

May 13, 2024

**ROCKDALE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

Present:

Councilmembers:

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

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

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 Pro Tem Perry at 5:30 p.m., May 13, 2024, at City Hall, 505 W. Cameron Ave, Rockdale, Texas

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

- Mr. Doug Williams lead the invocation.

5A. Council to accept Mayor Brett M. Boren's resignation.

5B. Canvass of votes for the General Elections held on May 4, 2024.

For Councilmember West Ward

Candidate's Name	Precinct 318	Precinct 419	TOTAL VOTES REC'D
Johnathan Young	39	10	49
Bradley Caffey	202	23	225

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Ruelas-Olivares and a second by Councilmember Walker, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried.

5C. Swearing in Elected City Officials (Councilmember Bradley Caffey representing the West Ward and Councilmember Scott Starnes representing the East Ward).

5D. Elect one Councilmember as Mayor Pro-Tem

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Ruelas-Olivares and a second by Councilmember Starnes, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to appoint Councilmember Lin Perry as Mayor Pro Tem. Motion carried.

6A. Mayor Pro Tem to proclaim May 6th through May 10th as Economic Development Week.

6B. Mayor Pro Tem to proclaim the 2024 Texas Bioscience (TBI) graduates. (Olivares and Starnes)

Citizen Communications

-Ms. Joyce Dalley spoke about the clean water coming through the newly installed waterlines on the east side of Rockdale.

-Mr. Walter Hurd spoke again about the water leak from the meter on his property.

7A. Consent Agenda Approvals:

1. Minutes of regular meetings on April 8, 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. Police Report
10. Animal Control Report
11. Public Works Department Reports
12. Building & Code Enforcement Report

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Walker and a second by Councilmember Ruelas-Olivares, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

10A. At 6:31 p.m. Council convened into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087, 551.072 and 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to:

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 within the city boundaries.
3. Deliberate the succession planning of the city manager.

10.B. The City Council reconvened in Open Session at 7:07 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.

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

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

No motions made.

*Councilmember Ruelas-Olivares leaves

9A. Consider and provide direction on the budget process, including City Council priorities, the calendar, and potential childcare tax exemption.

City Manager Holly asked for the Council's priorities for the FY 2024-25 budget. Mr. Daniel Willie spoke about the need for the new childcare tax exemption for facilities in the area.

10A. Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution awarding the bid for the HOME program.

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 resolution as presented. Motion carried.

11A. Consider and take any necessary action on the second 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.

11B. Consider and take any necessary action on the second 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 Caffey, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the ordinance as presented. Motion carried.

12A. Consider and take any necessary action on appointing a mayor for an unexpired term (2025).

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Starnes and a second by Councilmember Melton, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve publicizing and accepting applications. Motion carried.

12B. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation to the City Council regarding a plat submitted by Beacon Land Services for property located west of Walmart on US 79 (aka Property ID: 16366), Rockdale, Milam County, Texas into lot 2A.

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 as presented. Motion carried.

12C. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation to the City Council regarding a preliminary plat submitted by Peter Morales for property known as 1500 E Belton, Rockdale, Milam County, Texas into three lots.

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 plat as presented. Motion carried.

12D. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation to the City Council regarding a final plat submitted by DF Enterprises LLC for property located at Cypress Trail Loop, known as Property ID 24382, Milam County, Texas into 12 lots.

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 plat as presented. Motion carried.

12E. Consider and take any necessary action on a request from Bobby Dhaliwal to: (1) abandon an alley wholly surrounded by the requestor's property in the 100 block of San Gabriel and 400 block of E Cameron, (2) dedicate an utility easement for drainage and sewer running North/South, (3) dedicate a public utility easement blanketing the abandoned alley.

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

12F. Consider and take any necessary action on approving the Cornerstone PID #1 Annual Issuer Report.

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

12G. Consider and take any necessary action on renewing the real estate agreement with Beck-Reit Commercial Real Estate for property at 1166 HWY 79, Rockdale, TX 76567.

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

12H. Consider and take any necessary action on a Pool Services Agreement between YMCA and the city to cover pool management, operation, maintenance, and related services for the city pool at Veterans' Park.

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 Pool Services Agreement as presented. Motion carried.

12I. Consider and take any necessary action on a Municipal Maintenance Agreement (MMA) with TxDOT to establish state and local responsibilities for state highways within our corporate limits.

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 MMA. Motion carried.

12J. Consider and take any necessary action on a request from the Planning & Zoning Commission to undertake the final platting authority for plats that do not require a variance.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Walker and a second by Councilmember Caffey, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to authorize the Planning and Zoning Commission final platting authority for plats that do not require a variance. Motion carried.

12K. Consider and take any necessary action on approving the \$192,000 The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) quote for the installation of the downtown streetlights.

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 TIPS quote with the hourly rate. Motion carried.

12L. Consider and take any necessary action on replacing a 2006 John Deere backhoe.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Caffey and a second by Councilmember Melton, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the request for the backhoe. Motion carried.

12M. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation from the city manager regarding a request submitted by the Sesquicentennial Committee from the hotel occupancy tax fund for the Sesquicentennial Celebration video documentary during the events of July 4 to 12, 2024 in Rockdale, Texas.

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 \$6,400 from HOT funds for the documentary video. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

These minutes approved on the 10th day of June 2024.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Shanna Johnson
City Secretary



Ward Roddam, Mayor