



CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 1, 2021

The City of Fredericksburg City Council held their regular session on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 6 p.m. This meeting will be held in person at the Rock Box Theater and live stream on the Fredericksburg YouTube Channel.

Members Present:

Mayor Charlie Kiehne
Councilmember Jerry Luckenbach
Councilmember Tom Musselman
Councilmember Polly Rickert
Councilmember Bobby Watson

Members Absent:

None

City Staff Present:

Kent Myers, City Manager
Clinton Bailey, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works and Utilities
Daniel Jones, City Attorney
Lynn Bizzell, Fire Chief
Steve Wetz, Police Chief
Eric Whiting, Director of Information Technology
Andrea Schmidt, Parks Department Director
Lea Feuge, Public Information Officer
Justin Calhoun, Emergency Management Coordinator
Jennifer Krupa, Special Events Coordinator
Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary (via livestream)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kiehne called the regular meeting of the Fredericksburg City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 1, 2021. Mayor Kiehne announced a quorum of the City Council present.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Kiehne led the Pledge.

3. UPDATE ON CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC

Lynn Bizzell, Fire Chief, reported as of 2-28-2021:

Texas Counties	Texas Total Cases	Texas Deaths	Texas Daily New Deaths	Texas Active Cases	Texas Daily New Cases	Texas Recovered	Texas Probable
254 out of 254	2,287,135	42,936	197	160,268	2,921 715 probable	2,422,369	356,889

COVID-19 totals of the adjacent counties' information (DSHS as of 2-28-2021):

County	Cases	Active	Recovered	Fatalities	Probable
Gillespie County	1,643	39	2,340	48	783
Kerr County	2,161	64	4,039	82	2,038
Kendall County	1,590	59	2,841	61	1,375
Mason County	240	21	360	5	146
Llano County	1,070	171	1,290	46	437
Blanco County	568	75	588	18	113

FISD reporting 6 positive cases

Vaccines -Texas

Doses Allocated	Doses Shipped	People vaccinated – 1 dose	People fully vaccinated	Does Administered
7,109,875	6,914,705	3,493,411	1,803,840	5,297,251

County	1 Dose	Both Doses
Gillespie County	4,373	2,272
Kerr County	5,223	2,286
Kendall County	6,752	3,072
Mason County	891	212
Llano County	2,712	745
Blanco County	1,596	663

Hospital Data- Texas 11,967 and Hill Country Memorial 4

Lynn Bizzell, Fire Chief, reported on the following:

- CDC Guidelines
- Social distancing to eliminate community spread
- Good hygiene
- Cover your mouth when you cough
- Do not travel to hot spot areas, if possible
- Avoid crowds of 10 or more.
- The next COVID-19 testing will be March 15th – 19th, 2021, from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Pioneer Pavilion.

4. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS

Kent Myers, City Manager, provided the following recognitions:

- IT Technology and KK Welch for their assistance with making tonight's meeting possible.
- All City Employees and businesses that helped during disaster.
- Received thank you from a resident for Clinton Bailey and all the City employees who assisted the public during the disaster.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Kiehne reviewed the different ways the public could provide comments. He stated the City received twenty-five citizens who signed up for verbal comments and two written citizen comments.

Tom Marschall spoke regarding the mask mandate and people's rights.

Mary Lee Marschall spoke regarding how the Government is running and the need for having an Emergency Manager without an emergency.

Robert Phoenix spoke regarding Governor Abbott's timeline regarding his Executive Orders. He also spoke regarding the Mandates regarding masks and vaccinations.

Walt Remele spoke regarding Mask Mandates and which states are still under the mandates.

Bruce Tait spoke regarding the Mask Mandates, OSAHA rules, and the N95 Mask.

Matt Long spoke regarding the US Constitution and the "Right of People to Assembly."

Rozanna Sasko encouraged the public to remove their mask and feels mask are child abuse.

Kimberly Lams spoke regarding the Mask Mandate and how a mask can change your DNA.

Brett Javie read a statement from his mother-in-law regarding the Mask Mandate.

Jennifer Javie spoke regarding the Mask Mandate.

Annette Bennett read a statement regarding COVID-19 and mask.

Angela Smith spoke against the Mask Mandate.

Kenneth R Selman spoke regarding mask-wearing and the finger-pointing that occurs when others choose not to wear a mask.

George Studor stated the City is doing a great job at cleaning up. He also encouraged the City to do an After-Action Plan to see what was done right and what can be improved; he also feels this should be done with the Mask Mandate.

Mary Studor spoke regarding the Oath of Offices the City Council took when they were elected and how to protect citizens.

Samantha Little spoke regarding COVID-19 and the effects that it has caused on the City and its residents.

Kathy Lux spoke regarding the Emergency Declaration and how Alaska canceled theirs. She stated she feels Texas is losing its independence.

Jeannette Hormuth spoke regarding COVID-19 and how people are living in a disaster due to the mask. She stated she also believes COVID-19 is a hoax.

Timothy Riley spoke regarding the need for adding ZOOM as an option for those who are still uncomfortable attending meetings in person and educating residents regarding City happenings. He also stated that for those who want to wear a mask, wear it, and those who don't want to wear a mask, don't wear one.

Lisa Bellamy spoke regarding the Mask Mandate. She stated she moved here to live the type of life she wants to, but now is still being controlled.

Jett Burns spoke regarding the Mask Mandate and encouraged the City Council to end it.

Allison Prehn Henson read a statement regarding the Mask Mandate. She also provided a copy of her statement to the Mayor.

Kim Krans stated she works in the health industry, and she feels the Mask Mandate is all about making money and not about safety.

Clay Roup stated he recently moved back from China and feels there is no need for a Mask Mandate.

6. OTHER ACTION ITEMS AND UPDATES

A. Consider the approval of Conditional Use Permit per section 5.400 for the following uses: condominium residential and Townhouse Residential on a C1 Zoned property located at 1032 S. Milam (#Z-2019) (previously discussed on February 22, 2021) (Jason Lutz, Director of Development Services).

Jason Lutz, Director of Development Services, stated after the discussions at the February 22, 2021, City Council meeting, the applicant met with the landowners. They also addressed some of the other concerns the City Council previously had.

The City Council discussed the HOAs and the Developer meetings, the additional sidewalks, trees, and parking.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Musselman, seconded by Councilmember Luckenbach, to approve the Conditional Use Permit per section 5.400 for the following uses: condominium residential and Townhouse Residential on a C1 Zoned property located at 1032 S. Milam with the conditions of additional sidewalks, trees, and parking within the development. The City Council voted unanimously five (5) for, and none (0) opposed.

B. Consider the approval of the Health and Safety Plan approval for the Pedernales Creative Arts Alliance 2021 Summer Concert Series (Jennifer Krupa, Special Events Coordinator).

Jennifer Krupa, Special Events Coordinator, reviewed the health & safety plan submitted for the 2021 Pedernales Creative Arts Alliance Summer Concert Series at Marktplatz during May – September.

The City Council discussed the Health & Safety Plan.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Musselman, to approve the Health and Safety Plan approval for the Pedernales Creative Arts Alliance 2021 Summer Concert Series. The City Council voted unanimously five (5) for, and none (0) opposed.

7. CITY MANAGER REPORT

A. Weather Emergency Update.

Kent Myers, City Manager, provided an update on the following weather emergency items:

- Public Works is about 1/3 way through the brush pick-up and will begin a second round soon.
- City Hall Annex flooded, and those offices have moved to the Fest Room.
- The Golf Course has reopened, and the sign-up has moved into the Red Bird Grill until the repairs are finished.
- Pioneer Pavilion repairs to the restrooms have been completed.
- Swimming Pools pumps are in need of repairs, and they are getting quotes.
- He also noted Staff has begun the process for creating an After-Action Report.
- All residents that were in the Emergency Shelter have been moved to hotels.
- The Finance Department is working on FEMA reimbursement.

B. Legislative Update.

Kent Myers, City Manager, stated the Legislative Session has focused on electric issues.

C. March 3, 2021, City Council Work Session

Kent Myers, City Manager, reviewed the four Work Session topics and reminded everyone the meeting would begin at 8:30 and would be held at the Rock Box Theater.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Kent Myers, City Manager, reviewed the upcoming meeting agenda items.

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Rickert reviewed the City Council's role and encouraged the residents to contact the Mayor or City Council.

Councilmember Musselman thanked everyone for speaking. He stated COVID-19 positive cases have gone up and feels this is not the time to relax with the precautions the City is taking.

Mayor Kiehne thanked everyone for attending and for those who spoke.

10. ADJOURN

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Musselman, to adjourn the Monday, March 1, 2021, City Council Regular Meeting at 8:02 p.m. The City Council voted unanimously five (5) for, and none (0) opposed.


Charlie Kiehne
Mayor

ATTEST



Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary