

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Walker and a second by Councilmember Ruelas-Olivares, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the plat as presented Motion carried.

**12C. Consider and take any necessary action on approving the bid for completion of the 2023 Post Oak Savannah Conservation District (POSGCD) Grant works on the Mill Street Water Treatment Plant.**

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Walker and a second by Councilmember Melton, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the bid for completion as presented. Motion carried.

**12D. Consider and take any necessary action on appointments to the MDD Board of Directors for unexpired terms (expires 09/2024).**

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Perry and a second by Councilmember Melton, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the MDD Board to solicit for the position. Motion carried.

**13B. At 6:27 p.m. Council convened into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.087, 551.072 and 551.074 of the Texas Government Code:**

1. Deliberate about the agreement between Sandow Lakes Ranch (SLR) and the City of Rockdale.
2. Deliberate about purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property for the purpose of commercial development inside the city boundaries.

3. Deliberate the succession planning of the city manager.

**10.B. The City Council reconvened in Open Session at 7:10 p.m. to consider and take any necessary action related to:**

1. The deliberation of the agreement between Sandow Lakes Ranch (SLR) and the City of Rockdale.

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Perry and a second by Councilmember Starnes, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to authorizing the city manager to engage with SLR on a environmental impact study. Motion carried.

2. The deliberation about the about purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property for the purpose of commercial development inside the city boundaries.

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Walker and a second by Councilmember Starnes, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to authorizing the city manager to engage with the Rockdale Chamber of Commerce on real property. Motion carried.

3. The deliberation of the succession planning of the city manager.

No motion made.

Adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

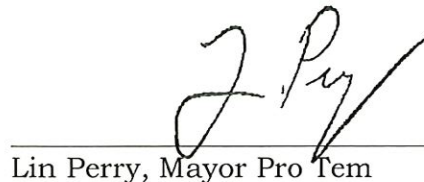
These minutes approved on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.

**ATTEST:**



Shanna Johnson  
City Secretary

**APPROVED:**

  
Lin Perry, Mayor Pro Tem