

**CITY OF ROCKSPRINGS, TEXAS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

With a quorum of the City Council Members present, Mayor Pauline Gonzales called the **Regular Meeting** of the City of Rocksprings to order at 6:01 p.m. on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> 2016 at City Hall, 100 West Austin Street, Rocksprings, Texas.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:**

Mayor	Pauline Gonzales
Mayor Pro Tem	Vicenta Ramirez
Council Member	Paula Gallegos
Council Member	Christina Reyes
Council Member	Christine Chapa
Council Member	Melinda Ortiz

**Staff Present:**

Romana Bienek  
Tamara Whitworth  
Daniel Garcia

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Melinda Ortiz.

**4. PUBLIC FORUM:**

Jay Adams not present reference to Water open and close Rules  
Ramiro Gonzales not present reference to Pot Holes on streets  
Cynthia Leal rescheduled to July meeting. Mayor Pauline Gonzales asked if anyone in attendance would like to speak. Mrs. Barbara Hocutt wanted to thank the city for all their help last year and wants to say they all appreciate it.

**5. EMERENGY MANAGEMENT UPDATE : Mr. John Elliot**

Mr. Elliot not present no report.

**6. REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR-DANIEL GARCIA:**

Public Works Director Garcia reported gallons and regular report was given to council in packet and if anyone had any questions please let him know. He continued with his report to council. On Saturday we had the guys work on filling the trailer with tires and we have called them to come pick them up. We will be having another clean up on the

25 th of this month. This one will be different we will not be picking up at residents we will have customers bring in their trash to the station. We will not be excepting tires on this day. Mayor added we will have 25 young volunteers come in and help with the clean up the city, we are trying to get everything cleaned up for the fourth of July weekend. If anyone knows of any one or streets that are in need of cleanup please call the office and let us know. Mr. Garcia continues with his report. The trailer we bought has been a great help. Now we can trade out the trailers when full and have a place to drop off the trash. On the back of the report I have information about a loader. We have a report on how much we have spent on repairs. The cost is very costly so I would like for the council to look in to purchasing a new one. Council asked if we could check how much we can get on the one we got. Mr. Garcia advised he would like to keep it. Sell of other equipment will have to be auctioned off, but Mrs. Bienek is still looking for the purchase information of one of the big items. If it was purchased by grant money she will have to look for paper work.

**7. FINANCIAL REPORT-CITY SECRETARY ROMANA R BIENEK**

Romana R. Bienek reported on financial Reports for the month May 2016. Questions from council were answered and discussed. Sheriff's department wants us to proceed with the contractor we hired for the street. Deputy Darrell advised he would run an article in the paper. About the gentleman that did the work. If the city wants to proceed with issue he would help.

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

- A. Discuss/Approve Resolution 2016:0613 Contract between Country Boys and City of Rocksprings. Our attorney asked to check on Resolution made by Country Boys and Vicenta Ramirez makes a motion to accept Resolution 2016:0613 Contract between Country Boys and City of Rocksprings. Paula Gallegos seconded. All in favor none opposed.
- B. Discuss/Approve Waste Haulers Contract between Country Boys and City of Rocksprings Item not done.
- C. Discuss/Approve Resolution 2016:0509A of Closure of Certificate of Deposit # 16253 Maturity date of 05/15/2016. Vicenta Ramirez I have questions on the dates. I make a motion to table for next meeting to have more accurate information. Paula Gallegos seconded all in favor none opposed.
- D. Discuss/Approve Renew the decision from June 2015. Supplying the Edwards County Senior Activity Center with free City Services, to include: water, sewer & trash.

Cost for this account was an estimate for the water used and for the sewer and trash. The Mayor asked for paper work to be placed in order to keep an account of the totals more accurately. And make a check to show payment from the city to balance at the end of the year's totals. The city has been supplying services and the County was helping the electricity, the help is greatly appreciated to help our elderly. Do we have a motion to Approve Renew the decision from June 2015. Supplying the Edwards County Senior Activity Center with free City Services, to include: water, sewer & trash. DeeDee Chapa makes the motion, Christina Reyes Seconded, all in favor none opposed.

- E. Discuss/Approve To add or accept a different agreement as the current one for Edwards County Senior Activity for the Thrift Store opening on Wells Street. Romana R. Bienek reported she had not charged them for the deposit required on accounts. Mayor Gonzales corrected Romana R. Bienek by advising the council she did approve of the deposit being waved prior to it being done. Questions in reference to the kind of business practices to be done, Sales tax, nonprofit and other helpful programs for their cues. Opening date is still an issue to repairs being done. After further discussion Vicenta Ramirez made a motion to table this item to July meeting and until we get more information. Melina Ortiz seconded. All in favor none opposed.
- F. Discuss/Approve Minutes for Regular May 9th Meeting. Paula had a question mentioned that in the minutes a name was used and she does not believe the name was ever mentioned by person speaking. This needs to be taken off because she never said a name. Motion by Paula Gallegos to approve with changes to name out of the report. Seconded by Vicenta Ramirez. Christina Reyes approved. Both DeeDee Chapa and Meinda Ortiz Abstained.
- G. Discuss/Approve Minutes for Special Meeting May 12,2016.  
Motion to accept the minutes of the Special Canvassing Meeting by Vicenta Ramirez Seconded by Christina Reyes. Approved by Paula Gallegos. Both DeeDee Chapa and Melina Ortiz Abstained.
- H. Discuss/Approve Resolution 2016:06 Closure of roads for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Romana R. Bienek advised council all paper work was brought in at the last minutes so they are not in the Council package. Everything is done and in order. Motion for the Resolution 2016:06 Closure of roads for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Paula Gallegos makes a motion to approve. Melinda Ortiz seconded, all in favor none opposed.
- I. Discuss/Approve Devil's Sinkhole Society, Inc. for \$4000.00 grant from Hotel Occupancy Funds. Romana R Bienek had one question for Mr. Barnaby in reference to fiancé report and the payments of advertisement. He advised the expenses were used through out the year. And was asking for less money due to the cost last year was less than expected. Ig event will be in July with night sky viewing. Motion made by Christina Reyes, seconded by Vicente Ramirez all in favor none opposed.

- L. Discuss/Approve Improvements to the City Park. Vicenta Ramirez spoke about The use of the park when we did our last clean up. We did have enough tables and sitting area, Kids waiting in line to use swings. We really need improvements done. Now that we have an Engineer on our pay roll we could use them to draw up plans and help us. Adding handicap swings walk area and bath rooms. Mayor asked can we use City funds for these? Vicenta Ramirez advised she has been looking into it and we do have some park funds that we can use. Texas Parks and Wildlife also have grants available, we would also qualify for the ECEDC that way we are not pulling a lot of money from one place we can share it. I'm not asking for a lot just to start something a little at a time.
- M. Discuss/Approve From Amended Application ECEDC Grant for 10,000 for the Tru-Life Taxidermy. New updated amendment by Betty Schnack stating the amended part of the application shows. That there would be work coming back. With the addition it would create more room and the out sourcing being not accomplished creates employment opportunity. Vicenta Ramirez asked "So now they are adding possible employment." Betty Schnack replies "Yes" All of the questions on page number 14. Have answers and we expanded on that. The change is hiring of the part time person. Additional revenue for shop, additional tourism for the city due to out of town hunters. We did determine it is not necessary to create jobs for this particular grant. And we show you that under our legal opinion on the back. Questions to other entities Tx. comp office. Ect. Determines it is not a primary job under NCIS standers and being a class B corporation, we can provide this grant. Vicenta Ramirez questioned sales tax and showing the proof of the taxes are being paid. Mayor asked if we have a motion. Approve From Amended Application ECEDC Grant for 10,000 for the Tru-Life Taxidermy. Vicenta Ramirez made a motion to approve once the payment has been received made after they are supposed to after everything has been done and been completed and we have receipts and also with the copy of the sales tax. Motion to approve we get all needed sales tax proof is done. DeeDee Chapa seconded all approved none opposed.
- N. Discuss/Approve From Amended Application Edwards County Fair Association Grant Request for a Priority II Grant of \$10,000 for the purpose of offsetting expenses of the Annual July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. Mayor asked council if they any questions for Betty or any of the members of the board. DeeDee Chapa had a question reference to more understanding about the grant. Mayor Pauline Gonzales explained that this was a return amended grant. That started in April for approval, the council did not approve it, and they had more questions and the attorney send us a letter saying that they could not. And is something that should have been in the book. But now they are coming back and amended it just like Mr. Edwards and met all the criteria's. That need to be done. Betty Schnack advised DeeDee Chapa "In prior years it has been approved. Vicenta Ramirez added "this year our Attorney's advised us the application itself did not qualify. So we tabled it so it would get it redone the way it should be done." James advised it is basically the same we, all we

changed were the expenses. Taxes are factored into the cost itself. The Fair Association does it give back to the community? Only if we make money. Expenses are really high and we use it more to try and attract people. The Fair Associations sponsors the junior rodeo. What other improvements can the Fair Association. We have donors that help with other programs we are involved in. Grady Douglas spoke to the matter that the Fair Association would be willing to help the community if a profit is made. The Rodeo was a big thing, and we are trying to get that momentum back to this county. Drawing people back is a major thing we need to work on. Wording of the application has been amended to meet the requirements that our City needs to be able to approve this grant. Other issues and items about the Fair Association were discussed. After long discussion, Mayor Pauline Gonzales asked if any other discussion Approve from Amended Application Edwards County Fair Association Grant Request for a Priority II Grant of \$10,000 for the purpose of offsetting expenses of the Annual July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. Question from Vicenta Ramirez. Will ya'll be funding these expenses once your invoices come in from the company's? Some have been paid those are examples of the receipts from last year's, this year yes some have already been paid of the expenses. She has the insurance paid. Vicenta Ramirez "For the paper trail to be in place I want to see the invoice and the check is being made for the items we are approving that the attorney and both attorneys have approved. Like your tents, porta potties and things. Brady Douglas of course we will need to have them as for now the amended application as with all the rest of the grants that come through the EDC Monies is not appropriate asked for appropriated for a certain thing and receipts to be submitted. All the grants with the way it is amended now, it not based on an agreement with PBR it's for these particular things. Those receipts will be no problem to provide. Because that's required through EDC. And that's what was amended. I think to make sure it just you'll be saying that with the amended paper work, is to appease the requirement of the legal side it has to be for other than paying the riders. So with the amended app we will provide the required receipts. Motion made by Vicenta Ramirez to Approve the Amended Application Edwards County Fair Association Grant Request for a Priority II Grant of \$10,000 for the purpose of offsetting the items that have been itemized by both attorneys and receipts and checks attached to them showing that that is was is getting paid. For our recorded. Melinda Ortiz seconded, two approved and Paula Gallegos Abstained. Motion passes. We will start the budget amendment if anyone wants to leave feel free. Mr. Barnebey announced that the Devils sinkhole had a tour and the people taking the tour were from all over the states. England, Holon, New York, Florida, Nevada.

Return back to Item J and K.

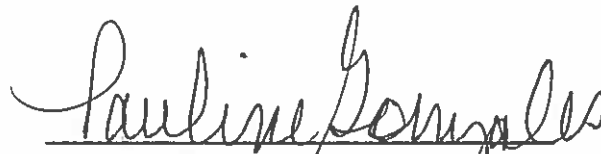
- J. Discuss/Approve Take Action regarding Budget Amendments for the city of Rocksprings for fiscal Year 2015-2016. Reason for the amendments are to meet with the requirements of our auditor. Romana R. Bienek. Started by explaining the paper work and started the General Account. Vicenta Ramirez asked if I was able to received paper work from the ECD and the fire Dept. the Answer is no. I will have to get back to them again. We have not been able to close our audit for the last three years. Due to these departments not sending me the paper work. Each item was discussed and corrections and changes were done. The Utility account was done in the same order. Vicenta Ramirez makes a motion to approve and take action regarding Budget Amendments for the City of Rocksprings fiscal year 2015/2016. Christina Reyes seconded all in favor.

K. Discuss/Approve Date(s) for budget workshops for 2016-2017.

The days for the Budget Monday June the 27th at 5:30 July the 12th 5:30.  
And Final approval on August regular meeting.

ADJOURN Meeting:

Upon a Motion by, DeeDee Chapa Seconded by Paula Gallegos. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

  
Pauline Gorzales, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
Romana R Bienek, City Secretary