



## NIXON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES for Monday, April 12, 2021 MEETING

The Nixon Mayor and City Council met in regular session on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. at the Aphne Pattillo 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. Citizens present: Eduardo Escobar, Harold D. Rice, Deborah M. Bustamente, Jeremy Bustos, Shawn Collins, Greg Huston, Jason Torres, Darryl Becker, Eddie Callendar, Lonnie Gonzales, Jason Montoya, Mark Mendez, Matthew Finch

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

Prayer given by Mary Ann Fatheree.

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

Citizens to be Heard: One: Eddie Callendar regarding Agenda Item #7.

Justin La Fleur made first motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Maggie Gaytan by to approve the minutes of the March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting. All in Favor 4 /0, None opposed. Motion Passed.

Justin La Fleur made the 1<sup>st</sup> motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Ann Fatheree to approve the financial statements and unpaid bills for March 2021. All in Favor 4 /0, None opposed. Motion Passed.

City Administrator Harold D. Rice recognized Jason Montoya, Jason Torres, Matthew Finch, Lonnie Gonzales and Shawn Collins for coming to the aid of numerous citizens in our community during the historic February 2021 freeze. "You Make A Difference" plaques were issued to each of the honorary recipients.

Fire Chief Mark Mendez was present to give the Fire Department March run report. 29 Alarm responses, one hour of training. Man hours equaled 32.63. Chief Mendez also reported that the NVFD is willing to assist with the demolition of the old Fire Station and the future Nixon Bingo.

1<sup>ST</sup> Motion made by Justin La Fleur, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maggie Gaytan to approve Resolution # 2021-12-04 regarding the purchase and financing of a Rescue Truck Bed for the Nixon Volunteer Fire Department. All in Favor 4 /0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.

1<sup>ST</sup> Motion made by Justin La Fleur, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rene Amaya to approve the Resolution #2021-12-04A authorizing the submission of an application for the 2021-2022 TxCDBG Community Development Fund Competition. All in Favor 4/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.

Agenda Item # 7 Discussion /Possible Action on entering a new lease agreement with the Gonzales County Emergency Service District (ESD) proposing emergency services housing and ambulance bay location and new building to be on City of Nixon owned property. After much discussion, Justin La Fleur made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rene Amaya to move this Agenda Item to Executive session in order to consult with City Attorney Eduardo Escobar. All in Favor, 4/0 None Opposed. Motion Passed.

1<sup>ST</sup> Motion made by Maggie Gaytan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin La Fleur to approve the purchase of ROUND tables for the New City Hall Community Center. All in Favor 4/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.

1<sup>ST</sup> Motion made by Justin La Fleur, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rene Amaya to approve purchasing authority be given to City Manager Harold D. Rice for 25 tables and 315 chairs at a cost not to exceed \$15,200 for the New City Hall and Community Center. All in Favor 4/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.

1<sup>st</sup> motion made by Justin LaFleur 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maggie Gaytan to cease the discussion and review of the Nixon Community Center rental agreement and return to complete later this evening. Maggie made motion to go into Executive session, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin LaFleur. All in Favor 4/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.

Council came out of regular session at 4:58 pm and went into Executive Session at 4:59 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 7:02 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 7:03 p.m.

Agenda Item #7 1<sup>st</sup> Motion made by Justin LaFleur 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rene Amaya to offer the ESD two options regarding the building of the new EMS station. (1) The City will take out a loan, build the structure to EMS's Specs. Requested a lease commitment from EMS and EMS pay the note plus 2.5% interest. (2) Sell the land to EMS at fair market value. Mr. Calendar is scheduled to have a meeting later this week and will inform his superiors of the offers. Mr. Callendar will follow up

with the City Council, Mayor and City Manager. 1<sup>st</sup> Motion made by Justin La Fleur 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maggie Gaytan. All in Favor 4/0, none opposed. Motion Passed.

1<sup>st</sup> Motion made by Justin LaFleur 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maggie Gaytan agreeing that the Nixon Community Center General Rules for Rental be scheduled for further review before the next regular session. All in Favor 4/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.

Agenda Item #11 Discussion/ Possible Action on the Multi-Media Equipment for the New City Hall Community Center TABLED- NO ACTION TAKEN UNTIL NEXT REGULAR SESSION

1<sup>st</sup> Motion made by Justin La Fleur 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Ann Fatheree to install two stop signs along East 4<sup>th</sup> Street between N. Roosevelt and N. Lowery. The City Manager and Utility Foreman will make the decision on location of the two signs. All in Favor 4/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.

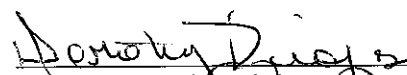
1<sup>st</sup> Motion by Justin La Fleur 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maggie Gaytan to APPROVE Bingo Games be held at the Nixon Community Center pending further licensing research, a non-profit accepting the assigning of the 301c/ 6? project and completion of paperwork. All in Favor 4/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.

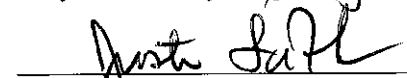
Police Chief Huston gave his monthly report and discussed the tasks and status of part-time Compliance Officer Carmen Mero,

City Manager Harold Rice verbally presented his monthly report.

Motion made by Maggie Gaytan and 2nd by Mary Ann Fatheree to Adjourn. All in Favor, 4/0, None Opposed.

Session Adjourned 8:38 p.m.

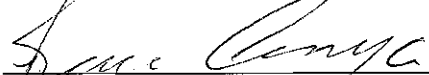
  
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Alderman, Rene Amaya

Attest:   
Deborah M. Bustamente  
City Secretary