

Minutes of Regular Meeting
City Council, City of Dilley
August 13, 2019

COUNCIL PRESENT MAYOR MARY ANN OBREGON, MAYOR PRO-TEM EVERARDO CASTILLO, COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE 1 ALEXANDRIA INOCENCIO, COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE 2 JOANNE RODRIGUEZ, COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE 3 ALICIA MACHADO, COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE 5 JOE GARCIA

COUNCIL ABSENT: NONE

STAFF PRESENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR JUAN F. ESTRADA, CITY SECRETARY JUANITA G. FONSECA, FINANCE DIRECTOR IRMA RODRIGUEZ, PW DIRECTOR JIMMY ORANDAY, POLICE CHIEF ARMANDO ROMO, POLICE OFFICER ANTHONY ZERTUCHE, HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER RAQUEL YANEZ, POLICE SECRETARY ANA LISA AGUILAR, MUNICIPAL JUDGE LAURO FLORES, OFFICER IBANEZ, OFFICER SALAZAR, OFFICER HERNANDEZ

CITIZENS PRESENT: DON GONZALES, ROGER MOCZYGEMBA, BRYAN RAMIREZ, KURT MCCLAIN, FATHER RUBEN, EDDIE INOCENCIO, CONSTABLE LOZANO, DESMOND LOZANO, GLORIA RUIZ, MRS. STEPHENSON

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Obregon called meeting to order

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

All council present

Council Member Place 2 Joanne Rodriguez arrived to meeting @ 7:00P.M.

3. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Roger Moczygemba gave a presentation regarding TELADOC.

He informed council that Direct Med Clinic offers more medical care with less out of pocket expenses. Mr. Moczygemba left information packets for review.

4. CONSENT AGENDA: DISCUSS/CONSIDER & ACT ON THE FOLLOWING ITEM(S):

A. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JULY 1, 2019 - SPECIAL MEETING

JULY 8, 2019 - SPECIAL MEETING

JULY 9, 2019 - REGULAR MEETING

JULY 15, 2019 - SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 22, 2019 - SPECIAL MEETING

B. REVIEW OF CITY BILLS

C. EMPLOYEE INCENTIVES FOR AUGUST, 2019

For the record no employee incentives were presented for August 2019

Motion made by Council Member Place 3 Alicia Machado to approve the consent agenda as presented

Motion seconded by Council Member Place 5 Joe Garcia

All in favor

Motion carries unanimously

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS - (SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY)

A. LIBRARY REPORT

B. COURT REPORT

C. FIRE REPORT

D. CITY ADMIN REPORT

E. CITY SECRETARY REPORT

F. FINANCE REPORT

G. HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

H. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

I. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

No action, informative department reports

6. DISCUSS/CONSIDER & ACT ON FINANCIAL PRESENTATION REGARDING THE PRELIMINARY FY 19-20 BUDGET & TAX RATE BY, DONALD GONZALES, SENIOR MANAGING DIRECTOR, CPA WITH ESTRADA & HINOJOSA

Mr. Gonzales provided a detailed presentation to city council regarding the process of proposing a tax rate. He informed city council that taxes are not collected at 100 % so that it would be crucial to not raise taxes at least one penny every year.

Council Member Place 2 Joanne Rodriguez questioned Mr. Gonzales about exemptions for the elderly and he replied it could be a possibility if council decided to go that route, he knew of other entities that helped the elderly with exemptions.

No action on item, informative tax rate time line

7. DISCUSS/CONSIDER & ACT ON REPORT OF 4TH OF JULY FESTIVITIES

Mr. Bryan Ramirez informed council that over the two-day event there were approximately 10,000 people who attended the festival. He stated that the vendor booths had sold out and he definitely felt more space was needed to host next years festival. Council Member Place 3 Alicia Machado asked about the alcohol sales and

Mr. Ramirez responded that he had not yet figured out the sales of alcohol. He made a donation of \$1000 and he stated that his band had played for free and he had covered the t-shirt cost out of pocket. He also turned in some registration fees for the softball tournament. Mr. Ramirez was presented a plaque for himself and staff, by council, in appreciation of the hard work.

No action on item

8. DISCUSS/CONSIDER & ACT ON TAX RATE FOR FY 2019-2020

Council was provided the Effective Tax Rate of .799616 and the rollback rate of .857778, which .511304 must be adopted for debt. Finance Director was proposing a tax rate .852634 which two public hearings must be held due to the proposed exceeding the effective tax rate. Finance informed council the proposed was to meet the debt obligation and general fund budget. Council was further informed that a tax rate must be proposed during this meeting to meet the deadlines provided to the appraisal district and adoption of budget before the 9/30 deadline.

Motion made by Council Member Place 3 Alicia Machado to propose a tax rate of .852634 which .511304 must be obligated to debt

Motion seconded by Council Member Place 2 Joanne Rodriguez

In favor of motion Council Member Place 3 Alicia Machado, Council Member place 2 Joanne Rodriguez, Council Member Place 1 Alexandria Inocencio, Mayor Pro-tem Everardo Castillo

Motion opposed by Council Member Place 5 Joe Garcia

Motion carries 4-1

9. DISCUSS/CONSIDER & ACT ON FRIO COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD, APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2020

Budget is presenting to all taxing entities for approval. If budget is not opposed it will take automatically.

Motion made by Council Member Place 5 Joe Garcia to approve the Frio County Appraisal District Board Approved Budget for the Year 2020

Motion seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Everardo Castillo, Jr.

All in favor

Motion carries unanimously

10. DISCUSS/CONSIDER & ACT ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2019 CERTIFIED APPRAISAL ROLL

City council was provided a copy of the 2019 Certified Appraisal Roll and informed that the 2019 taxable value was \$154,970,050.

Motion made by Council Member Place 5 Joe Garcia to approve the 2019 Certified Appraisal Roll as presented

Motion seconded by Council Member Place 2 Joanne Rodriguez

All in favor

Motion carries unanimously

11. DISCUSS/CONSIDER & ACT ON ADDING A PERMANENT LINE ITEM TO THE AGENDA FOR FUTURE ITEM DISCUSSION

Item was placed on agenda for consideration of future item discussion. Council Members through this item could recommend future discussion topics.

Motion made by Council Member Place 5 Joe Garcia to approve the adding of a permanent line item for future item discussion to agenda

Motion seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Everardo Castillo, Jr.

All in favor

Motion carries unanimously

12. DISCUSS/CONSIDER & ACT ON BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR FY 2018-2019

Finance Director informed council that she had sent out packet and she would entertain questions. She informed them that the hand out was just for this FY amendments, Mr. Garcia questioned the Library Summer Reading Program, and Finance Director Irma Rodriguez informed Mr. Garcia that Mrs. Herrera Librarian had spent about \$6000. He would like to see an increase in that line item in next years budget due to the success of the Summer Reading Program and to attract more participants. Finance Director informed council that basically all accounts had stayed within rage

Motion made by Council Member Place 5 Joe Garcia to approve the budget amendments for FY 2018-2019 as presented

Motion seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Everardo Castillo, Jr.

All in favor

Motion carries unanimously

13. DISCUSS/CONSIDER & ACT ON REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) PACKET FOR PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICES

No discussion on item.

Motion made by Council Member Place 5 Joe Garcia to go ahead and accept bids and authorize the request for qualifications (RFQ) packet, to be advertised

Motion seconded by Council Member Place 1 Alexandria Inocencio

All in favor

Motion carries unanimously

14. DISCUSS/CONSIDER & ACT ON OPERATING FEES FOR THE COLLECTION SITE

PW Director Jimmy Oranday informed council that there had been about 7 bins ordered during the trial period. Invoice hasn't been received but it would more or less be about \$4000 Finance Director stated. Mr. Oranday informed council that he had compared rates on the surrounding cities and they had been provided a table.

The table is as follows. All Trash bags \$1.50, 30 Gallon Barrels \$3, 55 Gallon Barrels \$5, Toilet/Sinks \$8, Sofa/Mattress Recliner \$11, Pickups \$30, Small Truck Top Fender \$15, Trailers 8ft \$30, 10ft 60, 12ft \$70 16ft \$80, No TVs, ad brush would be charged by the truck load. No Construction Material allowed. Mr. Garcia

asked Mr. Oranday how he felt about the rates and Mr. Oranday said he was comfortable because they were inline with surrounding cities. City Secretary informed council that rate ordinance would need to come back for approval with garbage fee changes, then it would need to be advertised before it could be enforced and so rates should be effective October 1, 2019. Same schedule would be kept for operating hours.

Motion made by Mayor Pro-tem Everardo Castillo, Jr. to approve operating rates for garbage fees as presented to be effective October 1, 2019

Motion seconded by Council Member Place 1 Alexandria Inocencio

All in favor

Motion carries unanimously

15. DISCUSS/CONSIDER & ACT ON HIRING & SEPARATION OF EMPLOYMENT POLICY

Human Resources Manager Raquel Yanez informed council that changes had been made to the policy as per council request and attorney approval. Changes reflect before any recommended action is taken to involuntarily discharge an employee, the employee's supervisor must request a review by the Separate of Employment review committee, which may consist of the City Administrator, Human Resources, the employee's department head and two (2) City of Dilley Council Members. Council Member Place 2 Joanne Rodriguez question the hiring policy, she wanted to double check on the hiring because she understood the council had to hire the recommended person, Mrs. Yanez informed her that the policy stated that City Council would be the final hiring authority, they did not have to hire the recommended.

Motion made by Council Member Place 5 Joe Garcia to approve the hiring & separation of employment policy as presented with changes

Motion seconded by Council Member Place 1 Alexandria Inocencio

All in favor

Motion carries unanimously

16. DISCUSS/CONSIDER & ACT ON OPENING NEW BANK ACCOUNT WITH DILLEY STATE BANK UNDER THE NAME CITY OF DILLEY CORE CIVIC MOU

Council Member Place 5 Joe Garcia questioned Finance Director Irma Rodriguez what was the purpose of the item and opening a new bank account , she replied that it was to keep the money coming in from Core Civic separate from the General Fund, that in the new budget they would notice where she would expense line items out of those monies and also the recommendation had come from auditor and city attorney to separate the monies. Both Councilman Garcia & Mayor Pro-tem Castillo expressed that as per auditor recommendation they felt old accounts with no activity should be closed first before any new account could be open. Auditor had mentioned that city had excessive dormant accounts in previous audit.

Motion made by Council Member Place 5 Joe Garcia to table account due to the fact that Finance Director will need to close all accounts necessary to be closed prior to opening any other new bank account

Motion seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Everardo Castillo, Jr.

In favor of motion Council Member Place 5 Joe Garcia & Mayor Pro-tem Everardo Castillo, Jr.

Motion opposed by Council Member Place 1 Alexandria Inocencio, Council Member Place 2 Joanne Rodriguez & Council member Place 3 Alicia Machado
Motion dies 2-3

Motion made by Council Member Place 1 Alexandria Inocencio to authorize Finance Director to open account under the name City of Dilley CoreCivic MOU with the understanding that necessary accounts will be close immediately

Motion seconded by Council Member Place 2 Joanne Rodriguez

In favor of motion Council Member Place 1 Alexandria Inocencio, Council Member Place 2 Joanne Rodriguez & Council member Place 3 Alicia Machado

Motion opposed by Council Member Place 5 Joe Garcia & Mayor Pro-tem Everardo Castillo, Jr.

Motion carries 3-2

17. DISCUSS/CONSIDER & ACT ON INSTALLING BENCHES AT SCHOOL BUS STOPS INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS

Mr. Estrada informed council this item had been initiated before his arrival. He informed council that he needed additional time to get with school regarding design and where funds will come from. He also wanted to see if council wanted to move forward with project. Mr. Garcia informed council that he had emailed the design and information to Mr. Jordan. Mayor informed council that similar benches had been installed at high school, if available they should go by and look at them to see if this is the route they would like to take. Item was information no action was taken.

18. DISCUSS/CONSIDER & ACT ON UPDATE OF THE 2ND ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Mayor Pro-tem Castillo informed council that he had placed this item on agenda to inform them that it had been a successful event. He was able to deliver over 500 backpacks to the Dilley Elementary Students. He stated that he did receive \$1000 donation from Walmart & \$1200 in monetary donations, \$300 donation by State Rep Tracy King, Senator Pete Flores \$300, Bryan Ramirez Garcia's Bar & Grill \$100 & City Attorney Bobby Maldonado \$500. He also stated that he held a wrestling entertainment show and had about 83 attendees. City should be receiving a donation from SB& I also.

No action informative item

19. DISCUSS/CONSIDER & ACT ON 2019 CHRISTMAS PARADE

Mayor Pro-tem Castillo informed council that he would like to see the city parade grow more than last year's event. He would like to consider a date so that he can

begin to work the parade earlier. He stated last year's parade lasted over 30 minutes and the citizens really enjoyed the parade. Council Garcia recommended the week after thanksgiving. Mayor stated the 3rd week in December would not be a good week due to toys for tots give away. Council Woman Machado recommended a Saturday.

Motion made by Council Member Place 1 Alexandria Inocencio to set Christmas Parade for December 7, 2019

Motion seconded by Council Member Place 3 Alicia Machado

All in favor

Motion carries unanimously

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION - CALLED PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 551, SUBCHAPTER D, SECTIONS 551.071 CONSULTATIONS WITH ATTORNEY & 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS TO DISCUSS & CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEM(S):

Item closed to executive session @ 9:17P.M.

A. HIRING OF POLICE OFFICERS

B. HIRING A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

21. OPEN SESSION - TAKE ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvened to open session @ 10:28P.M.

A. HIRING OF POLICE OFFICERS

Motion made by Council Member Place 1 Alexandria Inocencio to accept recommendation of Police Chief to hire Michael Hernandez & Spencer A. Dominguez as Police Officers for the City of Dilley Police Department, as soon as they are cleared for work with Human Resources

Motion seconded by Council Member Place 2 Joanne Rodriguez

All in favor

Motion carries unanimously

B. HIRING A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Motion made by Council Member Place 1 Alexandria Inocencio to accept recommendation of Police Chief to hire Gloria Ruiz as School Resource Officer as soon as she is cleared for work with Human Resources

22. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Council Member Place 5 Joe Garcia to adjourn meeting

Motion seconded by Council Member Place 3 Alicia Machado

All in favor

Motion carries


Mary Ann O'Regan
Mayor

Juanita S. Torres
City Secretary

