

December 14, 2020

On this the 14th day of December, 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: Rosa Mendez, City Secretary
Clint Mears, Friona Star, editor

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 public present.

REGULAR HEARINGS:

ITEM 4 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 9, 2020 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION Alderman Lewellen made the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting November 9, 2020 as presented. Alderman Loflin made the second to the motion and the motion passed with a 5/0 vote.

ITEM 5 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE BID FOR THE LEASE OF S/2 OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST OWNED BY THE CITY

MOTION Alderman Lewellen made the motion to approve the City Manager’s recommendation to reject all the current bids. Alderman Stowers made the second to the motion and the motion passed with a 5/0 vote. The bid notice will be reposted next month.

ITEM 6 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE BID FOR THE LEASE OF TRACT ONE: A 139.57 ACRE TRACT AND TRACT TWO: A 144.16 ACRE TRACT OWNED BY THE CITY

MOTION Alderman Lewellen made the motion to approve the City Manager’s recommendation to reject all the current bids. Alderman Stowers made the second to the motion and the motion passed with a 5/0 vote. The bid notice will be reposted next month.

ITEM 7 DISCUSSION AND UPDATE ON CITY’S ETHICAL USE OF PUBLIC SPENDING REGARDING CITY EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES

At the November 9, 2020 City Council meeting, City Council discussed the ethical use of public spending on city employees and retirees. Due to the current COVID pandemic, the City has opted not to have a holiday party for city employees but rather, provide employees with \$25 worth of Friona Bucks to purchase a meal of anything else of their choosing at a business in Friona.

ITEM 8 DISCUSSION AND UPDATE ON THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND (CRF) SPENDING AND ALLOCATIONS

On March 1, 2020, the city of Friona received grant money from the Coronavirus Relief Fund as part of the CARES Act which provides for payments to state, local, and tribal governments navigating the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak. The city of Friona received a total allocation of \$216,370 to spend on COVID related expenses to support the city, local businesses, school districts and regional hospitals. All monies are scheduled to be spent by the required deadline of December 30, 2020.

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

City Secretary Mendez reviewed Accounts Payable with the City Council.

MOTION Alderman Fleming made the motion to approve the November 2020 Accounts Payable. The second to the motion was made by Alderman Loflin and the motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

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

MOTION A motion was made by Alderman Lewellen with a second by Alderman Stowers to approve the Financial Statement for November 2020. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

ITEM 11 ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

APPROVED:

Ricky White, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rosa Mendez, City Secretary