

June 10, 2024

**ROCKDALE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

Present:

Councilmembers:

Ward Roddam, Mayor
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
Stephen Goodrich, Police Captain

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., June 10, 2024, at City Hall, 505 W. Cameron Ave, Rockdale, Texas

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

- Doug Williams led the invocation

Presentations

- Swearing in of appointed City Official (Mayor Ward Roddam).
- Receive a presentation from Caitlin Admire with Freese and Nichols on the Rockdale Mid-Century Plan.

Chance Sparks and Caitlin Admire speak about the design of the comprehensive plan. It is not a regulatory document, but rather a guideline for future development projects.

Citizen Communications

Curah Beard requested changing the label of the "Old City Hall" to the "1895" to help the Historic Preservation Organization when defining the building for grants.

7A. Conduct a public hearing to receive comments from property owners within 200' of property located at 712 N Wilcox Rockdale, Milam County, Texas for a rezone request submitted by Philip Bargas to change the zoning classification from A (Agricultural) to R-1 PUD (Residential Single Family – Planned Unit Development).

Public hearing opened at 6:46 p.m. With no comments made the public hearing was closed at 6:47 p.m.

7B. Conduct a public hearing to receive comments from property owners within 200' of property located at 633 Ackerman Rockdale, Milam County, Texas for a rezone request submitted by Daniel Willie to change the zoning classification from R-1 (Residential Single Family) to C-1 PUD (Commercial Light – Planned Unit Development).

Public hearing opened at 6:47 p.m. Daniel Willie explained the property has been commercial for 30 years and on the request of the owners insurance company, they ask it to be rezoned commercial in the event the building would need to be rebuilt.. Public hearing was closed at 6:49 p.m.

8A. Consent Agenda Approvals:

1. Minutes of regular meetings on May 13th and Special meeting on May 20, 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 Reports
12. Building & Code Enforcement Report

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

9A. Mayor to proclaim May 18-24, 2024, as National Safe Boating Week in the City of Rockdale, Texas.

10A. Consider and take any necessary action on the first reading of an ordinance for amending the fee schedule for dog adoption and impound fees.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Perry and a second by Councilmember Walker, the Council voted six (6) 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 amending Chapter 10 Subdivision Regulations to grant the Planning Commission final authority over all plats not requiring a variance.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Starnes and a second by Councilmember Melton, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the ordinance as presented. Motion carried.

10C. Consider and take any necessary action on the first reading of an ordinance for the Cornerstone Annual Service and Assessment Plan (SAP) Update.

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

10D. Consider and take any necessary action on the first reading of an ordinance amending the zoning ordinance by rezoning a certain parcel of land (property known as 712 N Wilcox Street) from zoning classification A (Agricultural) to zoning classification R-1 PUD (Residential Single Family – Planned Unit Development).

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

10E. Consider and take any necessary action on the first reading of an ordinance amend the zoning ordinance by rezoning a certain parcel of land (property known as 633 Ackerman Street) from zoning classification R-1 (Residential Single-Family) to zoning classification C-1 PUD (Commercial Light – Planned Unit Development).

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

11A. Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution Reaffirming Civil Rights Policies regarding the TDA-awarded Downtown Revitalization Project, Grant Agreement No. CDM23-0416.

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

*Councilmember Melton stepped away.

12A. Conduct a workshop regarding downtown vacant buildings. (Perry and Melton)

*Councilmember Melton returns

Mayor Pro Tem Perry spoke about the collapse and clean-up efforts of the McVoy building that fell down recently due to the heavy rains. City Attorney Mrs. Boulware-Wells will create a complaint form that can be presented in court for prosecution.

13A. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the Rockdale Mid-Century Plan.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Perry and a second by Councilmember Caffey, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the plan as presented. Motion carried.

13B. Receive annual audit for fiscal year 2023-24 from the City's auditor.

Mr. Don Allman gave his report of the annual audit and declared Rockdale as a proactive development city.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Starnes and a second by Councilmember Walker, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the annual audit. Motion carried.

13C. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation to the City Council regarding a preliminary plat submitted by Philip Bargas for property located at 712 N Wilcox Rockdale, Milam County, Texas into 14 lots.

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 approve the plat planning and Zoning's recommendation that the developer meets the requirements. Motion carried.

13D. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation to the City Council regarding a plat submitted by the Catholic Diocese of Austin for property known as 226 San Gabriel, 234 San Gabriel, 405 E Cameron, 413 E Cameron, 417 E Cameron, and 223 Rice, Rockdale, Milam County, Texas into Lot 1A.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Caffey and a second by Councilmember Walker, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the plat with the stipulation of using the alley's value for beautification. Motion carried.

13E. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation to the City Council regarding a plat submitted by the Catholic Diocese of Austin for property known as 500 E Bell, Rockdale, Milam County, Texas into Lot 1A.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Starnes and a second by Councilmember Perry, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the plat with the dash line defined in the legend before recording. Motion carried.

13F. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation to the City Council regarding a plat submitted by Dennis and Clara Brooks for property located at S FM 908 also known as Property ID: 21000, Property ID: 22183, and Property ID: 61508 Milam County, Texas into lots 1 and 2.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Caffey and a second by Councilmember Perry, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the plat as presented. Motion carried.

13G. Consider and take any necessary action on approving the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Emergency Services District (ESD).

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Melton and a second by Councilmember Perry, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the MOU as presented. Motion carried.

13H. Consider and take any necessary action on city council board liaison appointments.

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 and one (1) abstain to appoint Councilmember Starnes to the Parks Board. Councilmember Starnes abstains. Motion carried.

13I. Consider and approve the FY 2023 Rockdale Municipal Development District audit report.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Starnes and a second by Councilmember Walker, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the annual MDD audit. Motion carried.

14A. At 8:22 p.m. Council convened into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 and 551.087 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the succession planning of the city manager, and deliberate about the agreement between Sandow Lakes Ranch (SLR) and the City of Rockdale.

14.B. The City Council reconvened in Open Session at 9:08 p.m. to consider and take any necessary action related to the deliberation of the succession planning of the city manager, and the deliberation about the agreement between Sandow Lakes Ranch (SLR) and the City of Rockdale.

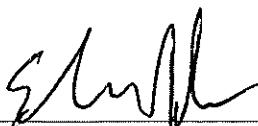
No motion made.

Adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

These minutes approved on the 8th day of July 2024.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Shanna Johnson
City Secretary



Ward Roddam, Mayor