

CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS
MINUTES OF: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DATE OF MEETING: MAY 26, 2020
TIME OF MEETING: 5:30 P.M.
PLACE OF MEETING: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

VOTED NAY
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ROLL CALL WAS ANSWERED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS:
PRESENT: RUBEN FALCON, JAMES WARNOCK & PAUL CASIAS

PRESENT VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE: MIKE URETA JR. & PAM PALILEO

MAYOR: JOE CHRIS ALEXANDER
CITY MANAGER: FRANK RODRIGUEZ III
CITY SECRETARY: MARINA A. CANTU
CITY ATTORNEY: PUJA BOINPALLY

Mayor Alexander called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. after declaring a quorum present.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ureta gave the Invocation.

Council Member Warnock led the Pledge of Allegiance & Pledge to the Texas Flag.

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. Consent Agenda

Minutes:

- ◆ Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton City Council, 05/12/2020
- ◆ Special Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton City Council, 05/19/2020
- ◆ Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton Housing Authority Board, 04/15/2020
- ◆ Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton Planning & Zoning Commission (Carports), 04/01/2020
- ◆ Regular Meeting Minutes of Intergovernmental Recreation Board, 03/18/2020

Accounts Payable Grand Total: \$417,806.41

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

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- 2. Discuss/Act upon Resolution No. 20-105R, A Resolution of the City of Fort Stockton, Texas Applying for and Accepting Funding from the Coronavirus Relief Fund under the CARES Act through the Texas Division of Emergency Management.**

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City Manager Rodriguez explained the Coronavirus Aid Relief & Economical Security's (CARES) Act established the Coronavirus Relief Fund. 150 billion is appropriated to this fund. These funds can be used to make payments for specified uses for states & certain local governments.

The City of Fort Stockton is requesting permission to apply & accept funding from the Coronavirus Relief Fund under the CARES Act through the Texas Division of Emergency Management.

Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to Approve Resolution No. 20-105R, A Resolution of the City of Fort Stockton, Texas Applying for and Accepting Funding from the Coronavirus Relief Fund under the CARES Act through the Texas Division of Emergency Management.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS:

3. Discuss/Act upon Surcharges for Temporary Lodging/Accommodations Pertaining to COVID-19 Relief.

City Manager Rodriguez explained due to the COVID-19 Pandemic there has been a significant decrease in lodging. According to the Occupancy Tax Collected as well as the RV Rentals the City of Fort Stockton has experienced a 56% decrease.

He requested permission to assist this group of business owners by suspending surcharges for Temporary Lodging/Accommodations pertaining to COVID-19 Relief.

He suggested revisiting these surcharges during the FY 2020-2021 Budget Workshops.

He explained the CAPEX Study was initiated and would take approximately 2 ½ months to complete. This study would give City Council an idea on where they stand as far as utility rates are concerned.

Council Member Casias recommended waiting on the results of this study prior to making Additional Utility Rate Adjustments

Council Member Falcon recommended a 30-day Relief.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Ureta suggested suspending the Additional Surcharge until September.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to Authorize a 90-Day Relief for the Additional Surcharges for Temporary Lodging/Accommodations pertaining to COVID-19.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

4. Discuss/Act upon Agreement with Big Bend Telecom for IP Managed Services.

Tucker Gandy of Big Bend Telecom explained the Term of the Agreement would be for 24 months.

He elaborated that the network had been upgraded and is much stronger and faster than before.

\$60,000 was spent building the fiber to the Police Station.

The BBT Agreement includes SLA Technical Support and a 2 Fiber Redundant Route. One Fiber is routed to El Paso while the other is routed to Midland. Should a situation occur where a Fiber Line is cut, the City would experience continued service through the other route.

He explained that the City's Information Technology Department would be able to protect their Network more effectively due to the Multi-Point Secure Private Network.

The City would see a price difference with this Agreement. The previous provider, DirectBytes, was charging \$800 for the Broadband Services alone. AT&T was charging \$1,500 for the phone lines, which would be reduced by \$600 once BBT takes over.

The RO Plant is being serviced at no cost, due to the Tower Lease Agreement.

Motion was made and seconded to Approve the Agreement with Big Bend Telecom for IP Managed Services.

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Mayor Alexander inquired when the Agreement would go into effect.

After a brief discussion, it was determined that July 1st would be the Effective Date.

Motion carried unanimously to Approve the Agreement with Big Bend Telecom for IP Managed Services.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

5. Discuss/Act upon the Construction of a Carport in a One-Family Dwelling District (SF-1) in accordance with Ordinance No. 18-126, as requested by Property Owners Juan and Yohana Hernandez, 1100 N. Orient, Fort Stockton, Texas 79735.

Property Owner Juan Hernandez explained that he and his wife were requesting permission to construct a 28 x 32 Garage as well as a 20 x 32 Carport.

City Manager Rodriguez explained that this request had gone before the Planning & Zoning Commission. The Commission did not have an issue as it is allowed in accordance with the SF-1 Ordinance. He recommended approving this request.

Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to Approve the Construction of a Carport in a One-Family Dwelling District (SF-1) in accordance with Ordinance No. 18-126, as requested by Property Owners Juan and Yohana Hernandez, 1100 N. Orient, Fort Stockton, Texas 79735.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

6. Questions from the Media.

Fort Stockton Pioneer Publisher Steve Fountain inquired the prices pertaining to the BBT Agreement.

Mayor Alexander responded the Agreement was for \$3,040.91 which included Broadband & Phone Services.

He explained that BBT would provide 1/2 of the services for the Police Department. The 911 line is provided through the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission whose provider is AT&T.

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Fort Stockton Pioneer Publisher Fountain inquired what the outcome was concerning the Infrastructure Fees pertaining to Temporary Lodging/Accommodations.

Mayor Alexander responded that City Council Approved a 90-Day Relief for the Additional Surcharge for Temporary Lodging/Accommodations, which would include June, July and August.

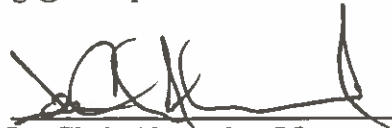
Fort Stockton Pioneer Publisher Fountain inquired what the current rates were for the Additional Surcharge pertaining to Temporary Lodging/Accommodations.

Mayor Alexander responded that the Additional Surcharge was \$10 per RV space and \$15 per hotel room.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

7. Adjourn.

There being no further business, motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to adjourn the Regular Meeting @ 6:03 p.m.


Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor

ATTEST:


Marina A. Cantu, City Secretary

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