

March 9, 2020

On this the 9th day of March, 2020 at 6:30 PM the City Council of the City of Friona, Texas, convened in regular session at the regular meeting place thereof, in the Friona City Council Chambers, 619 Main Street, the meeting being open to the public and notice of said meeting having been given as prescribed by Chapter 551 of the Government Code, with the members being present and in attendance, to wit:

Ricky White, Mayor
Bruce Fleming, Alderman
Greg Lewellen, Alderman
Brent Loflin, Alderman
Alan Monroe, Alderman
Jeff Stowers, Alderman
Leander Davila, City Manager

Others present included: Judge Deborah Campbell, Friona Municipal Court
Director Nik Baucom, Friona EMS
Chief Isidro Jimenez, Friona Police
Officer John Torres, Friona Police
Officer Jonathan Marquez, Friona Police
Clint Mears, Friona Star
Mike Blackburn, Blackburn Hardware
Annette Loflin, Corbin Riethmayer, Rich Kendrick, WTRT
Mario and Becky Soto, Becky's Burritos
Dale Houlette, Houlette Petroleum
Kip and Misty Frye, Ivy Cottage
Cody and Erin Grimsley, The Farmwife Kitchen
Matthew Carpenter, AW Broadband

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

ITEM 1 ROLL CALL

The Mayor called roll and announced that a quorum was present.

ITEM 2 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Monroe gave the Invocation and Mayor White led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

ITEM 3 HEAR PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments from the public.

ITEM 4 POINT OF PRIVILEGE – WARRANT ROUND-UP RECOGNITION

Judge Deborah Campbell presented certificates of appreciation to Police Officers John Torres and Jon Marquez for their work during Warrant Round-Up.

ITEM 5 PROCLAMATION “FRIONA BUSINESS MONTH”

Alderman Lewellen read the Proclamation declaring the month of March 2020 as “Friona Business Month” while Mayor White presented the proclamations to local businesses.

REGULAR HEARINGS:

ITEM 6 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 10, 2020 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND THE FEBRUARY 10, 2020 JOINT MEETING WITH THE FRIONA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

MOTION Alderman Fleming made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting and the February 10, 2020 Joint Meeting with the Friona Economic Development Corporation. Alderman Stowers made the second to the motion and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

ITEM 7 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 20.03.09 DECLARING THAT EACH CANDIDATE WHOSE NAME IS TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT IS UNOPPOSED; THAT NO PROPOSITION APPEARS ON THE BALLOT; DECLARING THAT EACH UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE IS ELECTED TO THAT OFFICE; AND RESCINDING THE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE MAY 2, 2020 ELECTION

MOTION Alderman Fleming made the motion to approve Resolution No. 20.03.09. Alderman Monroe made the second to the motion and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

ITEM 8 HEAR DEPARTMENTAL REPORT FROM THE FRIONA MUNICIPAL COURT REGARDING BUDGET, EXPENSES, PERSONNEL, AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Judge Campbell discussed the Municipal Court’s recent activities and projects, as well as collecting over \$19,000 during warrant round-up. She also addressed how the fines for local ordinance tickets will go up.

ITEM 9 HEAR DEPARTMENTAL REPORT FROM THE FRIONA POLICE DEPARTMENT REGARDING BUDGET, EXPENSES, PERSONNEL, AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Chief Jimenez reviewed the February monthly Police Department activity report. A total of 166 calls were received during February. The officers covered 1956 miles patrolling the town. Chief Jimenez also spoke about his new car which is a 2020 model and not a 2019 as was ordered but was sold to the City for the same price.

ITEM 10 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FRIONA AND AW BROADBAND TO LEASE BUILDING AND TOWER SPACE LOCATED NEAR WEST 15TH STREET AND JAMES AVENUE IN FRIONA

Matthew Carpenter from AW Broadband provided an overview of services that his company could provide to the City of Friona as they continue their service into New Mexico.

MOTION Alderman Lewellen made the motion to approve the lease agreement between the City of Friona and AW Broadband to lease building and tower space located near West 15th Street and James Avenue in Friona. Alderman Stowers made the second to the motion and the motion passed with a 5-1 vote with Alderman Loflin voting no.

ITEM 11 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR FEBRUARY 2020

City Manager Davila reviewed Accounts Payable with the City Council.

MOTION Alderman Monroe made the motion to approve Accounts Payable for February 2020. Alderman Loflin made the second to the motion and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

ITEM 12 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR FEBRUARY 2020

MOTION Alderman Fleming made a motion to approve the Financial Statement for February 2020. The second to the motion was made by Alderman Monroe and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

ITEM 13 BRIEF UPDATE ON THE UPCOMING 2020 SEALCOAT PROJECT AND DISCUSSION ABOUT FUTURE PAVING OF CITY STREETS

City Manager Davila briefed the City Council on the 2020 Sealcoat Project and the potential cost of building one city block should they decide to in the near future.

ITEM 14 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO USE SURPLUS REVENUE FROM THE FRIONA SERIES 2012 BOND TO PAY OFF CERTIFICATE OF OBLIGATIONS FOR THE CITY OF FRIONA

MOTION Alderman Lewellen made a motion to use the surplus revenue from the Friona Series 2012 Bond to pay off certificate of obligations for the City of Friona. The second to the motion was made by Alderman Stowers and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

ITEM 15 BRIEFING OF AN ORDINANCE TO SET FORTH RULES, REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THE PROHIBITION OF PARKING LARGE VEHICLES ON CITY STREETS

City Manager Davila briefed the City Council on a proposed ordinance for parking large vehicles on City streets. The City Council gave input and recommended changes and asked the item be brought back in April.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor White announced at 7:24 p.m. that the Friona City Council would close into Executive Session. Mayor White, members of the City Council, and City Manager Davila remained for the executive session.

ITEM 16 DISCUSSION REGARDING EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF EMS EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING SALARY, BENEFITS, DISCIPLINE, TERMINATION, PROMOTION, AND/OR RECLASSIFICATION AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A MEDICAL DIRECTOR. (AUTHORIZED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SUBCHAPTER D, SECTION 551.074 PERSONNEL)

REGULAR HEARING:

Reconvened into Regular Session at 7:43 p.m.

ITEM 17 RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION AND CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON ITEM 16 DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

No formal action taken on Item 16

ITEM 18 ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

APPROVED:

Ricky White, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rosa Mendez, City Secretary