

CITY OF RISING STAR
MINUTES
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, SEPT 10, 2020
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 L. Carpenter.

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

Council Absent: None

Staff Present: City Administrator – Jan Clark, Utility Clerk – Brandi Morris, Chief Chad Goldston

Guest Present: Chad Roberts

AGENDA ITEM #2 Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

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

AGENDA ITEM #3 Citizens Input

Chad Roberts – Running for Eastland County Sherriff

AGENDA ITEM #4 Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting, August 6, 2020
- b. Special Called Meeting, August 27, 2020

Motion was made by Herron and seconded by Mashburn to approve minutes for Regular Meeting, August 6, 2020 and Special Called Meeting, August 27, 2020.

Motion Carried 5-0

AGENDA ITEM #5 Discussion and Approval of Staff Reports:

- c. Financial Updates
- d. Monthly Bill List
- e. Utility Report

Motion was made by Herron and seconded by Nall to approve all Staff Reports.

Motion Carried 5-0

AGENDA ITEM #6 Approval of Notice of General Election.

Motion was made by Mashburn and seconded by Hubbard to approve Notice of General Election for the November 3, 2020 General Election.

Motion Carried 5-0

AGENDA ITEM #7 Approval of Ordinance No. 2020-9-10 – Setting the tax levy for the year 2020.

Motion was made by Hubbard and seconded by Nall to approve Ordinance No. 2020-9-10, setting 2019 Property Tax of \$0.654180 per \$100.00 of Property Value.

Motion Carried 5-0

AGENDA ITEM #8 Approval of Resolution No. 2020-10-03 – Approving to enter into an agreement with the State of Texas through the Texas Department of Transportation for the temporary closure of Hwy 36 for the Rising Star Homecoming Parade.

Motion was made by Herron and seconded by Nall to approve Resolution No. 2020-10-3, to approve the Agreement with the State of Texas to have a Homecoming Parade, October 3, 2020.

Motion Carried 5-0

AGENDA ITEM #9 RSEDC – Approval of Board Members for a 2-year term.

Council reviewed RSEDC members and financial reports.

Motion was made by Mashburn and seconded by Hubbard to approve RSEDC members for another 1-year term for the President and Vice-President and 2-year term for the remaining members.

Members are: President – Bob McCormick, Vice-President – Peggy Agnew, Members – Bruce Rivers, Bonnie Mashburn, Tricia Nall. Lacy Harrelson, and Brandi Morris as Secretary.

Discussion included paying Brandi Morris. City Council decision to pay Brandi Morris \$20.00 an hour by the RSEDC.

Motion Carried 5-0

AGENDA ITEM #10 Approval of Municipal Judge Agreement.

An Agreement between the City and the Municipal Judge was reviewed and states that the Municipal Judge shall perform her duties and obligations hereunder as an independent contractor.

Motion was made by Nall and seconded by Hubbard to approve Municipal Judge Agreement.

Motion Carried 5-0

AGENDA ITEM #11 **Review with Possible Interview and Consideration to Hire Utility Clerk.**

Executive Session entered Regarding Section 551.074 Personnel Matters and Legal Matters.

Time: 6:03 p.m.

Convened into Regular Session.

Time: 6:20 p.m.

Action Taken:

Motion was made by Childers and seconded by Nall to hire Julia Sandoval as Utility Clerk with a 90-day probational period.

Motion Carried 5-0

AGENDA ITEM #12 **Discussion, Review, and Approval of Budget Year Ending September 2020-2021.**

Executive Session entered Regarding Section 551.074 Personnel Matters and Legal Matters.

Time: 6:37 p.m.

Convened into Regular Session.

Time: 7:01 p.m.

Action Taken:

Motion was made by Nall and seconded by Mashburn to approve Budget for Year Ending September 2020-2021, including all salary increases, part time labor and RSEDC paying Brandi Morris and Christmas Bonus.

Motion Carried 5-0

AGENDA ITEM #13 **City Administrator Comments**

Ginger – Starlite Café –Administrator reported to City Council that Starlite Café would soon be opened in the evenings and that Ms. Ginger would be having a person move an RV at back of her property to operate the café. Council agreed to RV for a six-month period and then reevaluate.

Administrator reported that the last Audit by the Railroad Commission, at the time of the evaluation, no alleged violations of the applicable safety regulation were found in the areas reviewed.

Mike Nall, Dolly Herbert and William McCurry completed their Gas Fusion Qualification.

A letter from the TCEQ stating the City did not submit the required amount of triggered source monitoring raw samples for the month of March 2020. This violation has been corrected.

Administrator commented that after the meeting, cake would be served and Brandi would be presented a Plaque thanking her for her dedication to the City of Rising Star.

AGENDA ITEM #14 Council Comments

None

AGENDA ITEM #15 Adjournment

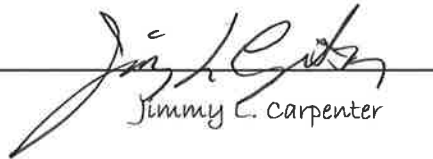
Motion was made by Hubbard and seconded by Nall to adjourn.

Time: 7:06 p.m.

Motion Carried 5-0

Cake served.....


Jan Clark, City Administrator


Jimmy C. Carpenter