

**CITY OF ROCKSPRINGS**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 14, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER - With a quorum of the City Council present, Mayor Homer Jimenez called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. on Monday, August 14, 2023.

City Hall, 100 W. Austin St. Rocksprings, TX.

2. ROLL CALL – The City Secretary called the roll.

Present:

Mayor- Homer Jimenez

Council Member – Andrew Barnebey

Council Member – Fidel Moreno (arrived at 5:32)

Council Member (and EMC) – Jordan Aguilera

Council Member – Manuel Montoya

Absent:

Mayor ProTem (MPT) – Irene Varga

Staff Present:

Pam Chennault – City Secretary

Mike Sanchez-Public Works Director

Tammy Whitworth

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Pledge was led by Jordan Aguilera

4. PRAYER-Mayor Jimenez read a prayer.

5. PUBLIC FORUM – Longtime educator and returning Interim Rocksprings ISD Superintendent Larry Taylor spoke to the assembled group about the major money crunch hurting our area. He recommended that we all support a new effort to pass a school bond. Taylor also thanked the city for arranging for school supply donations from the MRGDC for our secondary schools. The superintendent took questions on a variety of topics.

6. REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR MIKE SANCHEZ- Director Sanchez said the crew had been working on the usual tasks and that fewer than average water leaks had occurred. The Main Street water line is working. Sanchez suggested that two days of transfer station availability is costing the city since barely one day of trash dropoffs occurs. The slab at the well to support the emergency generator has been installed. Well depth was measured and was healthy—a second measurement will be taken Tuesday.

7. REPORT FROM CITY SECRETARY PAM CHENNAULT – Secretary Chennault remarked that the city wide cleanup was very successful and tiring considering how much was collected. She continues working with Dusty Routh on improving financial reports and catching up with audits. Bids for auditing the city's records for 2021 and 2022 are coming in.

8 REPORT FROM THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR-EMC and Councilman Jordan Aguilera reported that he is working to get ready for the eclipses. He attended an inservice in Uvalde on the 8th on that topic. He mentioned that our area is under Stage 4 water restrictions and advised everyone not to water too much.

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

- A. Review/Discuss/Approve 17 July 2023 Special Meeting Minutes. Motion by Moreno, second by Barnebey, and approved with Montoya abstaining..
- B. Review/Discuss/Approve Grant Application for \$10,000 to Kingburger to help pay for roof replacement. Motion by Barnebey, second by Moreno, and all approved. Now approved, the grant application will be sent back to the Edwards County Economic Development Corporation for implementation.
- C. Review/Discuss/Approve the new tax rate. Discussion ensued about whether to set the rate at the No New Revenue level of .5925 or set it at .6148 which requires a public hearing before full acceptance. Motion for the higher rate by Barnebey was seconded by Moreno. Barnebey and Moreno voted aye. Montoya voted no. Aguilera abstained. Mayor Jimenez broke the tie with an aye vote. Date was set for the required public hearing about the tax rate Wednesday, August 23 at 5:30 P.M.
- D. Review/Discuss/Approve painting parking spaces on the west side of the town square. Motion by Aguilera, second by Montoya, and all approved.
- E. Review/Discuss Stage Four Water Restrictions. Council came to a consensus that public information will be released to encourage citizens not to waste water. No vote was necessary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The executive session was canceled.

MEETING ADJOURNED – Motion by Montoya, second by Moreno, and all approved at 6:30 P.M. A budget workshop had been planned, but since notice was not posted, the council decided to try to have it after the public hearing Wednesday, August 23.

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Mayor Homer Jimenez

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Pam Chennault - City Secretary

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