

**CITY OF RISING STAR
MINUTES
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 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

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

Guest Present: Robin Haynes -Republican Chair, Mark Lee Dickson-Director, Right to Life of East Texas, Jay Gentry, Margie Maddox, Kim Gentry, Tammie Foster, Gena Camacho. Desare Stiles and Annie McNeely with Eastland County CAC
Josh Constancio – Rising Star Volunteer Fire Chief

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.

Mayor Carpenter moved Agenda Item's No 6, 7 and 9-#3 forward to accommodate guest in attendance.

**AGENDA ITEM #6 EASTLAND COUNTY CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER
PRESENTATION REGARDING APPROVAL OF
PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL,
CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS & PREVENTION MONTH**

Motion made by Hubbard and seconded by Mashburn to approve a Proclamation Proclaiming the month of April as Child Abuse Awareness & Prevention Month.

Motion carried 4-0

AGENDA ITEM #7 EASTLAND COUNTY REPUBLIC CHAIR-ROBIN HAYES PRESENTATION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION DECLARING RISING STAR A SANCTUARY CITY FOR THE UNBORN

Robin Hayes, Republican Chair and Mark Dickson, Director, Right to Life of East Texas gave presentation explaining the Proclamation. Council Hubbard commented that upon advice from the City Attorney, and his feelings that this should be a vote from the entire community that he would have to say no at this time, Councilwoman Herron agreed. Lengthy discussion ensued. Motion made by Hubbard and seconded by Herron to table at this time.

Motion carried 4-0

AGENDA ITEM #9 ITEMS TABLED FROM FEBRUARY MEETING TO REVIEW WITH CONSIDERATION

3. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Josh Constancio Volunteer Fire Chief spoke regarding Rising Star having its own Emergency Management Plan.

Motion made by Self and seconded by Hubbard to reinstate the City of Rising Star Emergency Management Plan. This plan will not interfere with our County Emergency Plan.

Mayor Carpenter appointed Fire Chief Josh Constancio and Chief of Police Chad Goldston to head up the Emergency Plan.

Motion carried 4-0

AGENDA ITEM # 4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Hubbard and seconded by Herron to approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting, February 25, 2021.

Motion carried 4-0

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 Hubbard to approve all reports as presented.

Motion carried 4-0

AGENDA ITEM #8 DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION REGARDING DOG HOLDING PENS

Mayor Carpenter commented that the dogs in the City are becoming a big problem. City Administrator directed to find out more information regarding holding pens and agreement with Brownwood Humane Society.

This item tabled until next meeting.

Motion made by Self and seconded by Herron to table until more information is gathered.

Motion carried 4-0

AGENDA ITEM #11 **ITEMS TABLED FROM FEBRUARY MEETING TO REVIEW WITH CONSIDERATION**

1. LIQUIFIED PETROLEUM GAS

City Administrator reported that after contacting the City Attorney, this Ordinance should be repealed due to being solely regulated by the State.

Motion made by Hubbard and seconded by Herron to repeal Liquified Petroleum Gas Ordinance, effective immediately.

Motion carried 4-0

2. DILAPATED STRUCTURES-INCLUDING OLE RIP CAP CO

City Administrator will gather cost of asbestos removal and report back with more information. Councilwoman Herron presented a list to City Administrator of asbestos companies that will give quotes.

4. POLICE STATION REPAIRS/REPLACEMENT

No Action taken

AGENDA ITEM #10 **ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS**

City Administrator passed out February 2021 Project Update from TxDOT.

AGENDA ITEM #11 **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Mashburn commented that he had heard good things about our second officer Marcus Lively.

AGENDA ITEM #12 **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Time:7:22 pm



Jan Clark, City Administrator

Ben Childers, Mayor-Pro Tem