

May 9, 2022

On this the 9th day of May, 2022 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, 617 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, Council Member
Greg Lewellen, Council Member
Brent Loflin, Council Member
Alan Monroe, Council Member
Leander Davila, City Manager

Others present included:

Rosa Mendez, City Secretary
Sandra Busch, Assistant to the City Manager
Clint Mears, Friona Star, Editor
Isidro Jimenez, FPD Chief of Police
Pedro Sanchez, Friona Police Officer
Deborah Campbell, Municipal Court Judge
Nikolas Baucom, EMS Director
Andy Alexander, citizen
Dennis Slagle, citizen
Connie Slagle, citizen
Julie Butler, citizen
Lula Butler, citizen
Anna Butler, citizen
Jamie Lewellen, citizen
Jade Mills, citizen
Eden Mills, citizen
Chuck Mills, citizen
Shelby Lewellen, citizen
Sophie Lewellen, citizen
Danny Campbell, citizen
Holly Campbell, citizen
Randy Geries, citizen
Sarah Geries, citizen
Debbie Lewellen, citizen

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ITEM 1 ROLL CALL

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

ITEM 2 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Council member 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

REGULAR HEARING:

ITEM 4 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 11, 2022 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION The motion was made by Council Member Monroe and a second by Council Member Loflin to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2022 Regular City Council meeting. The motion carried with a vote of 3/0.

ITEM 5 SWEAR-IN TWO CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND ONE MAYOR DECLARED ELECTED FOR 2022 -2024

Judge Campbell administered the Oath of Office to Council Member Brent Loflin, Council Member Cindy Moreno and Mayor Greg Lewellen.

ITEM 6 SWEAR-IN ONE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER DECLARED ELECTED FOR 2022-2023

Judge Campbell administered the Oath of Office to Council Member Esmeralda Mills.

ITEM 7 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM FOR 2022-2024

MOTION Council Member Fleming made the motion to elect Council Member Monroe Mayor Pro Tem for 2022-2024. Council member Loflin made the second to the motion and the motion was passed with a vote of 5/0.

ITEM 8 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO 22.05.09 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE FIRE, AMBULANCE AND SERVICES TRUCK FUND

MOTION Under Texas Department of Agriculture guidelines, a Public Hearing and taking action can not occur on the same day. Therefore, Item 8 was tabled until the June meeting.

ITEM 9 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION CONTRACT WITH PANHANDLE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION UNDER THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION ACT FOR GRANT APPLICATION RELATED TO THE TXCDBG FIRE, AMBULANCE, AND SERVICES TRUCK (FAST) PROGRAM

MOTION The motion was made by Council Member Fleming to approve an Interlocal Cooperation Contract with Panhandle Regional Planning Commission under the Interlocal Cooperation Act for grant application related to the TXCDBG fire, ambulance, and services truck (FAST) program. Council Member Monroe seconded the motion and the motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

Mayor Lewellen called Item 13 next.

ITEM 13 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON REQUEST FOR PERMIT SUBMITTED BY RANDY GERIES TO OPERATE DYNAMIC FIREWORKS STANDS IN CITY LIMITS FOR 2022

Randy Geries addressed the council. The period requested is from June 9, 2022 to July 9, 2022. All required documents have been submitted to City Manager Davila.

MOTION City Council Member Fleming made the motion to approve the request for permit submitted by Randy Geries to operate Dynamic Fireworks stands in city limits for 2022. The second to the motion was made by Council Member Loflin and the motion was passed with a unanimous vote of 5/0.

Mayor Lewellen called Item 17 before returning to the regular order of items.

ITEM 17 UPDATE FROM THE 4-WAY PUMP WORKING GROUP ON A DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY PLAN

Andy Alexander informed council that some of the suggestions for the property were to have RV storage units, restaurants, retail shops and a skateboard park. O'Reilly's presented to the group on April 28th, 2022 with their intention of wanting to build on the property. O'Reilly's would add 12-15 jobs to Friona. NAPA withdrew their interest in the project.

ITEM 10 HEAR DEPARTMENTAL REPORT FROM THE FRIONA POLICE DEPARTMENT REGARDING BUDGET, EXPENSES, PERSONNEL, AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Chief Jimenez informed the City Council about the Police Department's April activities.

ITEM 11 HEAR DEPARTMENTAL REPORT FROM THE FRIONA EMS DEPARTMENT REGARDING BUDGET, EXPENSES, PERSONNEL, AND UPCOMING EVENTS

EMS Director Nik Baucom presented. He spoke about the MCI (Mass Casualty Incident) training that will take place on May 21st 2022 in Friona.

ITEM 12 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR CONSTRUCTION DESIGNS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY LOCATED AT TOWNSHIP 1-4, LOT 2.07 AC E OF EUCLID & N OF 15TH OF SEC 31, ACRES 2.07 (FLIPPIN)

The city is asking builders to submit their proposals for the city block located between 15th and 16th Street and Euclid Avenue and North Main Street.

MOTION A motion was made by Council Member Monroe authorizing the City Manager to solicit bids for a request for proposal for construction designs for the development of certain city property located at township 1-4, lot 2.07 AC E of Euclid & N of 15th of Sec 31, acres 2.07 (Flippin). The second to the motion was made by Council Member Fleming and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5/0 of the council members.

ITEM 14 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR APRIL 2022

City Secretary Mendez reviewed and answered questions about Accounts Payable.

MOTION The motion was made by Council Member Fleming and a second by Council Member Loflin to approve the April 2022 Accounts Payable. The motion carried with a vote of 5/0.

ITEM 15 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR APRIL 2022

MOTION Upon a motion by Council Member Monroe and a second by Council Member Loflin the Financial Statement for April 2022 was approved by a vote of 5/0 of the city council.

ITEM 16 DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Council Members had a public discussion as to what everyone's priorities are and decide what projects or items are the most critical to the city as a group and determine which projects are most feasible for the upcoming year.

Mayor Lewellen went into Executive Session at 7:39 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ITEM 18 CITY COUNCIL WILL CONVENE INTO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SUBCHAPTER D, SECTION 551.072 (DELIBERATION REGARDING THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, LEASE, OR VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY)

REGULAR HEARINGS:

Mayor Lewellen came out of Executive Session at 8:26 P.M.

ITEM 19 RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION AND CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON ITEM 18 DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION The motion was made by Council Member Monroe to approve the City Manager to create a funding strategy for the possible purchase the property located at 904 West 11th Street, Suite #3, Friona, Texas, 79035 owned by Danny and Holly Campbell. The second to the motion was made by Council Member Fleming and the motion was passed with a vote of 5/0.

ITEM 20 ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Greg Lewellen, Mayor

Rosa Mendez, City Secretary