

**CITY OF ROCKSPRINGS, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 14TH, 2016**

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum of the City Council Members present, Mayor Pauline Gonzales called the Special meeting of The City of Rocksprings to order at 6:32 p.m. on Thursday. Jan.14th 2016 at City Hall, 100 West Austin Street, Rocksprings, Texas.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor	Pauline Gonzales
Council Member	Zac Kerbow
Council Member	Vicenta Ramirez
Council Member	Paula Gallegos
Council Member	Christina Reyes

Staff Present:

Romana Bienek
Daniel Garcia
Tamara Whitworth

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Christina Reyes.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

Lindsey Davis spoke to Council on information about Clearent Credit Card Program. His program can save the city money. He will be on our next agenda on Feb. 2016

5. EMERENGY MANAGEMENT UPDATE : Mr. John Elliot

Mayor read Report

6. REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR-DANIEL GARCIA:

Public Works Director Garcia reported regular report for the transfer station for the month of Nov. and Dec . 2015. Advised council one of the motors went out, We had a gentleman out of Uvalde come in to fix and it was damaged than they thought. Our new trailer came in Saturday. Stan will get inspection and numbers put on. Insurance is to be added on to the bill and we can pay it by the month. But Romana will check with our Insurance Company and decide which is cheaper. Some of the Streets signs have been completed. Looking to Hire a new employee we lost a Crew Member and needs to be replaced. We need someone with a CDL and able to take Water Classes to. Zac

committed if it was approved on our last budget, It is okay to hire someone to replace him.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT-CITY SECRETARY ROMANA R BIENEK

Romana R. Bienek reported on financial Reports for the month Nov. and Dec. 2015. Questions from council were answered and discussed. Report of water situation and office needs, Romana advised the council about the much needed program to be able to call customers when the water lines break. Or Transfer Station is Closed, A Program from Group Cast was presented to Us by webinar cam. This system will work for what we need. A new contract with Country Boys needs to be drawn up. If anyone has any ideas please email me. Stan Cottle advised they had one from years ago.

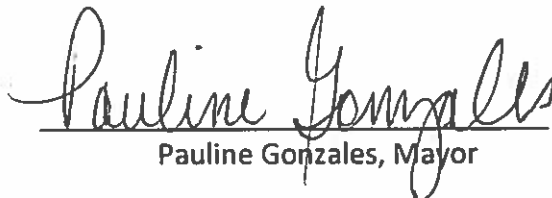
8. DELIBERATE, CONSIDER AND/OR TAKE ACTION ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- A. Discuss/Approve Date for "City of Rocksprings" Equipment Auction. Open or Closed Bids. Tabled upon a Motion by Vicenta Ramirez, Seconded by Zac Kerbow to also use the closed bids on all Equipment to be sold . All in Favor.
- B. Discuss/Approve Changes to SECTION B. Waste Collection Regulations 4.02 Collection (c.) Ordinance No. 2013-12. Upon a Motion by Vicenta Ramirez to send it to the Attorney to look it over. Seconded By Paula Gallegos. All in favor.
- C. Discuss/Approve Interlocal Agreement for Animal Control
Tabled upon a Motion by Zac Kerbow to wait for Sheriff Elliot to be present for this matter .
Seconded By Christina Reyes . All in favor.
- D. Discuss/Approve Hiring from Applications of RFQ ENGINEERING(s) for Services to the City of Rocksprings. Motion to table by Zac Kerbow to have individuals be present for questions. This item has not been budgeted so further planning will be required. Carl Esser advised that on our last application for grant, this item was included and that was designed to pay for Comprehensive Planning for the city and should include Mapping and other things we may need in our water plans. Seconded Motion by Vicenta Ramirez to approve a hold on this Item until more information is received. All in Favor.
- E. Discuss/Approve /Accepting Resignation of Alicia Arredondo.
Upon a Motion by Vicenta Ramirez . Seconded by Paula Gallegos, approved by Christina Reyes. Zac Kerbow Abstain.
- F. Discuss/Approve Final Public Hearing for TXCDBT713182. After a discussion by Carl Esser About the programs ups and down sides of contractors it was. Approved upon a Motion by Zac Kerbow Seconded by Paula Gallegos. All in favor.

- G. Discuss/Approve Minutes for Sept. 14th Meeting. Approved Upon a Motion by Zac Kerbow, Seconded by Vicenta Ramirez, All in favor.
- H. Discuss/Approve Minutes for Nov. 9th Meeting. Upon Motion by Zac Kerbow, Seconded by Vicenta Ramirez, none in Favor.
- I. Discuss/Approve ECEDC Grant for 10,000 for the Tru-Life Taxidermy. Vicenta Ramirez said she would be going by what the attorney advised in her letter to the city. We need more information on the paper work before we can proceed. The council has all agreed to do thing the legal way and not take any chances. Zac Kerbow advised that the concerns of our council are the way the applications are being filed. We need them to meet all the criteria. Mr. Andrew Barnabey read from the Attorneys letter and brought up some issues. After further discussion Betty Schnack made a commit as to "If we had to wait for the appliers of these grants ,to hire someone we may not be able to ever use this money. Mr.Chris Edwards advised they intend to hire, but it's not for sure. More discussion was made and tax issues were talked about. A Motion by Zac Kerbow to approve this grant was made. Someone asked what happens if no one seconds or agrees? The Mayor advised the Motion would die. The applicant will need to reapply for the same grant. No one made a Seconded this item motion, so the Motion Dies.
- J. Discuss/Approve ECEDC Budget for 2015-2016. Motion to Approve Budget by Vicenta Ramirez, Seconded by Zac Kerbow All in Favor.
- K. Discuss/Approve Tamara Whitworth change from part time to full time as Billing Clerk. Upon a Motion to /Approve by Zac Kerbow , Seconded by Paula Gallegos, All in Favor.
- L. Announcement "May Elections are coming up starting Jan.20th 2016. We will have 4 Council Positions. We will be having A General Election and A Special Election.

ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Zac Kerbow Seconded by Vicenta Ramirez Meeting was adjourned
at 8:03 pm.


Pauline Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:


Romana R Bienek, City Secretary