

November 08, 2021

On this the 8th day of November, 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 (absent)
Bruce Fleming, Alderman
Greg Lewellen, Alderman (absent)
Brent Loflin, Alderman
Alan Monroe, Alderman
Jeff Stowers, Alderman (absent)
Leander Davila, City Manager

Others present included: Rosa Mendez, City Secretary
Chief Isidro Jimenez, Friona Police
Faith Cooper, citizen
Charles Cooper, citizen
Clint Mears, Friona Star Editor

Alderman Fleming called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

ITEM 1 ROLL CALL

Alderman Fleming called roll and announced that a quorum was present.

ITEM 2 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Monroe gave the invocation and Alderman Loflin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

ITEM 3 HEAR PUBLIC COMMENTS.

No public comments.

REGULAR HEARINGS: (Regular hearing opened at 6:32)

ITEM 4 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 12, 2021 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Council was informed that minor corrections in Item 6 and Item 15 will be made.

MOTION Alderman Loflin made the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting October 12, 2021 with the amendments. Alderman Monroe made the second to the motion and the motion passed with a 3/0 vote.

ITEM 5 HEAR DEPARTMENTAL REPORT FROM THE FRIONA POLICE DEPARTMENT REGARDING BUDGET, EXPENSES, PERSONNEL, AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Chief Jimenez discussed the Friona Police Department monthly activity report with the City Council. There was a total of 153 calls and 2,956 total miles driven.

ITEM 6 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A REPEATER SYSTEM FROM OMEGA ELECTRONICS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000 FROM THE CERTIFICATE OF OBLIGATIONS BANK ACCOUNT

The Friona Police Department has been struggling with communication and failures between radio transmissions from officers and the dispatchers are occurring more frequently. This repeater will improve the signal strength and allow for better communication service.

MOTION The motion was made by Alderman Loflin to approve the purchase of a repeater system from Omega Electronics in an amount not to exceed \$35,000 from the certificate of obligations bank account. Alderman Monroe made the second to the motion and the motion carried with a vote of 3/0.

ITEM 7 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR OCTOBER 2021

City Secretary reviewed Accounts Payable with the City Council.

MOTION A motion was made by Alderman Monroe to approve Accounts Payable for October 2021. The second to the motion was made by Alderman Loflin and the motion passed with a vote of 3/0.

ITEM 8 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR OCTOBER 2021

MOTION A motion was made by Alderman Loflin with a second by Alderman Monroe to approve the Financial Statement for October 2021. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.

ITEM 9 BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION REGARDING 2022 SEALCOAT PROJECT

This coming year, the city would like to explore the option of joining into consolidation like was done last year to save on sealcoating for the city.

ITEM 10 DISCUSSION REGARDING FUTURE HOUSING PROJECTS IN FRIONA

The City is asking builders to submit their proposals for housing developments for the city block located between 15th and 16th Street and Euclid Avenue and north Main Street. The RFI that has been posted is only to see who is interested and what they can do. If we decide we want a builder to develop the land, then we will do an official bid process and have the builders come in and make presentations to us like they did last time we went through this process.

ITEM 11 DISCUSSION REGARDING UPCOMING ELECTION DEADLINES AND PROPOSITION(S)

This year's election will take place on Saturday, May 7, 2022. Mayor Ricky White and Aldermen Greg Lewellen and Brent Loflin will be up for re-election.

An application for option liquor election has been applied for so there may be a forthcoming proposition in the upcoming election for alcohol sales in the City of Friona. Additionally, Parmer County Medical Center is interested in having a joint election with the city, similar to how we do a joint election with the school district.

ITEM 12 ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 PM.

APPROVED:

Ricky White, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rosa Mendez, City Secretary