

**CITY OF RISING STAR
MINUTES
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021
104 N. MILLER
RISING STAR, TX 76471
6:00 PM**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem-Ben Childers.

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

Staff Present: Jan Clark – City Administrator, Chad Goldston – Chief of Police

Guest Present: Brett and Wendy Vaughn, Angela Fortune

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

No Citizen Input.

AGENDA ITEM # 4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Hubbard and seconded by Mashburn to approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting, January 14, 2021.

Motion carried 4-0

AGENDA ITEM #5 DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF STAFF REPORTS

Financial Reports and Utility Reports reviewed. Chief Goldston reported that he has completed the Racial Profiling Report with The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

City Administrator ask Council to think about repairs to the Police Station or other ideas. The Police Station is in need of many expensive repairs and Chief Goldston commented that he noticed today that the electric line by AEP outside is very dangerous and needs replacement.

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

Motion carried 4-0

AGENDA ITEM #6 **CONSIDER/APPROVE THE RISING STAR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS LOAN/GRANT TO WENDY VAUGHN**

Wendy Vaughn presented her venture and request for funds to the City Council. Council reviewed, and Wendy hopes to be open by September 1, 2021.

Motion made by Mashburn and seconded by Herron to approve the Loan/Grant that RSEDG approved.

Motion carried 4-0

AGENDA ITEM #7 **APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 2021-2-11**

The City may consider an Ordinance calling for an Election to be held on May 1, 2021 for the purpose of reauthorizing the adoption of a local sales and use tax at the rate of one-fourth (1/4) of one percent (1%) to provide revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets.

Motion made by Hubbard and seconded by Mashburn to approve Ordinance NO. 2021-2-11

Motion carried 4-0

AGENDA ITEM #8 **APPROVE AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RISING STAR, TEXAS ORDERING THE CANCELLATION OF THE GENERAL ELECTION SCHEDULED FOR MAY 1, 2021: DECLARING THE UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES FOR TWO AT-LARGE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER OFFICES**

Motion made by Hubbard and seconded by Mashburn to approve Ordinance No 2021-2-25

Ordering the cancellation of the General Election for May 1, 2021

Motion carried 3-0 with Herron abstaining

AGENDA ITEM #9 **APPROVAL OF TWO WEEK DAYS TO STAY OPEN 12 HRS EACH DAY FOR EARLY VOTING-Wednesday, April 21, and Thursday, April 22, 2021**

Motion made by Herron and seconded by Mashburn to approve the two days to stay open during

Early Voting – April 21 and April 22, 2021

Motion carried 4-0

AGENDA ITEM #10 **APPROVAL OF ELECTION JUDGE FOR THE MAY 1, 2021 GENERAL ELECTION**

Motion made by Hubbard and seconded by Mashburn to approve Cindy McGinn as Election Judge

for the May 1, 2021 Election.

AGENDA ITEM #11 **ITEMS TO REVIEW**

1. LIQUIFIED PETROLEUM GAS

Council reviewed the Liquified Petroleum Gas Ordinance passed in June 1995. Councilwoman Herron commented that she would like to see a breakdown on City billing showing the minimum charge and charges for MCF separately. City Administrator will check with RVS Software and see if possible. Mayor Pro-Tem Childers directed Administrator to contact City Attorney regarding propane issue.

This item tabled and will be address at Regular Meeting in March 2021.

2. DILIAPATED STRUCTURES-INCLUDING OLE RIP CAP CO

Council had a lengthy discussion regarding Ole Rip Cap Company. Asbestos was an issue. Administrator will contact City Attorney and gather more information and this item will be re-visited.

3. STREET REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE

City Administrator explained the process that our County Commissioner Ronnie Wilson will start, hopefully in June or July 2021.

4. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

This item tabled until March 2021 Regular Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #12 **APPROVAL REGARDING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE USING THE CITY PARK FOR JULY 4, 2021**

Motion made by Mashburn and seconded by Hubbard to allow Rising Star Chamber of Commerce the use of the City Park July 2 and 3, 2021.

Motion carried 4-0

AGENDA ITEM #13 **ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS**

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTERS, SECTION 551.074

Executive Session Entered Regarding Personnel Matters, LGC 551.074.

Time: 7:22 pm

Regular Session Reconvened at 7:28 pm.

Action Taken:

No Action Taken

AGENDA ITEM #14

COUNCIL COMMENTS


No Comments

AGENDA ITEM #15

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion made by Hubbard and seconded by Mashburn to adjourn.

Time:7:31 pm



Jan Clark, City Administrator

Ben Childers, Mayor-Pro Tem