

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF ROCKSPRINGS CITY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes – Monday April 8, 2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum of the City Council Members present, Acting Mayor Brian Wood called the Regular Meeting of the City of Rocksprings to order at 6:24 p.m. on Monday April 8, 2019.

2. ROLL CALL

Present

Acting Mayor Brian Wood

Council Member Reynaldo Chapa (present during roll call)

Council Member Emma Barnebey

Council Member Sharron Croft

Absent

Council Member - Melinda Ortiz

Staff Present

Katherine Harris, Ed.D – City Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by local resident Kathy Walker.

4. PUBLIC FORUM –Local residents in attendance included Kathy Walker, LaWanda Goller, Andrew Barnebey, Jeanna Wood, and Brenna Bissett. Local resident Kathy Walker spoke on several points. She thanked city employee Jerry Gonzales for his help with the trash.

She was very appreciative. Ms. Walker also inquired about watering the trees in the city limits. She also had a suggestion and asked if individuals and/or businesses could “adopt a tree” and a planter, noting that a sign could be placed with the individual or business name on it, much like the adopt a highway program.

Ms. Walker also noted to the City Council that April was Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month.

Devils Sinkhole Society President Andrew Barnebey spoke and stated that the bat tours will resume shortly and that the “bats are looking good right now.” He also mentioned that coming soon are fundraisers the DSS conducts and that there is a donation box inside the Visitors Center. Mr. Barnebey also addressed the issue of potholes on city streets. Acting Mayor Wood reported that both Edwards County and the State have offered their services free of charge to properly train our city employees on pothole and street repair.

5. REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS (Acting Mayor Wood) Acting Mayor Wood explained that he has been working with City employee Jerry Gonzales and with the City of Sonora public works personnel to maintain compliance with TCEQ regulations. Jerry will attend a basic waste water class and has signed up with TCEQ so he can test to acquire the Class D license which allows him to take water samples.

It was noted that two pumps at the waste water station are down but are scheduled to be repaired.

6. MONTHLY REPORT FROM CITY SECRETARY Katherine Harris provided the monthly bank reconciliations and statements of revenue and expenditures. She mentioned that the early voting at city hall would take place from April 22 through April 30. In addition, Secretary Harris mentioned that she attended the Municipal Budget Conference in Round Rock, TX.

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

- A.** Review/Discuss/Approve Minutes from the March 18th, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting.

Motion was made by Emma Barnebey to approve the minutes, second by Sharron Croft. All in favor, none opposed.

B. Review/Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the Transfer Station Building.

Transfer Station needs everything from more power to keep the breakers from tripping. The building requires insulation, flooring, electrical outlet covers, and smoke detectors. Acting Mayor Wood indicated that the city will need to solicit bids to finish the transfer station. Motion to approve for bid solicitation to finish the transfer station made by Brian Wood. Second by Emma Barnebey. All in favor, none opposed.

C. Review/Discuss and take appropriate action regarding a quote from IPL – Innovative

Plastic Leaders for the purchase of 100 - 95-gallon receptacles. 35-day turnaround. Discussion to purchase additional trash receptacles from IPL was tabled. Council Member Reynaldo Chapa requested that more research be done to find a vendor for trash receptacles that was closer and perhaps cheaper than the estimated cost from IPL and freight charges from Georgia. Motion to table pending further information gathering was done by Brian Wood. Second by Emma Barnebey. All in favor, none opposed.

D. Review/Discuss and take appropriate action to revise Trash Ordinance pricing structure and receptacles.

It was noted that the pricing structure as currently outlined in the Utility Ordinance with respect to Trash and Solid Waste collection does not meet the increases in the costs to collect the trash, due to the influx of temporary residents. It was pointed out that the city is losing money. Council does not want to increase the garbage cost to residents. However, it was noted that in order to meet the increased demand, each travel trailer, and or RV, will be considered a single family residence and shall be charged the current rate of \$25.per month just like the permanent residences pay to have the trash collection service.

Motion to approve by Sharron Croft, second by Reynaldo Chapa. All in favor, none opposed.

- E. Discuss/Approve and take appropriate action pertaining to Water/WWTP for contract services with fully licensed operators to maintain TCEQ compliance. Contract services with the City of Sonora Public Works operators were discussed. Fully licensed operators will be used to maintain TCEQ compliance with the water and waste water treatment. The bi weekly cost for the contract is \$2800. It was also noted that current city employees will get their basic Class D license so water samples can be collected. For the time being, the City of Rocksprings will operate under the fully licensed operator from Sonora on a contract basis. Motion to approve by Emma Barnebey, second by Reynaldo Chapa. All in favor, none opposed.

Executive Session - Executive session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the Public Works Director, pursuant to 551.074 of the Government Code (Personnel Matters). Council went into Executive Session at 7:43pm.

Reconvene from Executive Session – Discuss/possible action on the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the Public Works Director. Council reconvened from Executive Session at 8:05pm. In open session, a motion to dismiss the Public Works Director was made by Emma Barnebey, second by Reynaldo Chapa. All in favor none opposed.

MEETING ADJOURNED - Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Acting Mayor Brian Wood, second by Emma Barnebey. All in favor none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

ATTEST:

Brian Wood, Acting Mayor

Katherine A. Harris, Ed.D, City Secretary