

CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS
MINUTES OF: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DATE OF MEETING: SEPTEMBER 8, 2020
TIME OF MEETING: 5:30 P.M.
PLACE OF MEETING: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

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VOTED AYE
SECONDED
MOVED

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

ABSENT: MIKE URETA JR.

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Mayor Alexander called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. after declaring a quorum present.

Mayor Alexander 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.”

Mayor Alexander recessed the Regular Meeting to convene into the Public Hearing at 5:38 p.m.

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. **2ND PUBLIC HEARING:** On the Proposed 2020-2021 Budget & Tax Rate which will Raise More Total Property Taxes than Last Year’s Budget by \$185,294.00 (12.21%) and of that amount \$18,000.65 is Tax Revenue to be Raised from New Property added to the Tax Roll this Year.

Director of Finance Rodriguez explained that the following changes were made to the Budget since the last Public Hearing:

- City Council voted to change the Medical Insurance. The changes have been made to each department based on the new rates. This means a change from the General Fund Revenues and Expenses with a difference of \$54,060.00
- The School Resource Officer Agreement has been signed and the Independent School District has agreed to reimburse the City \$100,000.00. Two School Resource Officers were added to the budget. There may be additional officers added at a later date.
- The Medical Insurance for Active Employees was changed.
- The Medical Plan Administration was also changed.
- There was a Capital Improvements list that was put in place should the monies be available.
- Due to the savings related to the change in insurance; the vehicles from Public Works will be addressed.

Mayor Alexander closed the Public Hearing to reconvene into the Regular Meeting at 5:42 p.m.

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SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS:

2. Chief of Police Robert Lujan with Fort Stockton Police Department----

📌 Statistics for August 2020

Service Calls Dispatched:	1117
FSPD	730
FSFD	16
PCEMS	138
PCSO	217

Investigations Initiated:	166
83 rd District Attorney	45
112 th District Attorney	41
County Attorney	59
Juvenile Probation	1

Accidents Worked:	51
Accidents (PD)	27

Total Arrests:	74
Assault - Family Violence	1
Burglary	0
Criminal Mischief	1
Criminal Trespass:	39
Disorderly Conduct	0
Driving While Intoxicated	3
Evading Arrest	3
Illegal Aliens	0
Murder	0
Possession of a Controlled Substance	8
Possession of Marijuana	0
Public Intoxication	0
Resisting Arrest	2
Theft	2
Warrants	6

Traffic Stops/Violations	328
Traffic Citations Issued	106
Traffic Stops (PD)	249

Misdemeanors	55
Felonies	13

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS:

3. Consent Agenda

Minutes:

- 📌 Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton City Council, 08/25/2020
- 📌 Special Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton City Council, 08/28/2020
- 📌 Special Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton City Council, 09/01/2020
- 📌 Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton 4-A EDC Corporation, 07/28/2020
- 📌 Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton 4-B EDC Corporation, 07/28/2020
- 📌 Regular Meeting Minutes of Fort Stockton Convention & Visitor's Bureau, 07/21/2020

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Accounts Payable Grand Total: \$239,687.58

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

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- Discuss/Act upon Ordinance No. 20-114, Approving and Adopting the City of Fort Stockton, Texas, Budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021; Making Appropriations for the City for said Fiscal Year as Reflected in said Budget; And making Certain Findings and Containing Certain Provisions Relating to the Subject.

Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to Approve Ordinance No. 20-114, Approving and Adopting the City of Fort Stockton, Texas, Budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021; Making Appropriations for the City for said Fiscal Year as Reflected in said Budget; And making Certain Findings and Containing Certain Provisions Relating to the Subject.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- Discuss/Act upon Ordinance No. 20-115, Levying Taxes for the Use and Support of the Municipal Government of the City of Fort Stockton, Pecos County, Texas; Providing for the Interest and Sinking Fund & Apportioning Each Levy for a Specific Purpose for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 & Providing for Approval of Ordinance.

Mayor Alexander read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, PECOS COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR THE INTEREST AND SINKING FUND & APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 & PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, PECOS COUNTY, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That it is hereby levied and there shall be collected for the use and support of the Municipal Government of the City of Fort Stockton, Pecos County, Texas, to provide Interest & Sinking Funds for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, upon all property subject to a tax of **forty-three and sixty-five thousandths cents (\$0.4365)** on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of property. Said tax being so levied and apportioned to the specific purpose herein set forth:

	MOVED	SECONDED	VOTED AYE	VOTED NAY
FALCON	X		X	
WARNOCK		X	X	
PALILEO			X	
CASIAS			X	
FALCON	X		X	
WARNOCK			X	
PALILEO		X	X	
CASIAS			X	

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- a) For the Maintenance and Support of the General Government (M&O), \$0.2082 on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of property. **IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY'S 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR, THIS TAX RATE WILL INCREASE BY 26.87% AND WILL INCREASE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY \$44.10; THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE; &**
- b) For the Interest & Sinking Fund (I&S), \$0.2283 on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of property for the payment of Principal and Interest on outstanding General Obligation Tax Bonds. **IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY'S 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR, THE TAX RATE WILL DECREASE BY 0.74% AND WILL DECREASE TAXES FOR INTEREST & SINKING FUND ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$1.70.**

SECTION 2. That it is hereby levied and there shall be collected a **two percent (2%) Local Sales and Use Tax** within the City as provided by the "Local Sales and Use Tax Act of the State of Texas", Vernon's Texas Local Government Code. **One percent (1%) General Government (General Fund)**, one-half percent (½%) for economic and industrial development as permitted under provision Article 5190.6, Section 4A & 4B and one-quarter percent (¼ %) for Maintenance and Repair of City Street & Roads under H.B. 445 and one-quarter percent (¼ %) to be used to reduce the property tax rate.

SECTION 3. That all monies collected under this Ordinance for the specific items therein named, shall be and the same are hereby appropriated and set apart for the specific purpose indicated in each item. The Director of Finance, collector of taxes, shall keep these accounts so as to readily and distinctly show the amounts expended and the amount on hand at the time belonging to such funds. It is hereby made the duty, of the Tax Collector of Taxes and every person collecting money for the City Treasurer, at the time of depositing any monies from what source it was received. All receipts for the City not specifically apportioned by this Ordinance are hereby made payable to the General Fund of the City.

SECTION 4. That unpaid taxes shall be considered delinquent as of February 1, 2021.

SECTION 5. That the near approach of the date for collection of taxes, creates an emergency, requiring suspension of rule that ordinance be read at two separate meetings, and be at once finally passed and in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in one (1) issue of the FORT STOCKTON PIONEER, a newspaper of general circulation published in the City of Fort Stockton, Texas.

PASSED & APPROVED by Majority Vote of City Council Members present at its Regular Meeting, this 8TH day of September, 2020.

Council Member Falcon inquired about the **TAX RATE WILL INCREASE BY 26.87%**

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Director of Finance Rodriguez explained that the Maintenance and Support of the General Government (M&O), \$0.2082. The No New Rate Tax Rate formerly the Effective Tax Rate is \$0.3924, which is being compared to the M&O Tax Rate of \$0.1632. The increase is based on an increase going from to the No New Rate Tax Rate. A Regular Household will see a Decrease from 6.76% and someone with a house valued at \$100,000 will see a Decrease of \$15.10. The City is going from tax of \$0.4533 to \$0.4365 on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of property. She verified these numbers with the auditors earlier today.

Motion was made to Approve Ordinance No. 20-115 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, Which Entails that the Property Tax Rate be Increased by the Adoption of a Tax Rate of \$0.4365, which is Effectively a 11.2% Increase in the Tax Rate

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

6. Discuss/Act upon Resolution No. 20-108R, A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fort Stockton to File a Grant Application for the Operation Stonegarden Solicitation for FY 2020-2021.

Chief of Police Lujan advised City Council that a Resolution is required as part of the Grant Application Process.

He explained the Fort Stockton Police Department has been the recipient to this Grant in the past.

Next year's Grant would be for \$31,967.28, which would be utilized for Patrol Operations Funding. (stopping cars, looking for criminals and illegal aliens, and any Border Nexus Crimes).

This Grant allows the Police Department to assign officers to work on their days off. It reimburses the Police Department for the overtime hours and the mileage for the travel on their vehicles.

He advised City Council that this Grant runs a year behind & pays every quarter.

Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to Approve Resolution No. 20-108R, A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fort Stockton to File a Grant Application for the Operation Stonegarden Solicitation for FY 2020-2021.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

7. Discuss/Act upon the Revize Web Services Sales Agreement between the City of Fort Stockton and Revize LLC, aka Revize Software Systems, "Revize" for Website Services.

City Manager Rodriguez explained City Attorney Boinpally has already reviewed this agreement.

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 VOTED AYE
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The agreement will allow the City to Upgrade and/or Update the City's website.

The City will be able to replace Accela. Citizens will be able to report deficiencies within the community via the City's website.

The original price was \$12,000.00; however, eliminating the need for Accela would reduce that price by \$3,500.00 - \$4,000.00.

City Manager Rodriguez explained that the City hasn't updated their website's template in at least 5 years.

The new website would be a more user-friendly.

Council Member Falcon inquired about the website's mobile capabilities.

City Manager Rodriguez replied that the website would have mobile capabilities.

Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to Approve the Revize Web Services Sales Agreement between the City of Fort Stockton and Revize LLC, aka Revize Software Systems, "Revize" for Website Services.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

8. Discuss/Act upon Care Coordination Agreement between Permiacare and Housing Authority of Fort Stockton for Collaborative Treatment Planning and Care Coordination activities concerning Community based Mental Health and/or Substance Use Disorder Services.

Josh with Permiacare advised City Council that they provide outpatient mental health services, crisis mental health services and substitute disorder services.

He stated this agreement is merely formalizing their relationship with the local Housing Authority.

This is a Memorandum of Understanding that Permiacare will work cooperatively to pursue the best outcomes for the patients seen at Permiacare. This allows Permiacare to do a little more data sharing.

Motion was made and seconded to Approve the Care Coordination Agreement between Permiacare and Housing Authority of Fort Stockton for Collaborative Treatment Planning and Care Coordination activities concerning Community based Mental Health and/or Substance Use Disorder Services.

MOVED
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VOTED NAY

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Council Member Falcon inquired what services Permiacare provides for the Housing Authority.

Josh of Permiacare responded that they have a representative/associate assist their patients that have a housing need to fill out necessary paperwork required by the Housing Authority.

Housing Authority Director Paula Ureste explained that the local Housing Authority currently has 2 individuals receiving services from Permiacare. She explained that Permiacare is helpful in ensuring that their patients are present when it is time for renewal and assists will completing required paperwork.

Motion carried unanimously to Approve the Care Coordination Agreement between Permiacare and Housing Authority of Fort Stockton for Collaborative Treatment Planning and Care Coordination activities concerning Community based Mental Health and/or Substance Use Disorder Services.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- 9. Discuss/Act upon Solicitation of Bids for Contractual Janitorial Services for City Hall, City Hall Annex, & Police Department Buildings.

City Manager Rodriguez explained that it was that time again to Solicit Bids for Contractual Janitorial Services.

Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to Authorize the Solicitation of Bids for Contractual Janitorial Services for City Hall, City Hall Annex, & Police Department Buildings.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- 10. 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 Owner Alfredo S. Urias Jr., 100 N. Oklahoma, Fort Stockton, Texas 79735.

Interim Building Official Roy Mendoza explained that the proposed Carport complies with Ordinance No. 18-126 and has gone before Planning & Zoning.

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 Owner Alfredo S. Urias Jr., 100 N. Oklahoma, Fort Stockton, Texas 79735.

	MOVED	SECONDED	VOTED AYE	VOTED NAY
FALCON			X	
WARNOCK			X	
PALILEO			X	
CASIAS			X	
FALCON		X	X	
WARNOCK		X	X	
PALILEO		X	X	
CASIAS	X		X	
FALCON	X		X	
WARNOCK		X	X	
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ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- 11. 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 Owner Ever R. Galindo, 807 N. Colpitts, Fort Stockton, Texas 79735.

Interim Building Official Roy Mendoza explained that the proposed Carport complies with Ordinance No. 18-126 and has gone before Planning & Zoning.

Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to Approve the Construction of a Carport in a One-Family Dwelling District 1 (SF-1) in accordance with Ordinance No. 18-126, as requested by Property Owner Ever R. Galindo, 807 N. Colpitts, Fort Stockton, Texas 79735.

TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- 12. Questions from the Media.

There were no questions from the media.

THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- 13. Adjourn.

There being no further business, motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to adjourn the Regular Meeting @ 6:10 p.m.


Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor

ATTEST:


Marina A. Cantu, City Secretary

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VOTED AYE
VOTED NAY

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