

August 10, 2020

On this the 10th day of August, 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 (absent)
Leander Davila, City Manager (absent)

Others present included: Rosa Mendez, City Secretary
Kathryn English, PRPC
Alex Guerrero, PRPC
Judy Rocha, citizen
Amador Rocha, citizen
Slater Elza, Underwood-city attorney
Aaron Rivera, Parkhill, Smith & Cooper
Deborah Campbell, Friona Municipal Judge

Mayor White called the meeting to order.

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 the Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

ITEM 3 HEAR PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public present.

REGULAR HEARINGS:

ITEM 4 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE 29, 2020 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AND THE JULY 13, 2020 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION A motion was made by Alderman Lewellen to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2020 Special Called Meeting and the July 13, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting. The second to the motion was made by Alderman Loflin. The City Council approved the minutes with a vote of 4/0.

ITEM 5 **CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE AMADOR AND JUDY ROCHA 1309 COLUMBIA (DRAKE, BLOCK, 1 LOT 1&8) TO ENCROACH ON THE EASEMENT BY 10 FEET TO BUILD A CARPORT**

MOTION The motion was made by Alderman Monroe to approve Amador and Judy Rocha to encroach on the easement by 10 feet to build a carport. The second to the motion was made by Alderman Loflin and the motion passed by a vote of 4/0.

ITEM 6 **CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT THE FRIONA COMMUNITY CENTER AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARK STRATEGIC PLAN 2019-2024 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE VISITOR IMPACT COMMISSION**

The City of Friona will be working with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission on the submission of a Small Communities Program Grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The Small Communities Grant will assist with the future community center renovations. The maximum amount that may be applied for this grant is \$150,000.00 with a matching amount of \$150,000.00. Alex Guerrero answered questions from council members. Application is due November 6, 2020.

MOTION Alderman Lewellen made the motion to adopt the Friona Community Center and Recreational Vehicle Park Strategic Plan 201-2024 as recommended by the Visitor Impact Commission. The second to the motion was made by Alderman Monroe and the motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

ITEM 7 **CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 20.08.10 OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRIONA, TEXAS, DESIGNATING CERTAIN OFFICIALS AS BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR, ACTING FOR, AND ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT IN DEALING WITH THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARTICIPATING IN THE LOCAL PARK GRANT PROGRAM**

MOTION A motion was made by Alderman Monroe to approve Resolution No. 20.08.10 of the City Commission of the City of Friona, Texas, designating certain officials as being responsible for, acting for, and on behalf of the application dealing with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, for the purpose of participating in the Local Park Grant Program. The second to the motion was made by Alderman Loflin. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of 4/0.

ITEM 8 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO 20.08.10 PROHIBITING DRILLING: AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING DRILLING OR MINING WITHIN CITY PARK AREAS IN FRIONA, TEXAS; AND PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY FOR VIOLATING THIS ORDINANCE AS A REQUIREMENT FOR THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT GRANT APPLICATION

MOTION Alderman Monroe made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 20.08.10 Prohibiting Drilling: an Ordinance prohibiting drilling or mining within city park areas in Friona, Texas; and providing for a penalty for violating this ordinance as a requirement for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Grant application. Alderman Fleming made the second to the motion and the motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

At 6:47 p.m. the Friona City Council went into Executive Session to consult with the City Attorney before Item 13, the briefing from Parkhill, Smith and Cooper.

At 6:58 p.m. the Friona City Council reconvened into regular session. Mayor White moved to Item 13.

ITEM 13 BRIEFING FROM PARKHILL, SMITH AND COOPER ON FISD SCHOOL PROJECT

Aaron Rivera from Parkhill, Smith, and Cooper addressed the Friona City Council to discuss the FISD School Project.

ITEM 9 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR JULY 2020

City Secretary Mendez reviewed Accounts Payable with the City Council.

MOTION A motion was made by Alderman Fleming to approve the July 2020 Accounts Payable. The second to the motion was made by Alderman Loflin and the motion passed with the unanimous vote 4/0 of the City Council.

ITEM 10 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE JULY 2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

MOTION Alderman Lewellen made the motion to approve the July 2020 Financial Statement. The second to the motion was made by Alderman Monroe and the motion passed with the unanimous vote of 4/0 of the City Council.

ITEM 11 DISCUSS REPORT FROM PARMER COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT REGARDING THE 2020 EFFECTIVE TAX RATE AND CONSIDER AND

TAKE ACTION ON THE PROPOSED 2020 TAX RATE AND SETTING DATES FOR REQUIRED PUBLIC HEARINGS IF NEEDED

MOTION A motion was made by Alderman Fleming that the property tax rate remain the same at \$0.689400 /\$100 valuation; with a debt service rate of \$0.195800 and M&O rate of \$0.493600. This rate is the same per \$100 valuation as last year and a 1.27% decrease than the effective tax rate of \$0.698200 and the proposed tax rate is set for adoption at the Regular City Council Meeting on September 14th at 6:30 p.m. The second to the motion was made by Alderman Lewellen. Alderman Loflin and Alderman Monroe voted yes. Alderman Stowers was absent. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 4/0.

ITEM 12 CONSIDER DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2020 OR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 OR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2020

MOTION A motion was made by Alderman Lewellen to meet on Monday, August 31, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. for the Budget Workshop. The second to the motion was made by Alderman Monroe and the motion passed with a vote of 4/0. .

ITEM 14 BRIEF DISCUSSION ON RATE INCREASE OF 2.5% FOR SOLID WASTE AND DISPOSAL SERVICES WITH REPUBLIC SERVICES

City Secretary Mendez briefed the City Council on the rate increase for solid waste and disposal service with Republic Services

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Mayor announced that the City Council would close into executive session at 7:38 p.m.

ITEM 15 CITY COUNCIL WILL CONVENE INTO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SUBCHAPTER D, SECTION 551.074 (DELIBERATION REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTERS): DISCUSSION OF HIRING OF A LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Mayor White opened into the regular meeting at 7:48 p.m.

REGULAR HEARING:

ITEM 16 RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION AND CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON ITEM 15 DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action needed.

ITEM 17 THE MAYOR WANTS TO TALK ABOUT THE SCHOOL ASKING US TO USE SOME OF OUR COVID MONEY TO PAY FOR LAPTOPS FOR THE SCHOOL

The Mayor addressed the Friona City Council about Friona ISD's request to use the City's Coronavirus Relief Fund money to help pay for laptops. It was determined that in order to take formal action, a formal request/proposal would need to be generated and presented to the Friona City Council.

ITEM 18 ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

APPROVED:

Ricky White, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rosa Mendez, City Secretary