

October 21, 2019

A City Council workshop and regular meeting was held on the above date in the City Council Chamber, 100 South Houston Avenue with all officers and members were present.

Mayor Anderle called the workshop to order at 5:30 p.m.

City Manager JRhett Parker reviewed the agenda items.

City Manager JRhett Parker reviewed the following items of interest:

- Rockdale Tailgate on October 25, 2019 at 6 p.m. Please RVSP with Amy before Wednesday.

City Manager JRhett Parker presented his report. The following departmental reports were given:

- Street Supervisor Craig Arnold presented 2019-2020 street paving projects. Department has been currently patching potholes, hauling sludge, repair road where railroad tracks were removed, cleaning storm drains and hauling material. Council Member Goza asked about tree trimming. Craig stated that trees were trimmed as needed; however, homeowners are contacted first. Council Member Goza also asked about intersection repair at 12th Street and Travis. Craig informed the Council that TxDOT would be repairing all approaches to Travis during their road work.
- Fire Chief Henry Horelica informed the Council of the slow calls. Chief Horelica spoke with TxDOT about repairing driveway entrance on Travis Avenue. The Fire Department will participate in Trunk –n- Treat on Halloween night. Volunteer Fire Fighters assisted with the Steak, Stein & Wine Festival and worked the beer booth at the Rockdale Fair. Membership has been increasing. Continuing to apply for grant money for equipment.
- Police Chief Lonnie Gosch reported a normal September for Police and Code Enforcement. Explorer program is going strong. The K-9 Unit will start to be out more often.
- Code Enforcement Assistant Rene Miller reported that letters continue going out for mowing and junk clean-up. Council Member Williams stated that she's started notice a difference.
- Librarian Marie Christopher reported that the Library participated in National Night Out. Mary Hunt has been to training regarding dealing with adult mental health. Internet issues were resolved today and new security cameras have been installed.
- City Manager JRhett Parker reported that the Aviation grant plans are being reviewed and should go out for bid in November. Mr. Parker met with Bob Lane, E3 representative, regarding scaling project back. At this time, the amount of scaling back does not make sense to proceed. ARCIT and TML Conferences both discussed cyber security. We will be meeting to discuss needs in a future meeting. The proposed Planning and Zoning Ordinance would need to be reviewed and changed to accommodate new legislation passed. Hosting a regional City Manager luncheon on October 24, 2019. Rhett will be attending the Downtown Conference on October 29-31 in Georgetown.
- City Secretary Amy Harris reminded Council that End of Year financials will be presented at the November 18, 2019 meeting. City Hall staff performed End-of-Year reports

through Incode and are now preparing for Auditors. Auditors should be in the office in November/December.

- CEDC Director Ginger Watkins thanked the Street Department for working to fix Industrial Boulevard where the railroad tracks were removed. Broadband internet and Fiber Company is installing fiber through Cameron. Year end financials are in the packet for the Council's review.
- Utilities Director Jerald Brunson reported both plants are running. One hundred tons of sludge was dumped. Lead and copper testing is being done. Council Member Goza asked about the scheduling of Gillis Avenue and Houston Avenue project. Council Member Williams asked about the draining of the clarifier. According to Jerald, it was scheduled to be done.

Mayor Anderle called the regular meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Council Member Goza offered the invocation.

Council Member Hardeman led the pledge of allegiance.

No one was present for citizen's comments.

Council Member Schiller moved to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2019 regular meeting.

Council Member Sims seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Anderle opened a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public comments regarding a special use permit application to place one horse at 407 South Colfax Avenue at 6:11 p.m.

Mr. Simes stated that material to fix fencing has been acquired and should start on repairs next week. House currently being remodeled.

Code Enforcement Assistant Rene Miller was present to answer any question.

Council Member Williams asked Mr. Simes if he had plans to clear some of the property. Mr. Simes confirmed that they would be clearing so that they would adhere to the 150-foot requirement in the Animal Control Ordinance.

Mayor Anderle presented Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval.

Mayor Anderle closed the public hearing at 6:16 p.m.

Council Member Deal moved to approve the special use permit as requested. Council Member Hardeman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Yoe High School Principal Brian Stork requested permission to close 12th Street from Fannin Avenue in front of Yoe High gym on October 23, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Council Member Williams moved to approve the street closure as presented. Council Member Goza seconded the motion and it carried with Council Member Deal abstaining.

Mr. Craig Kistler presented documentation and information regarding sewer issues at a lift station on Highway 77 which has been causing sewer back-ups at his house. Mr. Kistler stated that he has spent over \$1,500 since 2007 trying to fix an issue that he believes is caused by problems with a lift station. Upon discussion, Mr. Kistler has been given City Manager JRhett Parker's cell phone to notify him when there is an issue. If a call or text is received, Mr. Parker forwards to the sewer and water department. Mr. Kistler has asked for reimbursement for plumbing bills.

Mayor Anderle asked that Mr. Kistler continue to let the City Manager know if he has an issue. No other action was taken at this time.

Mr. Matthew Montelongo approached Council regarding repair needed on a sewer line under the road. Mr. Montelongo has called plumber and city crews regarding sewer issues at his property. According to Utilities Director Jerald Brunson, the break is on the customer's line under the road. According to City Code, property owners are responsible for fixing the repair.

Council Member Goza asked if there would be an equitable way to help property owners. At this time, the utility department digs the road at no cost to the property owner. Once the repair is made, the street department fixes the street at no charge.

No action was taken by Council. Mr. Montelongo will work with Mr. Brunson when he is ready to complete repair.

CEDC Director Ginger Watkins presented and reviewed the CEDC Annual Report. No action was taken on this item.

Tommy Valle, representing KPA Engineers, presented a construction contract with Fuquay, Inc. of New Braufels in the amount of \$49,640 for rehabilitation of seven manholes to utilize remaining funds from the CDBG No 7127049 project.

Council Member Schiller moved to approve the contract as presented. Council Member Deal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Schiller moved to approve the expenditures of October 4, 2019 to October 3, 2019. Council Member Goza seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The following expenditures exceeded \$25,000:

- Waste Connections \$32,227.43

There being no further business for the Council to consider, Council Member Schiller moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Council Member Deal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.