

**CITY OF RISING STAR  
MINUTES  
REGULAR CALLED MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021  
104 N. MILLER  
RISING STAR, TX 76471  
6:00 PM**

**AGENDA ITEM #1            CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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,

Guest Present:             Britt Vaughn, Matthew Paulk, Sandy Harrelson, Pam Vanya, Josh Constancio

**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 Herron to approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April 8, 2021.

Motion carried 5-0

**AGENDA ITEM # 5            CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT ON JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> FREEDOM FESTIVAL**

Pam Vanya and Sandy Harrelson requested Park restrooms be clean and in operable condition.

City Administrator explained that before any event at the Park bathrooms are stocked and cleaned

and the City would make sure all in order for July 4 Freedom Festival. Councilwoman Herron stated that last year the City mowed the ball field, but did not pick up the dead grass., and they

had to rake before the fireworks. Administrator commented that the City does not own a grass catcher or sweeper.

**AGENDA ITEM #6**                      **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BY JOSH CONSTANCIO**

Josh Constancio spoke to Council regarding Outdoor Warning Sirens. Mr. Constancio commented on several items including purpose, background and testing of siren. Testing would be conducted twice weekly at his discretion. Community will be notified and will know what is going on. The siren will only sound for severe weather such as tornadoes. Josh will notify the National Weather Service when siren will be sounded, he will include all information on siren to public by means of social media. Josh commented on a grant for generators, due to matching, Council declined.

**AGENDA ITEM #7**                      **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 Mashburn to approve all reports as presented.

City Administrator commented that Police Courtesy letters have been re-done and officers now have letters to give to each person they give a citation. These letters will be beneficial in many areas.

Chief Goldston reported that citations down some this month and there having issues with dogs running at large.

Motion carried 5-0

**AGENDA ITEM #8**                      **CANVASS OF SPECIAL ELECTION HELD MAY 1, 2021**

Motion made by Hubbard and seconded by Herron to approve the results of the May 1, 2021 Special Election calling for one fourth of one percent sales tax going toward Street Maintenance.

For: 24    Against: 5

Motion carried 5-0

**AGENDA ITEM #9**                      **DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH TIME PAYMENT GROUP REGARDING ON-LINE PAYMENTS FOR UTILITY AND MUNICIPAL COURT**

City Administrator reported to council information regarding On-Line Payments for Utility Customers and Municipal Court. There will be no charge for The On-Line Payments with Time Payment Group.

Motion made by Self and seconded by Mashburn to approve Service Agreement with Time

Payment Group.

Motion carried 5-0

**AGENDA ITEM #10**                      **ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS**

1. Report on American Rescue Plan of 2021 – City Administrator presented documents regarding the Federal Surplus Plan of 2021 H.B. 1319., economic relief to state and local governments. The City will receive \$179,000.00 being disbursed ½ at end of May or first of June 2021 and the remainder in 2022. The City will have until 2024 to disburse the funds. Since this is new program, the City has not received what funds can be used on. Administrator explained that she would be the administrator over the funds to save money.

2. TxDOT Update – Council reviewed TxDOT’s Inspectors Report. Comments in letter were on the North and South Section Projects.

3. Discuss the old Rising Star Hospital property, consider radiation and asbestos issues.

The Mayor commented on the condition of the Old Hospital and reported that x-ray machines are in the building which have radiation and that the inside of the building is unsafe for anyone to enter. After discussion of the property it was decided that all windows should be boarded up and the City continue to keep grounds.

City Administrator ask the Council about the fish pond in front yard, whether to continue with water fountain, fish pond, or flowers. Decision was to continue to work toward a water fountain, with large rocks inside.

Administrator reminded everyone of the Annual Clean Up, May 29, 2021.

Administrator gave Council and Mayor copies of District Attorney-Russell Thomason invitation to his retirement celebration to be held May 21, 2021 at the Lumber Yard Event Center in Eastland.

**AGENDA ITEM #11**                      **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

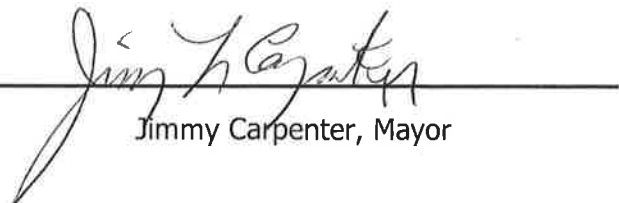
No comments

**AGENDA ITEM #12**                      **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Time: 7:25 pm

  
Jan Clark, City Administrator

  
Jimmy Carpenter, Mayor