

CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS  
MINUTES OF: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DATE OF MEETING: MAY 26, 2015  
TIME OF MEETING: 6:30 P.M.  
PLACE OF MEETING: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

MOVED  
SECOND  
VOTED AYE  
VOTED NAY

ROLL CALL WAS ANSWERED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
BILLY JACKSON, RUBEN FALCON & DINO RAMIREZ

ABSENT: ALLAN CHILDS

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Mayor Alexander called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. after declaring a quorum present.

Mayor Alexander gave the Invocation.

Council Member Falcon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Alexander read the Mission Statement:

**"The Mission of the City of Fort Stockton Municipal Government is to Promote & Value Public Confidence and Trust by the Accountable and Responsible Use of Community Resources; to Ensure Public Safety; Improve Public Services; Promote Local Recreation and Entertainment; and Generate Economic Development."**

**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**1. Public Testimony on Agenda Items Only.**

Public Testimony Forms were not submitted by those in attendance.

**SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**2. Consent Agenda:**

**Minutes:**

- Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton City Council, 05/11/2015
- Special Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton City Council, 05/18/2015
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Intergovernmental Recreation Board, 04/15/2015
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Keep Historic Fort Stockton Beautiful Board, 04/01/2015
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton Housing Authority Board, 03/18/2015
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Convention & Visitor's Bureau, 03/03/2015
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton 4-A Economic Development Corporation, 02/17/2015
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton 4-B Economic Development Corporation, 02/17/2015

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Accounts Payable Total: \$ 235,931.50  
 Account Recap Report Total: \$7,818,584.13

Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

**THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**3. Account Representative Mike Burton of Emergency Communications Network (Mayor Alexander)**  
 ☛ Code Red Emergency Alert System

Emergency Management Coordinator Jessie Dominguez remarked that this mass media notification system would ensure that citizens within the city and county were fully informed of emergencies.

Account Representative Mike Burton of Emergency Communications Network reported that this national company provided a service more commonly referred to as a "Reverse 911." This system communicated within the community and was designed for emergencies i.e. missing children/elderly, Alzheimer/dementia, etc. and general notifications such as Council Meetings, Little League games, etc. Emergency notifications were prior to and post-event. In Texas, the company serviced 4 Council of Governments, 86 counties and over 450 cities with 5.5 million daily calls received nationally.

Based in Florida, client support staff acquainted with this area would be available 24/7 and solely dedicated to the City/Pecos County account if Code Red was approved. For this system to succeed, a community's demographics as well as policies/procedures were imperative. Some areas preferred to receive general announcements while others only desired emergency notifications.

The system contained a passcode driven website that could be tiered and restricted. Features of the system included:

- **Quick Launch** - Major messages could be transmitted to the entire community or designated individuals;
- **Map & Satellite** - Areas of contact within the community could be highlighted i.e. the entire community, individual streets, specific residences or designated areas. The satellite view accurately established who and the number of people that the message communicated with;

VOTED NAY  
 VOTED AYE  
 SECONDED  
 MOVED

JACKSON  
 FALCON  
 RAMIREZ

X  
 X  
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- **Tool Box** - This could be utilized as an internal notification device for contacting only selected departments or individuals within the City of Fort Stockton. Also, notifications and updates to the media were available through this option versus the customary transmission or conversation with radio and news stations;
- **Detailed Reports** - This option contained the ability to import and export various lists from or to programs such as Excel. Detailed call reports that could be generated included: when incidents commenced & ended, the number of individuals that were & were not contacted, could launch a recall to only those individuals that initially responded, could listen to messages, etc.;
- **Resident Sign-In** - A link could be placed on the City's website for residents to enroll themselves or family members in this service;
- **Hearing Impairment** - Text messaging to individuals with hearing impaired (TDD or TTY) could be transmitted to their devices;
- **Alert Types** - Residents could choose to deselect the general notifications button if they did not want to receive these calls. For emergency notifications, every resident would automatically be enrolled but could opt to refuse these by contacting the City to remove their telephone number from the list. At the citizen's request, a form would be completed by the City which would generate a paper trail removing any/all liability from the City;
- **Launch Test** - Residents could request this;
- **Messages** - There were various options for citizens to receive messages i.e. phone calls, text, email, Facebook, Twitter, RSS Feed, fax, ham radio, etc.
- **Free Mobile App** - This app could be downloaded by citizens for delivery of messages. Alerts could be replayed with this application.

**Council Member Jackson** inquired if the City would be liable if the alert system malfunctioned?

**Account Representative Burton** replied that there was a disclaimer in the contract for instances as this. The company would be liable and not the City.

**Emergency Management Coordinator Dominguez** reported that the yearly fee for this service was \$14,500. The prorated amount from June 1<sup>st</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup> was \$9,535.61. If the City opted to obtain this service with Pecos County, half of the cost would be \$4,768.

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Also, all residential landlines were automatically enrolled. If businesses wanted to register, incoming calls needed to be answered by a human being instead of an automated system.

For group messages, the system could automatically be set for Mayor & Council Members to receive these.

**FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**4. Discuss/Act upon Appointment of a Mayor Pro-Tem for 2015-2016.**

Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to appointment Council Member Childs as Mayor Pro-Tem for 2015-2016.

**FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**5. Discuss/Act upon the Code Red Emergency Alert System, as presented by Account Representative Burton.**

Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the Code Red Emergency Alert System; with the City's prorated payment of \$4,768 for services from June 1<sup>st</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup> and likewise from Pecos County.

**SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**6. Discuss/Act upon the Appointment of a Council Member as a Director to the Fort Stockton 4-B Economic Development Corporation, to replace Council Member Ramirez.**

Mayor Alexander reported that Council Member Ramirez sought to be replaced on the Fort Stockton 4-B EDC due to his absence at several noon meetings. He worked out-of-town which made it difficult for him to attend.

Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to appoint Council Member Falcon as a Director to the Fort Stockton 4-B Economic Development Corporation, to replace Council Member Ramirez.

	MOVED	SECONDED	VOTED AYE	VOTED NAY
RODRIGUEZ			X	
JACKSON	X		X	
FALCON			X	
RAMIREZ		X	X	
RODRIGUEZ			X	
JACKSON			X	
FALCON	X		X	
RAMIREZ		X	X	
RODRIGUEZ	X		X	
JACKSON			X	
FALCON			X	
RAMIREZ		X	X	

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**SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

7. Discuss/Act upon the Appointment of a Council Member to the Intergovernmental Recreation Board, to replace Former Mayor Pro-Tem Hodges.

Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to appoint Council Member Rodriguez to the Intergovernmental Recreation Board, to replace Former Mayor Pro-Tem Hodges.

**EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

8. Discuss/Act upon the Appointment of a Board Member to the Convention & Visitor's Bureau, to replace Council Member Ruben Falcon. Applicants: Leslye Curnutt, Guadalupe Fierro, Harry Gandhi, Ruben Gonzales, Al Haney, Maria Martinez, Rachel Patel, Armando Portillo, Lali Rivera, Letricia Slater, Ralph Traynham

Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to appoint Armando Portillo to the Convention & Visitor's Bureau, to replace Council Member Ruben Falcon.

Mayor Alexander recessed from the Regular Meeting @ 7:10 p.m. to convene into the:

**NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** City Council may Convene in Closed Session in Accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Section §551.072, Deliberations about Real Property: Ref. Value of City-Owned Surplus Properties

**TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** City Council may Convene in Closed Session in Accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Section §551.074, To Deliberate the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of a Public Officer or Employee: Ref: Appointment of a One-Year Council Member

	MOVED	SECONDDED	VOTED AYE	VOTED NAY
RODRIGUEZ			X	
JACKSON	X		X	
FALCON	X		X	
RAMIREZ			X	
RODRIGUEZ		X	X	
JACKSON			X	
FALCON	X		X	
RAMIREZ			X	

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*Vacancy. Applicants: Rafael G. Hernandez, Darren Hodges, David L. Neyland, Frank Rodriguez III & James B. Warnock*

Mayor Alexander closed the Executive Session @ 7:35 p.m.

**ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

11. Reconvene into Open Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section §551.102 & Take Action, if any, on Matters Deliberated in Executive Session:

(9) Discuss/Act upon Value of City-Owned Surplus Properties; to include Open Session discussion/action on Placing the Surplus Properties Out for Bid.

Item tabled.

(10) Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to appoint Frank Rodriguez, III to a One-Year Council Member Term.

**TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

12. If in Attendance, Swear-In (Oath of Office) the Appointee to a One-Year Council Member Term.

Mayor Alexander swore-in Frank Rodriguez, III to a One-Year Council Member Term.

**THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

13. Questions from the Media on Agenda Items.

There being no further business, motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to adjourn the Regular Meeting @ 7:48 p.m.



Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Delma A. Gonzalez, City Secretary

JACKSON  
FALCON  
RAMIREZ

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