



CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR
MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2020

The City of Fredericksburg City Council met in a regular session on Monday, October 19, 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
Brian Jordan, Développement Services Director
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
Anna Hudson, Historic Preservation Officer
Jennifer Krupa, Special Events Coordinator
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 19, 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 10-19-2020:

World	United States
40,251,950 Positive Cases	8,188,585 Positive Cases

Texas	Case Count	Total Deaths	Active Cases	Recovered Cases	Test Preformed	
253 counties out of 254	833,557 New 4,857	17,087 New 65	83,973	733,758	7,444,326	
Region 8 Counties	Region 8 Total Cases	Region 8 Deaths	Region 8 Active Cases	Region 8 Recovered	Region 8 Pending investigation cases	Region 8 Probable
28 out of 28	96,886	1,999	2,412	77,485	1,086	12,314

COVID-19 totals of the adjacent counties' information (DSHS as of 9-22-2020):

County	New Daily Cases	Cases	Active	Recovered	Fatalities
Gillespie County	1	350	11	337	10
Kerr County	9	679	32	637	13
Kendall County	0	377	0	372	10
Llano County	1	166	32	132	2
Mason County	0	80	1	77	2
Blanco County	0	153	10	137	6
Burnet County	7	861	106	743	12

Hospital Data

Date	# Patients	Daily New Confirmed Cases
10-12-2020	4,053	2,384
10-13-2020	4,131	5,050
10-14-2020	4,263	4,564
10-15-2020	4,248	4,615
10-16-2020	4,275	5,682
10-17-2020	4,226	4,581
10-18-2020	4,319	3,048
10-19-2020		2,273

Daily Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

Date	Gillespie County # Cases	Kerr County # Cases	Kendall County # Cases	Blanco County # Cases	Burnet County # Cases	Llano County # Cases	Mason County # Cases

10-13-2020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10-14-2020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10-15-2020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10-16-2020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10-17-2020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10-18-2020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10-19-2020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10-20-2020	1	9	0	0	7	1	0

Hill County Memorial Hospital Report

- Hospitalized COVID Cases -2

FISD Cumulative Cases

Campus	Total Positive Cases	Total Positive Current Cases	Total Cumulative Exposures	Total Current Exposures
Billie Kids Daycare	0	0	0	0
FPS	2	0	0	0
SES	0	0	0	0
FES	5	1	95	0
FMS	3	1	19	0
FHS	20	4	161	6
GCHS	0	0	0	0

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.
- Tested 349 on Sunday, October 18, 2020, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Market Square. She also announced that overflow parking is at Bethany Church.
- Next testing will occur on Wednesday, November 11, and Sunday, November 15, at the Pioneer Pavilion from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.
- In the last two weeks, a total of 649 tests have been conducted.
- HCMH Drive-Up COVID testing has been moved to HCM Immediate Care.

3. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS

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

- Appreciation to the City Secretary's Department for their hard work and long hours they have put into the November 3, 2020 Election. He also thanked other City employees who are help (Lea Feuge, Tammie Loth, Anna Hudson, Jennifer Krupa, and Garret Bonn).

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.

George Studor spoke regarding the City General Election for November 3, 2020, and concerns with voter confusion. He noted his experiences when dealing with the Gillespie County Election Administration's office.

Rebecca Rather spoke regarding the effects that she is experiencing with the STR next door to her. She encouraged the City to enforce the rules regarding STRs.

Jennifer Eggleston spoke regarding issues she is experiencing with STRs in her neighborhood. She also encouraged the City Council to address the junkyard/house in her neighborhood.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Hold a public hearing to receive comments from the public for or against a Conditional Use Permit for Medical Services (Dental Office) in the CBD Zoning District at 520 W. Main Street request by Zachary Hoerster, DDS (Z-2014).

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Musselman, seconded by Councilmember Watson, to open the Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m. The City Council voted five (5) for, and none (0) opposed.

Brian Jordan, Development Services Director, reviewed the history of the request. He stated the Planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimously for the request.

Barry Wagner, AIA, reviewed the request to approve a Conditional Use Permit to remodel a to allow for a dentist treatment rooms, offices, and support spaces and the remainder be remodeled to allow for a office space with reception, conference room, and an office.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kiehne, seconded by Councilmember Watson, to go out of the Public Hearing and back into the Regular Meeting at 6:37 p.m. The City Council voted five (5) for, and none (0) opposed.

B. Hold a public hearing to receive comments from the public for or against an All-Way Stop at the Intersection of N. Milam & W. Austin.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Musselman, seconded by Councilmember Watson, to open the Public Hearing at 6:42 p.m. The City Council voted five (5) for, and none (0) opposed.

Garrett Bonn, Assistant Engineer, reviewed the intersection of N. Milam (RR 965) and W. Austin and the recommendation to change from a two-way stop intersection to an all-way stop intersection based on conclusions and recommendations included in a warrant study that was part of the Traffic Impact Study completed by Kimley-Horn and Associates. He also reviewed the increased traffic and public safety concerns. The City's traffic consultant for the

citywide Traffic Impact Study, Kimley-Horn & Associates, completed a multi-way stop warrant analysis of the intersection and found that an all-way stop is warranted.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Musselman, seconded by Councilmember Watson, to go out of the Public Hearing and back into the Regular Meeting at 6:44 p.m. The City Council voted five (5) for, and none (0) opposed.

6. OTHER ACTION ITEMS AND UPDATES

A. Consider the approval a Conditional Use Permit for Medical Services (Dental Office) in the CBD Zoning District at 520 W. Main Street request by Zachary Hoerster, DDS (Z-2014).

Brian Jordan, Director of Development Services, reviewed the different zoning districts and the requirements for a Conditional Use Permit.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Musselman, to approve a Conditional Use Permit for Medical Services (Dental Office) in the CBD Zoning District at 520 W. Main Street request by Zachary Hoerster, DDS (Z-2014) as presented. The City Council voted five (5) for, and none (0) opposed.

B. Consider the approval of the Landmark Designation Application requested by the City of Fredericksburg for Fort Martin Scott.

Anna Hudson, Historic Preservation Officer, reviewed the history and the ownership of Fort Martin Scott. The Fort has a state historic designation as a State Antiquities Landmark and is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The local designation would formalize the relationship between the Parks Department and Development Service Department for site management. She also reviewed the changes the designation would create and the vote taken by the Historic Review Board.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Musselman, to take no action and hold a Workshop. Motion failed due to a lack of a second.

Councilmember Musselman stated he believes it is important to hold a Workshop with the Parks Department, Historic Review Board, and Fort Martin Scott's Friends.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Rickert, seconded by Councilmember Watson, to approve as presented the Landmark Designation Application requested by the City of Fredericksburg for Fort Martin Scott. The City Council voted five (5) for, and none (0) opposed.

C. Consider discussion and take appropriate action regarding an All-Way Stop at the Intersection of N. Milam & W. Austin.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Rickert, to approve an All-Way Stop at the Intersection of N. Milam & W. Austin. The City Council voted five (5) for, and none (0) opposed.

D. Consider discussion and take appropriate action regarding the current Moratorium on Special Events and Outdoor Gatherings of 75 or more.

Jennifer Krupa, Special Events Coordinator, reviewed the current moratorium expiration date on special events and outdoor gatherings of 75 or more people is November 1, 2020. She reviewed the pros and cons of extending the moratorium and how other municipalities are handling gatherings.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Rickert, seconded by Councilmember Watson, to approve extending the current Moratorium on Special Events and Outdoor Gatherings of 75 or more. The City Council voted five (5) for, and none (0) opposed.

E. Consider discussion and take appropriate action regarding Heritage School's Eisbahn Fundraiser to begin in November 2020 and end January 2021.

Jennifer Krupa, Special Events Coordinator, reviewed the safety plan that the Heritage School filed for their event.

Ginny Weiser stated she submitted a COVID-19 Plan with reduced numbers of participants at one time. She also reviewed the participation numbers from the previous years.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Musselman, seconded by Councilmember Kiehne, to approve the Heritage School's Eisbahn Fundraiser using the COVID-19 Health and Safety Policy and to continue to work with the Special Events Coordinator and the Mayor regarding their event. The City Council voted five (5) for, and none (0) opposed. The City Council agreed by consensus that the event falls below the moratorium numbers.

7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Short-Term Rental (STR) Complaints

Kent Myers, City Manager, reviewed the STR complaints. He recommended a policy change and bringing back after the election.

B. New Year's Eve Celebration

Jennifer Krupa, Special Events Coordination, reviewed the different options for New Year's Eve Celebration. She also noted the City should set the example and cancel the New Year's Eve Celebration.

The City Council agreed by consensus to cancel the New Year's Eve Celebration.

C. Election Update-Announce scheduled dates for Canvassing of Election Results and Swearing In New Mayor and Council Members

Kent Myers, City Manager, reviewed the timeframe for canvassing the November 3, 2020, General Election.

The City Council agreed by consensus to canvass the November 3, 2020, General Election on Monday, November 16, 2020 at 5:30 p.m..

Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary, reviewed the Early Voting hours and location. She also reviewed the voter turnout. She also reviewed the Election Date Precinct locations.

D. 2024 Eclipse Event

Kent Myers, City Manager, stated the City has begun to hold planning meetings. He noted people have already begun to request renting parks, baseball fields, and hotels.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Kent Myers, City Manager, reviewed the Future Agenda.

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Musselman reported on the high voter turn out for the November 3, 2020 Election. He also reported that the City Secretary's Office is working on signage to assist voters with directing them to the City Election.

Councilmember Kiehne encouraged everyone to social distance, wear a mask, and do your part to keep the community safe.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council will recess its open meeting and reconvene in Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 (Deliberation Regarding Real Property):

- A. Consider and discuss the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, located in the vicinity of US 290 E at the Pedernales River crossing, approximately two miles to the east of the City of Fredericksburg (Sec. 551.072).**

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Musselman, seconded by Councilmember Watson, to go out of Regular Session into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. The City Council voted five (5) for, and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

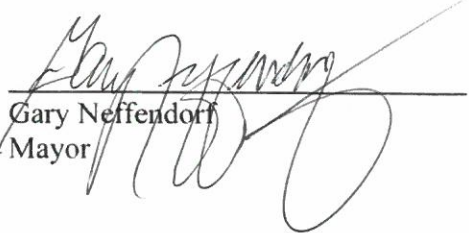
Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Musselman seconded by Councilmember Rickert, to go out of Executive Session into Regular Session at 8:23 p.m. The City Council voted five (5) for, and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

11. BUSINESS ITEM

This item was not needed.

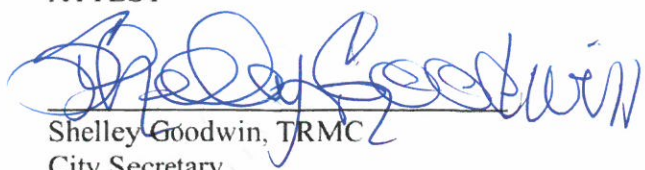
12. ADJOURN

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kiehne, seconded by Councilmember Watson, to adjourn the Monday, October 19 2020, City Council Regular Meeting at 8:24 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