



NIXON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
for March 8th, 2021 REGULAR MEETING

The City Council of the City of Nixon met in regular session on the 8th day of March, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. at the Aphne Patillo Nixon Public Library located at 401 N. Nixon, Nixon, Texas 78140.

Madame Mayor called the meeting to order.

Members present were: Mayor Dorothy Riojas, Justin La Fleur, Maggie Gaytan, Rene Amaya, Mary Ann Fatheree and Mark Soto. Citizens present: Eduardo Escobar, Harold D. Rice, Deborah M. Bustamente, Jeremy Bustos, Elda Bustos, Adolf Trigo, Chief Greg Huston, Lt. Miguel Cantu, Carmen Mero, Bobby Caldwell, Bryan Crasher, Garrett Hardwick, Luis Maldonado, Jason Torres, Araceli Mora-Pena, Sally Brassell, Bubby Fatheree, Joseph Villanueva, Kevin Pullin, Dylan Maldonado, Scott McKinney, Nicasio Castillo, Benito Perez and T.J. Lopez.

Quorum declared present and meeting called to order by Madame Mayor Dorothy Riojas.

Prayer given by Mr. Rene Amaya.

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America and Texas recited.

Citizens to be Heard: HB 2840 introduced: All attending citizens who wish to comment on specific agenda items, during a scheduled meeting, must sign up to do so PRIOR to the start of the meeting and indicate which the citizen wishes to comment on. Said public comment on agenda items shall occur once the agenda item is reached during the meeting, but prior to City Council deliberating the matter. A time limit of three (3) minutes shall be observed by all commenting citizens.

Mr. Adolf Trigo requested to address the City Council. Mr. Trigo is the current Nixon Area Chamber of Commerce President and wanted to introduce himself. He also wanted to express his desire to work together with the Nixon City Council as a community. He informed that all monthly meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:15 p.m. Madame Mayor

requested the monthly meetings be posted on the library marquee. Librarian Sally Brassell agreed to do this task.

Rene Amaya made first motion, 2nd by Maggie Gaytan to approve the minutes for the 2/8/21 regular meeting and the 2/23/21 meeting. Vote called, 4/1 Mark Soto opposed as he was not present 2/8/21. Motion Passed.

Mark Soto made 1st motion, 2nd by Rene Amaya to approve the financial statements and unpaid bills for February 2021. All in Favor, 5/0, None opposed. Motion Passed.

City Employees in the Street, Park, Water and Sewer Departments were recognized by the Mayor, City Council members and City Administrator for their dedicated service throughout the year and especially the recent freeze and snow. Service Awards were issued to each Utility employee.

Police Chief Greg Huston, Mayor Dorothy Riojas, City Council and Administrator recognized the seven Nixon Police officers for their dedication to the community throughout the recent cold, snowy weather. Each was issued a Meritorious Citation signed by Chief Huston and Mayor Dorothy Riojas.

Assistant Fire Chief Jason Torres gave the Fire Department run report.

1ST Motion made by Justin La Fleur, 2nd by Mark Soto to approve amending the 2020-21 budget \$17,500 for the part-time code officer's salary and FICA. All in Favor 5/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.

1ST Motion made by Maggie Gaytan 2nd by Justin LaFleur to approve the awarding of the Administration Services Contract for preparation of the City's 2021-2022 Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) APPLICATION AND SUBSEQUENT ENGINEERING CONTRACT, if funded, to Langford. All in Favor 5 /0, None Opposed. Motion Passed

1st motion made by Justin LaFleur 2nd by Rene Amaya accepting awarding of the engineering service contract for the preparation of the City's 2021-2022 Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) APPLICATION AND SUBSEQUENT ENGINEERING CONTRACT, if funded, to BEFCO. All in Favor 5/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.

After much discussion, 1st Motion made by Justin La Fleur 2nd by Mark Soto to have Nixon utility customers pay the same amount as the previous months water bill, if their April water bill is extraordinarily high due to the bursted water pipes resulting in water spillage during the recent freeze. Billing is to be reviewed further by the City Administrator and Mayor. All in favor, 5/0. None opposed. Motion Passed

1st Motion made by Justin La Fleur 2nd by Mark Soto to increase NSF charges to \$45 from \$35. Vote taken, 4 to 1, Alderman Mary Ann Fatheree opposed. Motion Passed.

1st Motion made by Mark Soto 2nd by Maggie Gaytan to change North Rancho into a One-Way Street from E. 8th Street to N. Franklin Street while school is in session between the hours of

7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. N-S CISD and the City of Nixon will share the expense of signage. All in Favor 5/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.

Agenda Item #11 regarding choice of tables for the New City Hall- TABLED until April 12th, 2021 meeting date.

Agenda Item # 12 regarding giving the City Manager the authority to purchase tables for the new city hall- TABLED until April 12th, 2021 meeting date.

Agenda Item # 13 regarding general rules and rental rates for the new City Hall- TABLED until April 12th, 2021 meeting date.

Police Chief Greg Huston gave the NPD monthly report. Chief Huston and Nixon Police Department presented a \$3,600 donation to Nixon Little League President T.J. Lopez This donation will allow for every Nixon little league player to have a baseball shirt this season. President Lopez accepted the check and showed everyone a picture of the jerseys to be worn.

1st Motion made by Mark Soto 2nd Maggie Gaytan to accept the sealed bid of \$4,000 given by Danny Regalado for the 1989 Ford F350 1-ton truck, VIN: 1FDKF38G7KNA97550. (two sealed bids were received, opened and read by City Administrator Harold D. Rice, witnessed by all persons present during today's open meeting.) Vote taken 4 to 1, Mary Ann Fatheree opposed, Motion Passed.

City Administrator Harold D. Rice gave his monthly report. He informed of the status of the New City Hall, Little League tentative start date, status of lighting installation at the Little League Field. He informed of the TX811 membership. TX811 is .95 per call and it sends a message to the City Administrator and Utility Foreman when someone is digging, The calling system will help in preventing lines being hit when customers are digging in the ground as the City will be able to go and locate the lines prior to the digging.

Council came out of regular session at 4:52 pm and went into Executive Session at 5:10 pm in accordance with the Texas Government Code when necessary and legally justified. Any item on this agenda may be discussed in executive session if authorized by Texas Law regardless of whether it is listed under "Executive Session" of this agenda, and regardless of any past or current practice of the City Council. Executive Sessions herein are closed meetings, and may include the consideration of any item otherwise listed on the agenda plus any subject matter specified in the executive session notice, and may include items under the Texas Government Code as follows: Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney regarding contemplated or pending litigation, a settlement officer or administrative hearing); Section 551.072 (Deliberations regarding Real Property); Section 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts & Donations); Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters); Section 551.076 (Deliberation about Security Devices); Section 551.086 (Deliberations regarding Municipally Owned Utility); and Section 551.087 (Deliberations regarding Economic Development Negotiation)."

Council ended its Executive Session at 5:44 pm as per Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney regarding contemplated or pending litigation, a settlement officer or administrative hearing); Section 551.072 (Deliberations regarding Real Property); Section 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts & Donations); Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters); Section 551.076 (Deliberation about Security Devices); Section 551.086 (Deliberations regarding Municipally Owned Utility); and Section 551.087 (Deliberations regarding Economic Development Negotiation) and entered into regular session Regular Session at 5:45 p.m.

Next Meeting Monday 4/12/21 at 3:30 p.m., Aphne Pattillo Public Library.

Motion made by Maggie Gaytan and second by Justin LaFleur to Adjourn. All in favor, 5/0.
None Opposed, Motion Passed. Meeting Adjourned at 5: 46 p.m.

Dorothy Ribjas
Mayor, Dorothy Ribjas

Justin La Fleur
Alderman, Justin La Fleur

Mary Anne Fatheree
Alderman, Mary Anne Fatheree

Maggie Gaytan
Alderman, Maggie Gaytan

absent for signing 4-12-21 but present on 3/31/21.
Alderman, Mark Soto

Rene Amaya
Alderman, Rene Amaya

Attest: Deborah M. Bustamente
Deborah M. Bustamente
City Secretary