

**CITY OF RISING STAR
MINUTES
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2021
104 N. MILLER
RISING STAR, TX 76471
6:00 PM**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Jimmy Carpenter

Council Present: Betsy Herron, Johnny Hubbard, John Mashburn, Ross Self, Ben Childers

Staff Present: Jan Clark – City Administrator, Chad Goldston – Chief of Police, Officer- Marcus Lively

Guest Present: Kathy Blakney, Dona & Larry McIntire, Ruth York, Wendy & Britt Vaughn, Shannon Geye, Ron Sweet, Carlisa Childers, Judy Kirby

AGENDA ITEM #2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all and Invocation was led by John Mashburn.

AGENDA ITEM #3 CITIZENS INPUT

Kathy Blakney spoke regarding making Rising Star a Sanctuary City for the unborn, and stated she agreed with City Council that it could open the City up to liability and would rather focus on streets, water, sewer and gas.

Ruth York spoke and said that in unlikely event that City was sued that there is a free attorney. She asks the Council to show and tell the young people they are valued. Ms. York stated the City passes Ordinances all the time and it is their right to pass this one.

AGENDA ITEM # 4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Hubbard and seconded by Herron to approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting, March 11, 2021.

Motion carried 5-0

AGENDA ITEM #5

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF STAFF REPORTS

Financial Reports and Utility Reports reviewed.

After review of Financial Reports and Police Report, Motion was made by Self and seconded by Herron to approve all reports as presented.

Motion carried 5-0

AGENDA ITEM #6

**CONSIDER AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 2021-4-8
RESCINDING LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS ORDINANCE**

Motion made by Hubbard and seconded by Mashburn to approve the Rescinding Ordinance No.2021-4-8 -Liquefied Petroleum Gas.

Motion carried 5-0

AGENDA ITEM #7

**ITEMS TABLED FROM MARCH 11, 2021 MEETING TO
REVIEW WITH CONSIDERATION**

**1. PROCLAMATION DECLARING RISING STAR A SANCTUARY CITY
FOR THE UNBORN**

Councilman Hubbard commented that Roe vs. Wade is the law, and this Ordinance is unenforceable.

Hubbard made motion to not accept Ordinance making Rising Star a Sanctuary City for the Unborn. Herron seconded the motion.

Councilman Childers ask if there could be some discussion on this matter. Mayor Carpenter agreed and comments included thoughts from Mayor and each Councilmember. Mayor Carpenter gave lengthy opinion of the movement making small City's Sanctuary City's and the lawyers' opinions against this Ordinance. Councilman Childers remarked that he was 100% for not having abortions in Rising Star, but the language in the Ordinance was not acceptable. Councilman Mashburn stated that you cannot delegate authority, it is moral issue. Councilman Self stated it is decision of the people.

Motion carried 5-0

Councilman Hubbard commented that he would like City Administrator and City Attorney look into approving a Proclamation that this City Council is Pro-Life declaring Rising Star a Pro-Life City. No vote was taken.

2. DOG HOLDING PENS

City Administrator ask that this item be Void due to blueprints not being ready.

3. DILAPATED STRUCTURE-REGARDING EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT RESOLUTION

Chief Goldston presented report stating that himself and Fire Chief Josh Constancio tried to go through Emergency Management for assistance, but City has to be declared a disaster before any funding can occur. Fire Department can use water to knock down the front wall. The structure is stable at this moment and will give time to come up with a plan.

AGENDA ITEM #8 **REVIEW AND APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2021-7-3 RE:
JULY 3, 2021 PARADE**

Motion made by Hubbard and seconded by Mashburn to approve Ordinance No. 2021-7-3 Re:

July 3, 2021 Parade

Motion carried 5-0

AGENDA ITEM #9 **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION
REGARDING REPAIRS TO CITY SHOP**

City Administrator ask the Council for their thoughts and remarks on bracing the front wall of the City Shop. Councilman Mashburn commented that Gorman has some buildings they have braced. City Administrator replied she would check with them. Councilman Hubbard said he would do some checking and get back to City Administrator.

AGENDA ITEM #10 **ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS**

City Administrator reported that City Park Bleacher boards have been replaced and that this coming Monday the Utility crew will begin changing out water meters to the new AMR meters.

Administrator ask for opinions regarding have our own gas tanks. Will check into laws regarding the tanks. A possibility may be to lease.


AGENDA ITEM #11 **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

No comments

AGENDA ITEM #12 **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, motion made by Self and seconded by Herron to adjourn.

Time: 6:40 pm



Jan Clark, City Administrator



Jimmy Carpenter, Mayor