

City Council Regular Meeting
June 5, 2023

A City Council regular meeting was held on the above date at Cameron City Hall, McLane Municipal Center, 100 South Houston Avenue, 3rd Floor, Cameron, Texas with all officers and members present.

Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Council Member Deal offered the invocation.

Council Member Dominguez led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Harris asked for citizen's comments.

There were no citizens comments.

Council Member Deal moved to approve the following minutes:

- May 15, 2023 regular meeting
- May 23, 2023 special meeting

Council Member Cryer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Tommy Valle with KPA Engineers presented the following update to projects:

City of Cameron
Project Update
June 5, 2023

Key – Complete / **Under Construction/Bidding** / Design

1. DWSRF –
 - a. Water Distribution Group 1
 - i. Bell Contractors
 - ii. \$1,068,172
 - iii. 10,325 LF of 2" (10 LF), 4" (1,557 LF) and 6" (8,758 LF)
 - iv. 30+ Gate Valves
 - v. 5 Fire Hydrants
 - vi. 90 Water Service Transfers with 20 new Water Meters
 - vii. Complete
 - b. Water Distribution Group 2
 - i. Elliott Construction
 - ii. \$1,188,075
 - iii. 7,588 LF of 1.5" (10 LF), 2" (598 LF) and 6" (6,980 LF)
 - iv. 15 Gate Valves
 - v. 14 Fire Hydrants
 - vi. 53 Water Service Transfers with 550+ new Water Meters
 - vii. Complete
 - c. Water Distribution Group 3
 - i. AC Electric (ACE)
 - ii. \$81,845
 - iii. Replacement of Electrical Service @ Milam Pump Station (Ground Storage)
 - iv. Replacement of VFD (variable frequency drive)

- v. Complete
- d. Water Distribution Group 4
 - i. Palasota Construction
 - ii. \$444,481
 - iii. 2,400 LF of 6" WL along Colfax
 - iv. 13 Gate Valves
 - v. 14 Water Service Transfers
 - vi. Pipe Installation is complete. Testing, final tie ins, transfer water services and paving remain. Approximately 60-90 days for final completion.

- e. Water Distribution Group 5
 - i. Currently Bidding – to be opened June 29, 2023
 - ii. Construction during November 2023 to Spring 2024
 - iii. Rehabilitate Main Ground Storage Tank @ Milam Street
 - iv. Replacement of Pumps
 - v. New Emergency Generator
 - vi. Add Alternate – Rehabilitate Small Ground Storage Tank @ Milam Street
 - vii. OPC = \$2,250,000

- f. Water Treatment Modifications Phase 1
 - i. Matous Construction
 - ii. \$1,374,782
 - iii. Rehabilitated Clarifiers No. 1 and 2
 - iv. Complete

- g. Water Treatment Plant Modifications 2
 - i. Matous Construction
 - ii. \$1,600,000
 - iii. Currently 90% Complete
 - iv. Security Improvements (entrance gates and fencing modifications)
 - v. Chemical Storage and Feed Improvements
 - 1. Replaced Caustic and LAS Tanks, Feed Pumps & Piping
 - 2. New Sodium Permanganate Storage, Feed and Piping installed
 - 3. Constructed secondary containment on Storage Tanks to meet TCEQ requirements
 - vi. Automated three (3) Filter Backwash Gates
 - vii. Automated two (2) Clarifier Drain Valves
 - viii. Replaced/Updated SCADA System
 - ix. Replaced existing Recycle Pump Station
 - x. Replaced/Upgraded Electrical Service

- h. Water Treatment Plant Modifications 3
 - i. Transfer Pump Station Improvements
 - ii. New Piping from Filters to Storage Tank to allow Clearwell 1 (under slab of existing WTP building) to be removed from service.
 - iii. Chlorine Building and Feed Modifications (moving location of free chlorine feed relative to LAS feed will assist in THM issue)
 - iv. Electrical Improvements including Emergency Power
 - v. Design is approximately 80% Complete.
 - vi. OPC = \$2,100,000

2. CWSRF

- a. Lift Station Improvements
 - i. Elliott Construction
 - ii. \$1,409,070
 - iii. 8 Lift Stations

- iv. Replace Pumps and control panels. Upgrade discharge piping, telemetry and electrical (where available/applicable)
- v. 77 South of Starlight (Casa Carrasco)
- vi. Industrial (1036)
- vii. Industrial & Travis (1066)
- viii. 16th & Karnes (1872)
- ix. N. Crockett (8)
- x. Walnut (10)
- xi. Newton & Jefferson (12)
- xii. Batte
- xiii. Complete

b. WWTP Improvements 1

- i. Matous Construction
- ii. \$1,288,004
- iii. Sludge Dewatering Units
- iv. Sludge Pump and Piping, including cleanouts and valves
- v. Replaced Air Drops and Diffusers in Digestors
- vi. Complete

c. WWTP Improvements 2

- i. Major Permit Amendment has been approved.
- ii. Demolition of existing Sludge Drying Beds
- iii. Headworks (fine screens prior to influent lift station)
- iv. Influent Lift Station
- v. 1.25 MGD Continuous Flow SBR w/ Peak Flow of 5.0 MGD
- vi. Chlorine Contact Basin
- vii. Addition of Dechlorination Facilities
- viii. Raising the water surface elevation to allow effluent flow during high water/flood conditions
- ix. Emergency Power
- x. Office Building (dual use for WTP and WWTP)
- xi. Civil and Mechanical design is complete. Electrical and Structural design ongoing. Submit to TCEQ in summer. Bid late 2023.
- xii. OPC is \$7,200,000. Total budget with contingency is \$8,200,000.

Ms. Virgie Hardeman withdrew the request to hold Juneteenth gathering at 12th Street Park due to speaker cancellations.

Eddie Westbrook and Felicia Tindle requested permission to hold Cameron Hood Day , use of dumpsters, barricades and security on July 30, 2023 from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Council Member Fuchs moved to deny the use of city property for Cameron Hood Day. Council Member Cryer seconded the motion and it the motion failed due to the remaining Council Members opposing the motion.

After discussion on traffic control, security and incidents occurring in previous years, possibly moving the event and further details were needed.

Mayor Harris asked Council Members Deal and Dominguez to meet with Chief Gosch and Mr. Westbrook to discuss further and present at the next meeting.

Council Member Deal moved to table the item until the June 19, 2023 meeting. Council Member Goza seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Fuchs moved to approve the following Resolution. Council Member Goza seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF MILAM

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-06-05-009

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RESALE OF PROPERTY HELD IN TRUST BY THE CITY OF CAMERON, TEXAS,
TRUSTEE

WHEREAS, the Milam County Tax Office collects property taxes for itself and for the City of Cameron, Texas, and Cameron Independent School District; and

WHEREAS, the following described properties were offered at Tax Foreclosure Sale Pursuant to the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure and Chapter 34 of the Texas Tax Code; and

WHEREAS, the following described properties did not receive sufficient bids as set by law and were struck off to The County of Milam, Texas, Trustee, or to the City of Cameron, Texas for the use and benefit of itself and the other taxing units listed above, pursuant to Section 34.01(j) of the Texas Tax Code; and

WHEREAS, the County of Milam and Cameron Independent School District subsequently deeded their respective interests in the Properties listed herein to the City of Cameron, Texas in August 2020,

WHEREAS, the following described properties have been tax exempt since the date of their respective Tax Foreclosure Sales; and

WHEREAS, Texas Tax Code Section 34.05, subsections (c) and (d), provides that a taxing unit to which property is struck off may request that the property be resold at a public sale to the highest bidder for any amount as determined by said taxing unit,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that The City of Cameron, Texas, does hereby request the Sherriff of Milam County, Texas to conduct a public sale in the manner prescribed by the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure and § 34.05 (c) and (d) of the Texas Tax Code and sell the following described real properties to the highest bidder for cash with a minimum bid for each property as set forth below:

Properties to be sold:

Tax Account #000000019056, Lots 1 and 2, Block 9, West Cameron Addition to the City of Cameron, Milam County, Texas, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 1063, Page 240 of the Deed Records, Milam County, Texas and Volume No. 1211, Page 661 of the Deed Records, Milam County, Texas;

Minimum Bid: \$2,900.00

Tax Account #000000023260, the South part of Block 13, Hood Addition to the City of Cameron, Milam County, Texas, being that property more particularly described in Volume 833, Page 466 and Volume 833, Page 468 and Volume 833, Page 470 and Volume 833, Page 472 and Volume 1138, Page 31 of the Deed Records, Milam County, Texas;

Minimum Bid: \$3,870.00

Tax Account #000000015764, The South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of Block 4, Lyles Second Addition to the City of Cameron, Milam County, Texas, being that property more particularly described in a Warranty Deed recorded at Volume 246, Page 483 et seq of the Deed Records of Milam County, Texas and a part of that property more particularly described in a Sheriff's Deed record in Volume 1024, Page 145 of the Deed Records, Milam County, Texas;

Minimum Bid: \$1,500.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Cameron, Texas, is authorized to execute any deed necessary to convey the property sold pursuant to this Resolution.

Mayor Harris read the first reading of the following ordinance. Council Member Goza asked to get clarification from the City Attorney regarding death of one of the property owners.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, TEXAS, CLOSING, VACATING AND ABANDONING THE DESIGNATED ALLEYS/STREETS LOCATED IN THE COUNTRY CLUB ADDITION; PROVIDING FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN OPEN MEETING CLAUSE

WHEREAS, the City of Cameron received written requests from Dr. S. H. Richardson and Marion Thomas Cooley to abandon 20 Street , adjacent to blocks 9 and 10 and that portion of Golf Links Avenue that lays North of Block 8 and 9

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CAMERON THAT:

Section 1. Findings. The foregoing recitals are hereby found to be true and correct and incorporated into this Ordinance as findings of fact by the City Council

Section 2. Street Abandoned. The entire length of the undeveloped street as described above, as more particularly shown in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein as though fully transcribe, is hereby permanently vacated and abandoned by the City and said public dedication is relinquished to the property owners.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be adjudged to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not effect the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases which can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication in the manner set forth with the provisions of the Local Gov't Code and City Charter.

Section 7. Open Meetings. That it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance is passed was open to the public as required and that the public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapt. 551, Loc. Gov't Code.

EXHIBIT A



The following expenditures exceeded \$25,000.00:

- Schaumburg & Polk, Inc \$ 25,741.00
- KPA \$ 26,570.00
- Matous Construction II Ltd \$339,683.50
- Palasota Contracting LLC \$ 40,481.86
- Tyler Technologies \$ 47,178.00

There being no other business to consider, Council Member Deal moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. Council Member Fuchs seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.