

CITY OF RISING STAR
MINUTES
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022
104 N MILLER
RISING STAR, TX 76471

AGENDA ITEM # 1 **CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Jimmy Carpenter.

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

Council Absent: None

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

Guest Present: Judy Kirby, Lorynne Benaridel, Christina Jackson-with Eastland County Crisis

AGENDA ITEM # 2 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION**

Pledge of Allegiance said by all and the Invocation was said by Mayor Carpenter.

AGENDA ITEM # 3 **CITIZENS INPUT**

No Citizen Input

AGENDA ITEM # 4 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Hubbard and seconded by Mashburn to approve the Regular Minutes of the March 17, 2022 meeting.

Motion carried 4-0 Councilman Hubbard not present at time of vote.

AGENDA ITEM # 5 **APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS & PREVENTION MONTH**

Lorynne with Eastland County Crisis presented a Proclamation Proclaiming the Month of April as Child Abuse Awareness & Prevention Month.

Motion made by Herron and seconded by Hubbard to approve the Proclamation.

Motion carried 5-0

AGENDA ITEM # 6

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION REGARDING THE RISING STAR FREEDOM FESTIVAL FIREWORK SHOW TO BE HELD JULY 2, 2022

Mayor Carpenter reported that the Chamber of Commerce will not be conducting the Fire Work show this year.

The Mayor commented that if the Rising Star EDC and the Rising Star MDD would each donate \$1500.00 to go toward the purchase of fireworks, we could continue with firework show, if not, then there will not be a firework show for 2022. Mayor also proposed to add Firework fund to annual budget for next year.

Motion by Hubbard and seconded by Self to approve asking the Rising Star EDC and the Rising Star MDD to donate \$1500.00 each for fireworks this year.

Motion carried 5-0

AGENDA ITEM # 7

PRESENTATION BY CAM GULLEY, AUDITOR - APPROVING AUDITS FOR THE YEARS 2020 AND 2021

Cam Gulley presented Audits for 2020 and 2021. Mr. Gulley stated that the City was in very good standing. Due to natural gas prices increasing, he suggested that for the City to keep up with the increase, that the City would have to increase our gas rate to customers.

Motion by Herron and seconded by Mashburn to approve audits for years 2020 and 2021.

Motion carried 5-0

AGENDA ITEM # 8

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF STAFF REPORTS

Financial and Police reports were reviewed.

Motion made by Hubbard and seconded by Self to approve Financial Reports

Motion carried 5-0

AGENDA ITEM # 9

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 04-14-2022 REGARDING A VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO RISING STAR FIRE DEPARTMENT

City Administrator explained the Ordinance commenting that the current voluntary contribution to our Volunteer Fire Department is now at \$3.00 and the increase of \$1.00, the new voluntary contribution would be \$4.00.

Mayor Carpenter commented that he had a meeting with Wade Hall, the Auctioneer. The City Auction will be held June 25, 2022, all proceeds will go to the Rising Star Volunteer Fire Department.

Motion made by Mashburn and seconded by Herron to approve Ordinance No. 04-14-2022, increasing the voluntary contribution to the Rising Star Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$4.00

Motion carried 5-0

AGENDA ITEM # 10 **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENTS POLICY AND PROCEDURES REGARDING TOWING AND IMPOUNDMENT OF UNINSURED VEHICLES**

Chief Goldston explained the Council the necessity of adding this Policy to their Procedures.

Motion made by Hubbard and seconded by Childers to approve the Rising Star Police departments Policy and Procedures Regarding Towing and Impoundment of Uninsured Vehicles.

Carried 5-0

AGENDA ITEM # 11 **ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS**

City Administrator commented that there will be no Rabies Clinic this year, due to lack of participation last year.

Grants in process: American Rescue Grant which will be for water, wastewater, city park walking trail, lights at park and police vehicle. Texas Rural Water Association, will be for replacement of asbestos water lines. TxCDBG Grant which is for the water pump station, to replace all components inside the building. All Grants listed are no matching funds for the City.

AGENDA ITEM # 12 **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

None

AGENDA ITEM # 13 **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Motion carried 5-0

Time: 7:05 pm



Jan Clark – City Administrator



Jimmy Carpenter – Mayor