

MINUTES
CITY OF BRACKETTVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 9, 2020
CITY ANNEX, 1459 W. HWY 90 WEST
6:00 PM.

The City Council of the City of Brackettville held a regular council meeting on Tuesday, June 9 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Annex located on HWY 90, Brackettville, TX 78832. All notices were duly posted in accordance with the law.

1. Call of Order

Mayor Andres Rodriguez called meeting to order at 6:00 p .m.

2. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Present: Mayor Andres Rodriguez; Alderwoman Rene Villarreal; Alderman Charles Hall; Alderman Eric Martinez; Alderwoman Francisca Hernandez (Late 6:06 p.m.) and Alderman Isauro Rivas

Staff: City Administrator Nora Y Rivas; Maintenance employee David Garza; General Clerk Scotchey Reyes and City Attorney Ruben Valadez

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Andres Rodriguez

4. Citizens Recognition and Communication

None

5. Approval of minutes for May 12, 2020 and Special Meeting May 5, 2020.

Motion to approve minutes for May 12, 2020 by Alderwoman Rene Villarreal; 2nd by Alderman Charles Hall. All in favor; motion carried.

Motion to approve minutes for May 5, 2020 by Alderwoman Rene Villarreal; 2nd by Alderman Isauro Rivas. All in favor; motion carried.

DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

6. Consideration and possible action on request from Mr. Jose (Tony) Molinar to purchase City property adjacent to 406 North Campwood Highway.

City Attorney Ruben Valadez stated that the property needs to be appraised, surveyed and research title commitment. City Council recommends this be tabled until City Administrator Nora Rivas can gather this information. Once all the information is gathered we authorize Nora Rivas to negotiate a price with Mr. Molinar and present it to Council. Motion to approve by Alderwoman Rene Villarreal; 2nd by Alderman Charles Hall. All in favor; motion carried.

7. Consideration and possible action on request from Jose & Sara Rivas to purchase City property located at or nearby Thomas and Rose Alley, adjacent to Block 81 Lots 1-14 and Block 82 Lots 8-14.

City Attorney Ruben Valadez stated that the property needs to be appraised, surveyed and research title commitment. City Council recommends this be tabled until City Administrator Nora Rivas can gather this information. Once all the information is gathered we authorize Nora Rivas to negotiate a price with Jose & Sara Rivas and present it to Council. Motion to approve by Alderwoman Rene Villarreal; 2nd by Alderwoman Francisca Hernandez. All in favor; motion carried.

8. Consideration and possible action on clearing existing roads and conducting a survey of the area known as "Top of the Hill".

No action taken.

9. Consideration and possible action on approving changes to the Utility application.

Motion to approve changes to the Utility application by Alderwoman Rene Villarreal; 2nd by Francisca Hernandez. All in favor; motion carried.

10. Discussion of City Ordinance, regarding the freezing of municipal ad valorem taxes for citizens 65 and older.

Per legal counsel an ordinance needs to be done on this matter. Motion to approve by Alderman Charles Hall; 2nd by Rene Villarreal. All in favor; motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

11. Consideration and possible action on Resolution #2020-09-06 TCEQ, Letter of Credit for TCEQ.

Motion to approve by Alderman Charles Hall; 2nd by Rene Villarreal. All in favor; motion carried.

ORDINANCE

12. Second and final reading of Water Ordinance #2020-02-06 WO; amending ordinance #2019-10-09 WO, and adopting a new Section 2 for connection of water service; adopting a new Section 3 for installation and regulation of meters; adopting a new Section 4 for connection to city sewer system; finding that the meeting at which this ordinance is passed is open to the public as required by law; providing a severability clause; and establishing an effective date.

Motion to approve second reading of Water Ordinance #2020-02-06 WO by Alderwoman Rene Villarreal; 2nd by Alderwoman Francisca Hernandez. All in favor; motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

13. Consideration and discussion of the monthly report presented by the Operations Supervisor Michael Falcon.

Installed 1700 foot water line on 2804. Continue to spray for mosquitos as well as brush and bulk pick-up throughout the City. Keeping arroyos mowed down and replaced the water pump at the water tower. We have several water and sewer taps that will be installed on Coffin, El Paso and Quintel streets.

14. Consideration and discussion of the monthly report presented by City Administrator Nora Y Rivas.

We have opened up the drive thru window at City Hall from 8 am - 5 pm. We continue to receive payments via phone, online and in the drop box. I applied for the Coronavirus Relief Fund from the Texas Division of Emergency Management for the amount of \$19,500.00 to cover the cost that the City endured during the pandemic. I received an

email from FEMA stating that we will be getting an additional \$5,000.00 from the flooding in 2018. On May 20, 2020 the Mayor and I signed the paperwork for the \$3,102,000.00 (three million one hundred two thousand dollars) loan from USDA. This money will be used towards the wastewater and water project. Once that money is used we will be using the grant that they City received for \$2,411,000.00 (two million four hundred thousand eleven dollars). On May 26, 2020 we got the first request of money from USDA and we paid the loan to The Bank & Trust for the amount of \$125,000.00. This money was owed to the Rosin Group, the engineer for this project. Money was also owed to Langley & Banack for their services. We will be submitting on a monthly basis a request to USDA to pay invoices as they are coming in from the projects.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Start 7:32 p.m. – Ended 8:07 p.m.

16. Executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 and 551.074, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code – consultation with attorney and discussion of personnel matters – Annual evaluation of Maintenance employee Jorge Palmeros’ job performance; possible action in open session regarding same which may include salary and job description adjustments.

Motion to approve a 4% pay increase by Alderwoman Rene Villarreal; 2nd by Alderman Isauro Rivas. All in favor; motion carried.

17. Executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 and 551.074, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code – consultation with attorney and discussion of personnel matters – Annual evaluation of General Clerk employee Scholastica Reyes’ job performance; possible action in open session regarding same which may include salary and job description adjustments.

Motion to approve a 50¢ pay increase by Alderwoman Rene Villarreal; 2nd by Alderwoman Francisca Hernandez. All in favor; motion carried.

18. Executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 and 551.074, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code – consultation with attorney and discussion of personnel matters – Consideration of updated job descriptions for city employees; possible action in open session regarding same which may include salary and job description adjustments.

Motion to approve City Administrator Nora Rivas to work with the City Attorney to update job descriptions by Alderwoman Rene Villarreal; 2nd by Alderman Eric Martinez. All in favor; motion carried.

19. Executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 and 551.074, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code – consultation with attorney and discussion of personnel matters – Consideration and possible action on approving compensatory time for weekend on-call employees.


Motion to table by Alderwoman Francisca Hernandez, 2nd by Alderman Eric Martinez. All in favor; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:09 p.m.

15. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. by Alderwoman Rene Villarreal; 2nd by Alderman Eric Martinez. All in favor; motion carried.

Approved and passed on July 14, 2020



Andres Rodriguez
Mayor

Attest:


Nora Y. Rivas
City Administrator