

March 13, 2023

**ROCKDALE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

Present:

Councilmembers:

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

City Staff:

Barbara Holly, AICP, City Manager
Shanna Johnson, City Secretary
Roxanne Proudley, Finance Director
Jerald Brunson, Public Works Director
Ben Blanchard, 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 Boren at 5:30 p.m., March 13, 2023, at City Hall, 505 W. Cameron Ave, Rockdale, Texas

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizen Communications

- Mayor Boren- reads the rules of citizen participation during a council meeting.
- Doug Williams- suggests implementing a severe weather emergency plan to include a location of shelters and acquiring a generator to run critical systems.
- Dave Melton- speaks about the upcoming Earth Day event on April 21, 2023 from 9:00am to 12:00 pm.
- Kenneth Callahan- speaks about the safety of children who play near W. Bell Avenue. He advises to have no parking signs and lighted speed limit signs along the road.

5A. Consent Agenda Approvals:

1. Minutes of regular meetings on February 13, 2023
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 Department Report
10. Animal Control Report
11. Public Works Department Reports
12. Municipal Development District report
13. Building & Code Enforcement Report

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 approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

6A. Consider and take any necessary action on the second reading of an ordinance updating the fee schedule.

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 ordinance as presented. Motion carried.

7A. Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution opposing Senate Bill 1110 that prohibits transferring Enterprise funds to the General Fund.

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

7B. Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution authorizing the City's participation in the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program.

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 resolution as presented. Motion carried.

7C. Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Community development fund.

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 approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried.

7D. Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution authorizing the City's participation in the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Downtown Revitalization Program.

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

8A. Consider and take any necessary action of the Chamber of Commerce request of HOT funds for \$75,000 to replace the roof.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Ruelas-Olivarez and a second by Councilmember Starnes, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve \$58,346.21 not to surpass the max allowed under the HOT funds stipulations. Motion carried.

8B. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding a plat submitted by Corey Hall for property located at S17100 Ramsey Blk 2, Lots 2 N pt of, 3 & 7, & Blk 3, Lot 3 (Property known as – Property ID 24927, 26679, 11631, & 26295) Rockdale,

Milam County, Texas into Blk 2 Lots 3A & 7, & Blk 3 Lot 3A.

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 plat with the stipulation that lot number 15 serves lot number 7 in perpetuity. Motion carried.

8C. Consider and take any necessary action on awarding the engineering services contract for the preparation of the City's 2023-2024 Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) application and subsequent engineering contract if funded.

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 plat with the stipulation that lot number 15 serves lot number 7 in perpetuity. Motion carried.

8D. Receive the annual MDD audit for fiscal year 2022 from MDD staff.

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 report as presented. Motion carried.

8E. Consider and take any necessary action on a report from the Homeless Coalition.

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 report as presented. Motion carried.

8F. Consider and take any necessary action on a Deputy City Manager position.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Ruelas-Olivarez and a second by Councilmember Walker, the Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve scheduling a workshop on March 20, 2023. Motion

9A. At 7:27 p.m. Council convened into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.077, 551.087 and 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to:

1. Deliberation about purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property for the purpose of commercial development inside the District boundaries, and to discuss economic development negotiations related to the same commercial development known as project Blue Bird.
2. Deliberation of any personnel or confidential matters.

9.B. The City Council reconvened in Open Session at 8:00 p.m. to consider and take any necessary action related to:

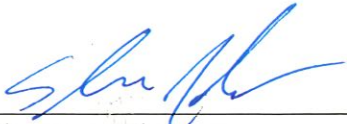
1. The deliberation of about purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property for the purpose of commercial development inside the District boundaries, and to discuss economic development negotiations related to the same commercial development known as project Blue Bird.
2. The deliberation of any personnel or confidential matters.

No motion made.

Adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

These minutes approved on the 10th day of April 2023.

ATTEST:



Shanna Johnson
City Secretary

APPROVED:



Brett M. Boren, Mayor