

**CITY OF ROCKSPRINGS, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL CANVASSING MAY 4, 2019 GENERAL CITY ELECTION
& REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum of the City Council Members present, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Wood called the Canvass Meeting of The City of Rocksprings to order at 6:00pm, Monday, May 13, 2019 at City Hall, 100 West Austin Street, Rocksprings, Texas.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council member Emma Barnebey

3. FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS – Meeting to Canvass

- a) Canvass the May 4, 2019 City General Election- City Secretary Katherine Harris, Ed. D read aloud the voting results in both early voting and the general election vote totals of the City Election for Council Members and Mayor.

Emma Barnebey 28 Early Votes, 47 Election Day – 75 Total votes
LaWanda Goller 47 Early Votes, 40 Election Day – 87 Total Votes
Write- In Candidate Melinda Ortiz –12 Early Votes, 45 Election Day – 57 Total
Mayor - Brian Wood – 58 Early Votes, 75 Election Day, 133 Total Votes

- b) The City Secretary read aloud the voting results by personal appearance, noting 2 provisional ballots, one spoiled ballot, and no mail-in ballots
c) Two City Council Members and Mayor-elect were Sworn-In by City Secretary Katherine Harris, Ed.D. The Certificate of election was issued to newly elected officers.
d) The Statement of Officer was completed by each new Council Member and Mayor to be filed locally.
e) After taking the oath of office the newly sworn in officers assumed the duties of their office.

- 4. REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL -** With a quorum of the City Council members present Mayor Brian Wood called the regular meeting of the City Council of Rocksprings Texas to order at 6:29PM.

5. ROLL CALL

Present:

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| Mayor | Brian Wood |
| Council Member | Emma Barnebey |
| Council Member | LaWanda Goller |
| Council Member | Sharron Croft |

Absent: Council Member Reynaldo Chapa, Jr.

Staff Present:

Katherine Harris

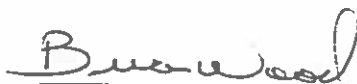
6. **PUBLIC FORUM:** 8 Residents were in attendance for the canvassing/council meeting. Manuel Montoya raised the issue of trash and what was being done. Mayor Wood discussed the pending contract for services with Republic Services to handle the city residential trash as well as the local businesses. Mayor Wood also thanked the residents for their patience while the City works out the transition details of the trash collection. There were no additional issues or concerns raised by those in attendance for the public forum.
7. **REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS.** Mayor Brian Wood noted that fully licensed operator Peter Duran was serving as our Interim Public Works Director with his full license with TCEQ so that we maintain compliance. The City is looking to bring on-board a part-time public works operator who is licensed from Sonora, Rudy Ramirez. The Boil Water Notice was discussed as a result of the major water leak. Proper notifications were made in accordance with TCEQ. Once the leak was fixed, water samples were taken at the point of the leak and sent to the lab. The results of the Lab Report were sent to TCEQ where a Rescind Boil Water Notice was then issued, assuring all residents that the drinking water was safe from any possible contaminants as a result of the water outage. Proper notifications in print media, on the website and posted at City Hall complied with TCEQ requirements.
8. **FINANCIAL REPORT-City Secretary, Katherine Harris:** City Secretary read into the record the financials from the prior year of employment and then the year of employment, noting the savings to the City. Also read into the record the positive balances over the previous two months. It was noted that a thorough review of spending has for the last year been done to streamline costs and review employee spending. Bank reconciliations balanced to the penny and were provided to all council members.
9. **DELIBERATE, CONSIDER AND/OR TAKE ACTION ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:**
 - A. Review/Discuss/Approve Minutes from the April 15, 2019 Special Meeting. Motion to approve Minutes by Emma Barnebey, Second by Sharron Croft. LaWanda Goller abstained as she was not a Council member. All others approved, none opposed.
 - B. Discuss, consider and possible action on filling the vacancy in position of alderman by appointment until next regular municipal election or order special election pursuant to Local Government Code Section 22.010. Mayor Wood brought forward that local resident Ms. Brenna Bissett was considered to fill the vacancy of Council Member Brian Wood, now that Wood is elected Mayor. Ms. Bissett agreed to serve to fill out the remainder of the council term through May 2020. Motion to approve by LaWanda Goller, Second by Sharron Croft. All in favor, none opposed.
 - C. Review/Discuss/Approve HOT funds request of \$3000 for the Devil's Sinkhole State Natural Area for annual marketing and promotion May-October 2019 high season. Motion to approve the HOT funds in the amount of \$3000 was made by Sharron Croft, second by LaWanda Goller, Emma Barnebey recused from the vote. All others in favor, none opposed.
 - D. Review/Discuss/Approve and take action to bring Republic Services onboard as a provider of solid waste disposal to both residential and commercial customers with the City of Rocksprings. Discussions took place around Republic Services not replacing current city employees, rather those employees who previously worked the trash ruck would have duties reassigned within the

city. Motion to bring a contract service for solid waste disposal was made by Emma Barnebey, second by LaWanda Goller. All in favor, none opposed.

- E. Review/Discuss/Approve amending Chapter 4 Ordinance 2019-4 Utility Code - Waste Collection and Disposal rates and charges subsection 4.01(B) Fees for removal of garbage for city receptacles once a week flat rate of \$25.00 per each single family unit as described under Section 1.01 Definitions and removing language of more than once a week for trash collection. Motion to approve by Emma Barnebey, Second by LaWanda Goller. All in Favor, none opposed.
- F. Review/Discuss/Approve and take action on Resolution of Support 19-05 and letter to Governor Abbott to correctly align the City of Rocksprings with Edwards County in the Concho Valley Council of Government. Motion to align with Concho Valley COG was made. Secondary motion by Council Member Emma Barnebey was to table the resolution to gather more information. The secondary motion died due to no second. Main motion to adopt Resolution of Support 19-05 was made by LaWanda Goller, second by Sharron Croft. Motion to adopt was passed with one Council Member opposing adoption of Resolution 19-05.
- G. Review/Discuss/Approve and take action to approve street light installation on Price Street. Request is for the corner of Uvalde and Price (letters from residents attached). Additional requests for Kinney and Price and Llano and Price. Tony Arce from AEP discussed that before a streetlight could be installed an assessment must be done by AEP to determine where to place the pole. The assessment is free, but the installation and hook-up for the light would cost the city, and the assessment will determine the costs. The city would need to formally request that an assessment be done. Motion to approve assessment by Emma Barnebey, Second by Sharron Croft. All in favor, none opposed. It was also noted that is the assessment was too high and cost prohibitive, that the City would temporarily table any installation of streetlights.
- H. Review/Discuss and take action on AEP Texas, Inc. Ordinance/Resolution on base rates increase on existing electric rates and charges within the City of Rocksprings. Mr. Tony Arce from AEP recommended that the city deny the request to increase rates. Motion to approve by Emma Barnebey, Second by LaWanda Goller. All in favor, none opposed.

MEETING ADJOURNED – Motion to adjourn meeting by Emma Barnebey. Second by LaWanda Goller. All in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

ATTEST:



Brian Wood, Mayor



Katherine A. Harris, Ed. D City Secretary