



CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 5, 2020

The City of Fredericksburg City Council met in a regular session on Monday, October 5, 2020, at 6 p.m. This meeting was held remotely via Zoom Teleconferencing, and in-person at the University Center-HEB Room, 2818 US 290 Fredericksburg, Texas. These actions are being taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding meetings that bring people into a group setting and in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code.

Members Present:

Mayor Gary Neffendorf
Councilmember Charlie Kiehne
Councilmember Tom Musselman (participated via Zoom)
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
Russell Immel, Information Technology Director
Andrea Schmidt, Parks Department Director (participated via Zoom)
Lea Feuge, Public Information Officer
Kris Kneese, Assistant Director of Public Works and Utilities
Garrett Bonn, Assistant Engineer
Jennifer Krupa, Special Events Coordinator (participated via Zoom)
Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Neffendorf called the regular meeting of the Fredericksburg City Council to order at 6 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 2020, in person at the University Center-HEB Room via Zoom Teleconference. Mayor Neffendorf announced a quorum of the City Council present.

2. UPDATE ON CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC

Lynn Bizzell, Fire Chief, reported as of 10-5-2020:

World	United States
35,179,573 Positive Cases	7,505,022 Positive Cases
1,037,340 Deaths	213,056 Deaths
24,524,539 Recovered	4,873,669 Recovered

Texas	Case Count	Total Deaths	Active Cases	Recovered Cases	Test Preformed	
252 counties out of 254	769,303 New 2,192	16,033 New 8	71,074	683,700	6,571,677	
Region 8 Total Cases	Region 8 Recovered	Region 8 Deaths	Region 8 Active Cases	Region 8 Counties	Region 8 Pending investigation cases	Region 8 Probable
90,742	76,214	1,890	2,333	28 out of 28	1,135	12,578

COVID-19 totals of the adjacent counties' information (DSHS as of 9-8-2020):

County	Cases	Active	Recovered	Fatalities
Gillespie County	353	10	341	10
Kerr County	664	15	639	11
Kendall County	476	0	472	8
Llano County	138	23	113	2
Mason County	79	4	73	2
Blanco County	145	6	134	5
Burnet County	771	75	684	12

Hospital Data

Date	# Patients	# Confirmed Cases
9-28-2020	3,201	1,412
9-29-2020	3,251	3,812
9-30-2020	3,344	5,335
10-1-2020	3,190	3,234
10-2-2020	3,227	2,729
10-3-2020	3,192	3,346
10-4-2020	3,318	2,181

FISD COVID-19 Cases

Campus	Total Positive Cumulative Case	Total Positive Current Cases	Total Cumulative Exposures	Total Current Exposures
Billie Kids Day Care	0	0	0	0

FPS	2	0	0	0
SES	0	0	0	0
FES	4	0	95	0
FMS	2	1	19	0
FHS	16	12	161	151
GCHS	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	13	245	152

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.
- Upcoming testing on October 18, 2020, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Market Square.

3. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS

Kent Myers, City Manager, stated he received the following recognitions:

- Thank you to the Street, Parks, and Vegetation Management Departments for completing the Annual Street Program.
- Thank you to Officer Hugo Alvarez for his professionalism and thoughtfulness while giving a ticket.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Neffendorf reviewed the different ways the public could provide comments. He stated the City received one citizen who signed up for verbal comments and no written citizen comments.

Timothy Riley spoke via Zoom regarding educating the public regarding elections and other City services. He also spoke regarding the Census process.

5. CONSENT

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MAY BE ACTED UPON IN A SINGLE MOTION. NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OR ACTION ON ANY OF THESE ITEMS WILL BE HELD UNLESS PULLED AT THE REQUEST OF A MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL.

A. Consider approval of the following Minutes:

i. September 21, 2020, City Council Regular Meeting

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Musselman, seconded by Councilmember Watson, to approve the City Council Minutes for September 21, 2020, Regular Meeting. The City Council voted 5 (five) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

6. OTHER ACTION ITEMS AND UPDATES

A. Consider awarding the construction contract for the Main Street Decorative Light Replacement Project to Wesco Services LLC in the amount of \$450,000.

Kris Kneese, Assistant Director of Public Works and Utilities, provided the history of the Main Street Decorative Light and the Replacement Project. He noted the project's purpose is to replace the light poles that are showing signs of corrosion and rust, which is a safety concern along Main Street. The Historic Review Board has reviewed and issued a certificate of appropriateness for the proposed streetlight poles. City Staff has worked with TxDOT on the design and construction planning of the project. He also stated Staff has worked with Wesco Services LLC on the material and installation cost of \$450,000. The FY2021 project budget is \$330,000. The Staff recommends the Council amend the FY2021 budget to include the unused \$112,500 from the Electric Department FY2020 budget and increase the FY2021 project budget by an additional \$7,500. The City Council discussed the flowerpots and the height, as well as raising the flag holder. They also discussed replacing the flowerpot with a banner holder.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Rickert, seconded by Councilmember Musselman, approve the construction contract for the Main Street Decorative Light Replacement Project to Wesco Services LLC in the amount of \$450,000 (as presented), with subject to changing flower pots to banners and raise the flag holder. The City Council voted 5 (five) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Consider discussion and take appropriate action regarding Flood Infrastructure Fund Grant Application for Flood Early Warning System Project in an amount not to exceed \$745,000.

Garrett Bonn, Assistant Engineer, provided a history of the constitutional amendment in November 2019. The Flood Infrastructure Fund program offers financial assistance for flood control, flood mitigation, and drainage projects. The TWDB invited eligible applicants to submit an applications for eligible projects. The City submitted two applications for the following projects:

1. Flood Early Warning System (FEWS) Improvements-Total Estimated Project Cost = \$745,000
2. N Llano (SH 16N) Storm Sewer System-Total Estimated Project Cost=\$2,602,930

He stated the FEWS project were ranked 67th, and the SH 16N project was ranked 189th. The City then received a letter inviting us to submit a complete application for the FEWS project. The original abridged application for the FEWS project proposed an 80% grant 20 % local match for the project, the approved eligible funding for the project is 15% (\$111,750) in the form of grant funds, and the City would be responsible for the remaining 85% (\$633,250) via a local match or a loan through the FIF.

The City Council discussed the grant, application, and the length of the loan. They also discussed the Flood Early Warning System. They also discussed the payment of \$745,000, which could be payable over 30 years.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Musselman, to approve Resolution 2020-16R Application Filing and Authorized Representative for Flood Infrastructure Fund Grant Application for Flood Early Warning System Project in an amount not to exceed \$745,000 for a 30-year term. The City Council voted 5 (five) for and none(0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. CVB Tree Lighting Ceremony

Andrea Schmidt, Parks Department Director, reported the City will be holding a modified CVB Tree Lighting Ceremony. She noted there will not be a ceremony to turn on the lights. The Parks and Electric Department will soon be setting up the trees, and the lights will be turned on two weeks earlier than usual. She also stated CVB has installed speakers, and there will be a daily announcement, and then the lights will come on.

B. Chamber Christmas Parade

Andrea Schmidt, Parks Department Director, reported the Chamber of Commerce will be holding the Christmas Parade at the LBJ Park. She stated details are still being worked out.

C. Election Update

Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary, reported:

- Ballot by Mail-
700 Ballots by Mail have been mailed out, and 313 have been returned. The last day to receive an application from a voter in-person is October 16 and by mail is October 23. The deadline for returning Ballot by Mail is November 3 at 7 p.m., but they can be accepted up to November 4 by 5 p.m. as long as they have a November 3 postmarked. Out of State and FPCA Ballot deadline is November 9. Hand delivery Ballot by Mails have to be done in-person, with identification and delivered to the City Secretary Department.
- Early Voting and Election Day - dates, times, and locations. The Curbside Voting process.
- Poll Worker and Early Voting Ballot Board training times and location.

D. Development Services Director Position

Clinton Bailey, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works and Utilities, provided an update on the job description developed after meeting with the City Council and several staff members. He reviewed the process for advertising the position and noted he has already heard from several individuals interested in the position.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

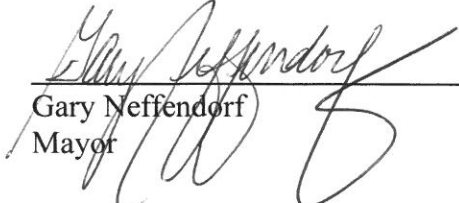
Kent Myers, City Manager, reviewed the Future Agenda Items.

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS

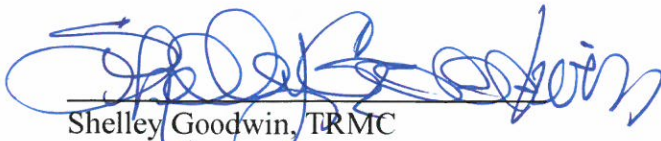
Councilmember Musselman stated COVID-19 is still danger and the numbers are increasing daily. He also noted there have been 150 Fredericksburg High School students quarantined. And he encouraged everyone to take the virus serious and City Council and City Boards should continue to offer meetings via Zoom.

10. ADJOURN

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kiehne, seconded by Councilmember Watson, to adjourn the Monday, October 5, 2020, City Council Regular Meeting at 7:10 p.m. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.


Gary Neffendorf
Mayor

ATTEST



Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary