

CITY OF ROCKSPRINGS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2020

1. **CALL TO ORDER - With** a quorum of the City Council present, Mayor pro tem LaWanda Goller called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm on Monday, January 13, 2020 at City Hall, 100 W. Austin St. Rocksprings, TX.
2. **ROLL CALL** – The City Secretary called the roll.

Present:

Mayor ProTem – LaWanda Goller
Council Member – Emma Barnebey
Council Member – Brenna Bissett
Council Member – Reynaldo Chapa, Jr.
Council Member – Sharron Croft

Staff Present:

Katherine Harris, Ed.D – City Secretary
Rudy Ramirez, Public Works Director
Mike Sanchez – Asst. Public Works Director

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance and was led by Council member Reynaldo Chapa, Jr.
4. **PUBLIC FORUM** – Two residents were in attendance – Vicente and Umberto Vega. They were present to discuss and/or answer any questions from Council re: their agenda item. Also in attendance Mr. Carl Esser. He was also present to discuss his agenda item with Council.
5. **REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS** – PWD Rudy Ramirez notes in his monthly report to Council noted that new water meters from Ferguson water works will be coming soon. As has been previously reported, we are at about 65% water loss. New meters will be both efficient for the City and for the end users (our customers). A new employee John Leshner was hired to operate the WWTP. The large task of cleaning up the Transfer Station, after years of neglect, is underway and the City will sell off salvage equipment in the coming months. Asst PWS Mike Sanchez discussed the oiler that will be used to properly fix City streets. Sanchez noted that 14 blocks can be repaired over a 3 month period.
6. **MONTHLY REPORT(S) FROM CITY SECRETARY** – Secretary Harris noted that all bank reconciliations were completed. Statements of revenue were provided to council members, with Harris noting that the bottom line was “very positive.” She mentioned that

the City continues to move forward in a financially sound and positive direction. Harris thanked Council for their support and realized that hard decisions had been made to help turn the City around.

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

- A. Review/Discuss/Approve Minutes from the December 9, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting. Motion to approve the minutes made by Emma Barnebey, second by Sharron Croft. All in favor. None opposed.

- B. Review/Discuss/Approve agreement with Vicente Avila Vega to Deed free and clear property Lot #19 of Block 112 - 55.56 x 138.9 dimensions by Mr. Vicente Vega to the City of Rocksprings. The City of Rocksprings agrees to abandon the strip of property, formerly known as Edwards Street, and conveys said property to Vicente Vega. Vicente Vega and Son Umberto Vega were present to discuss the strip of property and to convey to the City a parcel of property free and clear to the City in exchange for the abandoned strip of City property. Motion to accept property from Vicente Vega and to abandon the strip of property formerly known as Edwards Street to Vicente Vega made by Sharron Croft. Second by Brenna Bissett. All in favor. None opposed.

- C. Review/Discuss/Approve request of Esser and Company Consulting, LLC for qualifications for professional services (RFQ) associated with preparation of grant applications and program management regarding available funds. Request was approved for qualifications of professional services associated with grant applications and program management regarding available funds in a motion made by Brenna Bissett. Second by LaWanda Goller. All in favor. None opposed.

- D. Discuss Republic Services providing once a year Spring cleanup – 3 roll offs at no charge. Dates to be determined. Discuss Republic policy – residential customers requesting a dumpster become commercial customers. RV parks and RVs on private residential property are considered commercial and Republic will convert to dumpsters from single polycarts and be serviced by Republic as a commercial account. PWD noted that Republic will provide once a year, roll-offs for a city-wide clean-up. The roll-offs will be a no charge to the City. It was also noted in discussions that if a residential

customer has a dumpster instead of a 'poly-cart' then that residential customer becomes a commercial customer. Dumpsters are associated with commercial accounts only and are billed by Republic directly. RVs on private residential property and RV parks are considered commercial accounts.

E. Review/Discuss/Approve interlocal agreement for joint election services, The City of Rocksprings and the RISD with the Edwards County Clerk's office to conduct early voting and Election Day Voting Election Services. Motion to approve interlocal agreement was made by Brenna Bissett. Second by Emma Barnebey. All in favor. None opposed.

F. Review/Discuss/Approve revision of utility ordinance language to reflect Jan 1, 2020 water rates to indicate all meter sizes ¾" and above for residential and businesses. Motion to approve revision language to reflect Jan 1, 2020 water rates was made by Brenna Bissett. Second by Sharron Croft. All in favor. None opposed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Discuss/Approve/Deliberate Personnel Matters under Texas Government Code, Section 551.074. At 6:59pm, Council went into Executive session to consider personnel matters.

RECONVENE: In Open Session Approve and/or Act on matters considered in Executive Session. At 7:26 pm, Council reconvened from Executive Session and took action on the following items:

- An hourly rate increase for a city employee. Motion to approve made by Emma Barnebey. Second by Sharron Croft. All in favor none opposed.
- Job description and announcement was approved for publication with a 31 January deadline for applications. Motion to approve by Brenna Bissett. Second by Emma Barnebey. All in favor, none opposed.

MEETING ADJOURNED – Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Emma Barnebey. Second by Brenna Bissett. All in favor, none opposed. At 7:30pm, Council meeting was adjourned.

LaWanda Goller, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST

Katherine A. Harris, Ed.D - City Secretary