

CITY OF ROCKPORT

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING 6:30 p.m., Monday, June 27, 2023 Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass

Members of the public could view the meeting via live stream. Public participation is valued and citizens wishing to express their views on any topic or agenda item could electronically submit a Citizen Participation Form in order to register to speak by going to <https://rockport.seamlessdocs.com/f/CouncilCitizenParticipation> or scanning the QR code provided on the Agenda, or if attending the meeting in person register before the meeting begins. Using the same form, citizens could also provide written comments to the City Secretary by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. The comments were read at the meeting.

On the 27th day of June 2023, the City Council of the City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, convened in a Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m., at the Training Room of the Rockport Service Center and notice of meeting giving time, place, date, and subject was posted as described in V.T.C.A., Government Code § 551.041.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Tim Jayroe
Mayor Pro-Tem Andrea Hattman, Ward 4
Council Member Stephanie Rangel, Ward 1
Council Member Danielle Hale, Ward 2 – *Via ZOOM*
Council Member Brad Brundrett, Ward 3

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) ABSENT

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

City Manager Vanessa Shrauner
Assistant to City Manager Kimberly Henry
City Attorney Brad Bullock – *Telephone Conference for Executive Session*
City Secretary Teresa Valdez
Executive Assistant Reagan Lauterbach
Director of Public Works and Building & Development Services Mike Donoho
Parks & Leisure Services Director Gene Camargo
Information Technology Director Bob Argetsinger
Chief of Police Greg Stevens

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Opening Agenda

1. Call meeting to order.

With a quorum of the Council Members present, the Regular Meeting of the Rockport City Council was called to order by Mayor Jayroe at 6:34 p.m. on Monday, June 27, 2023, in the Training Room of the Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Brundrett led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

3. Proclamation: Kent Ullberg Day – June 30, 2023.

Mayor Jayroe proclaimed June 30, 2023, as Kent Ullberg Day in Rockport, Texas. Mayor Jayroe presented the Proclamation to Mr. Ullberg.

4. Proclamation: Park & Recreation Month – July 2023.

Mayor Jayroe proclaimed July 2023 as Park & Recreation Month in the City of Rockport. Mayor Jayroe presented the Proclamation to the Parks & Leisure Services Department.

5. Citizens to be heard.

At this time, comments limited to three (3) minutes will be taken from the audience from persons who have signed the speaker's card located on the table in the back of the Training Room of the Service Center and delivered to the City Secretary before the meeting begins, or written comments received by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting, on any Agenda item or any subject matter, will be read at the meeting. Persons wishing to address the Council and who have registered using the Citizen Participation Form will have up to three minutes to speak. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not discuss or take action on any item that has not been posted on the agenda. While civil public criticism is not prohibited, disorderly conduct or disturbance of the peace as prohibited by law shall be cause for the chair to terminate the offender's time to speak.

Skip Carrier, 122 Cedar Ridge Drive, addressed the Council and voiced appreciation for City staff and the work the City and County performed in the area where he lives.

Doug Webb, 120 Lamar Drive, addressed the Council and commented that there will be an upcoming petition to allow citizens to present their views on any agenda item that affects them.

Consent Agenda

All consent agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

6. Deliberate and act on approval of City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2023, and June 12, 2023.

7. Deliberate and act on request from Wendell Family Fund/Fireworks for approval of hanging street banners near 2405 Highway 35 Business North and near 1202 FM 3036 for Wendell Family July 4th Fireworks from July 1, 2023, through July 5, 2023.

Mayor Jayroe called for requests to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion.

MOTION: Council Member Brundrett moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items, as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Hattman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda

8. Deliberate and act on the Texas Municipal League Health Benefits Rerate Notice for active employees and Pre-65 retired employees not eligible for Medicare.

City Manager Vanessa Shrauner stated there is an extensive explanation of the Texas Municipal League Health Benefits Rerate Notice in the Agenda Packet. Ms. Shrauner said the re-rate offered to the City for medical had a 12% increase. Ms. Shrauner explained the 12% increase would be an overall increase to the City of approximately \$140,529.12 for the year. Ms. Shrauner added the City had the opportunity to raise the deductible from \$1500 to \$2000 and that would be a 5.24% increase at the cost of \$39.02 per employee or approximately \$64,148.88 per fiscal year plan. Ms. Shrauner stated staff is referring to this as Option 1 and recommend approval of Option 1. Ms. Shrauner explained the Dental insurance increased \$2.96 per employee per month and the Vision insurance did not increase.

Discussion was held between Council and Ms. Shrauner.

Council Member Brundrett requested staff research the feasibility of the City contributing to employees' health savings accounts (HSA) to help offset the increase they will feel with the increased costs.

Council Member Rangel requested Ms. Shrauner to provide the Council with information on the City's cost for employee insurance for the current fiscal year.

MOTION: Mayor Pro-Tem Hattman moved to approve the 2023-2024 Texas Municipal League Health Benefits rerate Option 1 for employee health, dental, and vision benefits, as presented. Council Member Brundrett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Deliberate and act on approval of Change Orders 1 through 5 as they relate to the New City Hall Project.

Kimberly Henry, Assistant to the City Manager, addressed the Council and stated the new City Hall project is fully underway and currently expected to be significantly complete by the end of January 2024. Ms. Henry explained that throughout the project there have been Change Orders that have been either a savings or a small increase. Ms. Henry said Change Order #5 is of a significant amount and therefore staff is submitting to Council for approval. Ms. Henry called the Council's attention to the Change Orders listed on the Agenda Item Cover Sheet as follows:

Submitted Bid/Award	\$16,380,000.00	
CO1 - Value Engineering	-\$900,000.00	7/8/2022
Change Order 2	-\$32,175.87	7/14/2022
Change Order 3	-\$25,477.96	2/24/2023
Change Order 4	\$11,648.00	4/28/2023
Change Order 5	\$81,856.24	Pending
Construction Funding:	\$15,515,850.41	

Discussion was held among Council, Ms. Henry and Ms. Shrauner.

MOTION: Council Member Brundrett moved to approve Change Orders 1-4 retroactively and Change Order 5, as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Hattman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Deliberate and act on awarding the bid for the installation of a twelve-inch wastewater force main from the Gagon Lift Station to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mike Donoho, Public Works Director, addressed the Council and explained this project is for the construction of approximately 3000 feet of 12” PVC force main to be laid in the street right-of-way from the existing Gagon Lift Station to be tied in at the Wastewater Treatment Plan. Mr. Donoho stated this force main will replace an 8” force main that was taken out of service many years ago and will run parallel with an existing 12” force main along Gagon Street, from the lift station at East Laurel Street to the Wastewater Treatment Plan. Mr. Donoho said the bid came in over the engineer’s estimate and the balance will be taken from the unspent bond fund account. Mr. Donoho called the Council’s attention to the bid tabulation and award recommendation from the project engineer. Mr. Donoho stated staff recommends awarding the bid to J.J. Fox Construction in the amount of \$384,265.00, as presented.

MOTION: Council Member Brundrett moved to award the bid for the installation of a 12” wastewater force main from the Gagon Lift Station to the Wastewater Treatment Plan to J.J. Fox Construction in the amount of \$384,265.00. Mayor Pro-Tem Hattman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**11. City Manager Report:
A. Projects.**

City Manager Shrauner distributed an updated list of Unspent Bond Projects to the Council. Ms. Shrauner stated funds have to be allocated by 2024 and spent by 2026. Ms. Shrauner stated the July 11, 2023, Budget Workshop schedule for 1:00 p.m. has been cancelled. Ms. Shrauner said Council will be reviewing the Hotel Occupancy Tax Applications at the July 11, 2023, City Council Meeting.

12. Reports from Council.

At this time, the City Council will report/update on activities in respective Wards, and all committee assignments, which may include the following: Aransas County Alliance Local Government Corporation; Aransas Pathways Steering Committee; Building and Standards Commission; Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program; Coastal Bend Council of Government; Coastal Bend Mayors Group; Park & Leisure Services Advisory Board; Planning & Zoning Commission; Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce; Aransas County Storm Water Management Advisory Committee; Swimming Pool Operations Advisory Committee; Tourism Development Council; Tree & Landscape Committee; YMCA Development Committee; Texas Maritime Museum, Fulton Mansion, Rockport Center for the Arts, Aransas County, Aransas County Independent School District, Aransas County Navigation District, Town of Fulton, and Texas Municipal League. No formal action can be taken on these items at this time.

Council Member Rangel reported she has been working with residents and their concerns regarding the Bypass detours during the construction of the overpass.

Council Member Hale reported she had done a walk-through of the new City Hall and it is going to be an amazing asset for the community for a very long time. Council Member Hale expressed

she was very pleased with the growth potential of the building. Council Member Hale thanked staff for their due diligence in addressing constituent concerns she is receiving.

Council Member Brundrett expressed it will be a very busy weekend because of the 4th of July and he asked everyone to be safe and have a good 4th of July.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hattman reported she attended a meeting last week with some members of the Rockport Country Club Homeowners Association, Mr. Donoho and Ms. Shrauner, in regard to what can be done to prepare for rain events. Mayor Pro-Tem reminded everyone to be safe on the roads during the weekend of the 4th of July; there will be a lot of people in Rockport.

Mayor Jayroe reported he attended the Texas Municipal League Legislative Update a couple of weeks ago and the Legislature is doing a lot of things that will have an affect on cities; some good, some bad and some may have a serious effect on cities.

Executive Session

City Council will hold an executive session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:

- 13. Section 551.071 Consultations with Attorney seeking the advice of attorney about pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer; and on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter: A) Concho Street & General Land Office (GLO) drainage projects; and B) Stormwater permitting and related matters.**

At 7:16 p.m., Mayor Jayroe convened the City Council into executive session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in: Section 551.071 Consultations with Attorney seeking the advice of attorney about pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer; and on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter: A) Concho Street & General Land Office (GLO) drainage projects, and B) Stormwater permitting and related matters.

Open Session

City Council will reconvene into open session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code to take any actions necessary related to the executive sessions noted herein, or regular agenda items, noted above, and/or related items.

At 7:55 p.m., Mayor Jayroe reconvened the Rockport City Council into open session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

No action was taken.

14. Adjournment.

At 7:55 p.m., Council Member Brundrett moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hattman. Motion carried unanimously.



APPROVED:


Tim Jayroe, Mayor

ATTEST:


Teresa Valdez, City Secretary