

October 12, 2021

On this the 12TH day of October, 2021 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 Stower, Alderman

Others present included: Rosa Mendez, City Secretary
Rebekah Baucom, citizen
Andrea Lopez, citizen
Larry Martin, citizen
Jeannie Martin, EMS
Clint Mears, Friona Star Editor
Salvador Garcia, Public Works Director

Absent: Leander Davila, City Manager

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 Lewellen 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- LARRY MARTIN- KEY TO THE CITY

Larry had not arrived yet so we moved to item 5.

REGULAR HEARINGS: (6:31)

ITEM 5 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION Alderman Monroe made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2021 Regular City Council meeting. Alderman Loflin made the second to the motion and the motion passed with a 5/0 unanimous vote.

Note: Agenda Item 4 was taken back up before returning to the regular agenda item order.

Returned to Public Hearing at 6:35.

ITEM 4 POINT OF PRIVILEGE- LARRY MARTIN- KEY TO THE CITY

Mayor White presented Larry Martin with a Certificate of Accomplishment and the key to the city.

Returned to Regular Hearing at 6:38.

ITEM 6 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION OF AGRICULTURAL LEASE WITH WADE SCHUELER FOR TRACT ONE: A 139.57 ACRE TRACT AND TRACT TWO: A 144.16 ACRE TRACT OWNED BY THE CITY

MOTION Upon a motion by Alderman Stowers and a second by Alderman Lofin, the agricultural lease with Wade Schueler for tract one: A139.57-acre tract and tract two: A 144.16-acre tract owned by the city was approved. The city council voted unanimously and the motion was passed 5with a vote of 5/0.

ITEM 7 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY ANDREA LOPEZ TO PLACE A MOBILE HOME ON THE PROPERTY AT 803 WALNUT (ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 29, LOT 5)

MOTION A motion was made by Alderman Lewellen to approve the request by Andrea Lopez to place a mobile home on the property at 803 Walnut (original town block 29, lot 5). The second to the motion was made by Alderman Monroe and the motion was passed with a vote of 5/0.

ITEM 8 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 21.10.12 DESIGNATING THE FRIONA STAR AS THE CITY'S OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

RESOLUTION NO. 21.10.12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FRIONA, TEXAS DESIGNATING THE FRIONA STAR AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE CITY OF FRIONA, TEXAS AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF OCTOBER 12, 2021

WHEREAS, Chapter 52, Section 52.004, Texas Local Government Code requires that as soon as practicable after the beginning of each municipal year, the governing body of the municipality shall designate, by ordinance or resolution, a public newspaper to be the municipality's official newspaper until another newspaper is selected; and

WHEREAS, the public newspaper serving the City of Friona, Texas and the local area that is most widely read is the Friona Star; and

WHEREAS, the Friona Star meets all the requirements for service as the official newspaper of the City of Friona;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIONA, TEXAS THAT:

The City Council of the City of Friona hereby resolves that the Friona Star is the "Official Newspaper" of the City of Friona, Texas.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of October, 2021.

Ricky White, Mayor

ATTES

Rosa Mendez, City Secretary

MOTION The motion was made by Alderman Monroe to approve Resolution No. 21.10.12 designating the Friona Star as the city's official newspaper. Alderman Stowers seconded the motion and the motion passes with a vote of 5/0.

ITEM 9 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 21.10.12A PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES ON BANK ACCOUNTS AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

RESOLUTION NO. 21.10.12A

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIONA CITY, TEXAS PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES ON BANK ACCOUNTS AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City Council is the ultimate repository of authority for the City;
and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it both necessary and desirable to designate certain individuals as the authorized signatories on City Bank Accounts and Investment accounts

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIONA CITY, TEXAS:

1. Signatures. The below individuals are allowed to sign on all city banking accounts and investment accounts.

Ricky White, Mayor
Greg Lewellen, Mayor Pro Tem
City Manager, Leander Davila
Pam Mercado, HR Finance
Rosa Mendez, City Secretary

2. Rescinding Prior Directives. All prior directives given by the City Council or its authorized representatives to any individuals named as authorized signatories on the City Bank and Investment Accounts are hereby rescinded and replaced with the above-cited list of individuals.

3. Checks Requiring Two Signatures. All checks issued out of the City Bank Accounts must contain two (2) signatures to execute a check, and/or authorizing Ricky White, Greg Lewellen, Leander Davila, Rosa Mendez and Pam Mercado as facsimile signatures.

4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in force and effect from and after the date of October 12, 2021 and it is accordingly so resolved.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIONA CITY, TEXAS this the _____ day of _____ 2_____.

Ricky White, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rosa Mendez, City Secretary

MOTION Alderman Fleming made the motion to approve Resolution No. 21.10.12A Providing for Authorized Signatures on Bank Accounts and Investment

Accounts and Providing an Effective Date. Alderman Stowers second the motion and the motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

ITEM 10 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 21.10.12B TO ELECT DIRECTORS FOR THE APPRAISAL DISTRICT OF PARMER COUNTY FOR THE YEARS 2022-2023

RESOLUTION # 21.10.12B

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIONA, TEXAS SELECTING TWO CANDIDATES TO SERVE ON THE PARMER COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS

WHEREAS, the presiding officer of the taxing entity will submit the names of its nominee by written resolution, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Friona wishes to submit Mayra Olmos and Manuel Toledo as candidates for the Parmer County Appraisal District Board of Directors, and

WHEREAS, the voting ballot will be mailed to the taxing entity by September 30, 2021 and the taxing entity will cast its votes at a meeting open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the *Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Gov't Code.*, and

WHEREAS, the ballot will be returned to the Parmer County Appraisal District, P.O. Box 56, Bovina, Texas 79009 by November 15, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the Parmer County Appraisal District will notify the nominees of their appointment by November 30, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the new members will take the oath of office at Parmer County Appraisal District January 2022 Board of Directors meeting;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIONA, TEXAS:

That Mayra Olmos and Manuel Toledo have been selected by the City Council of the City of Friona as candidates for the Parmer County Appraisal District Board of Directors 2022-2023.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021.

Ricky White, Mayor

Attest:

Rosa Mendez, City Secretary

MOTION The motion was made by Alderman Lewellen to approve Resolution NO. 21.10.12B to elect directors for the Appraisal District of Parmer County for the years 2022-2023. The second to the motion was made by Alderman Stowers and the motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

ITEM 11 DISCUSSION REGARDING FUTURE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF FRIONA AND THE COUNTY FOR A SHARED MUNICIPAL COURT

Mayor White briefed the council about the Commissioners meeting he attended on September 27, 2021. The county agreed to pay the City of Friona \$500.00 a month once a Justice of the Peace is hired. Vazquez Construction has been hired to do the project.

ITEM 12 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON A VARIANCE REQUEST FROM ANTONIO MONREAL PROPRIETOR OF GATO'S EXPRESS 1021 PIERCE FRIONA TEXAS

On August 10th 1949, Nelson and Lorraine Welch granted the city of Friona a 30 ft. easement of the Welch subdivision of "acreage tracts 9 & 10". On November 5th, 2013 the city asked for an additional 10 feet easement to lay a water line along tract 9 & 10 turning North onto CR 19 (cemetery road).

Antonio Monreal is asking to encroach on the city's easement by 20 feet to build a fence. If his request were to be granted, he has stated that he would allow the City of Friona full access to enter the property in the event there are any issues with the water line.

City council members unanimously agreed to table Item 12 until they can consult with city attorney.

ITEM 13 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

City Secretary reviewed Accounts Payable with the City Council.

MOTION Alderman Fleming made the motion to approve the September 2021 Accounts Payable. The second to the motion was made by Alderman Monroe and the motion carried with a unanimous vote of 5/0.

ITEM 14 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

MOTION A motion was made by Alderman Fleming with a second by Alderman Stowers to approve the Financial Statement for September 2021. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5/0.

ITEM 15 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT ENDING SEPTEMBER 2021

MOTION Alderman Lewellen made the motion to approve the Quarterly Financial Statement ending September 2021. Alderman Monroe made the second to the motion and the motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

Mayor White announced at 7:02 p.m. that the Friona City Council would close into Executive Session. Mayor White, member of the City Council and City Secretary Mendez remained for the executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Mayor White open into the regular meeting at 7:09 p.m. and announced that no action was taken in executive session.

REGULAR SESSION:

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

No action taken in executive session.

ITEM 18 ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

APPROVED:

Ricky White, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rosa Mendez, City Secretary