

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF DIMMIT §
CITY OF CARRIZO SPRINGS §

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City Council of the City of Carrizo Springs, Texas has called a **Regular Session** at the Carrizo Springs Civic Center, 405 North 7th Street, Carrizo Springs, Texas, 78834 on **Tuesday, June 9, 2020** commencing at **6:00 p.m.** for considering the following items of business:

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Benny Rocha called meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL & ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

The Council conducted their own roll call and declared the following Councilmembers present:

Benny Rocha	Mayor Pro Tem
Sofia Morones	Councilor
Oscar E. Puente	Councilor
Mario Ruiz	Councilor
Ronnie J. Guest Jr.	City Manager
Melissa M. Guerra	City Clerk

Absent:

Wayne Seiple	Mayor
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A quorum was established.

STAFF:

Gloria Martinez, Finance Director	Arnold Aguilar, Interim City Marshal
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WELCOME & RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Mayor Pro Tem Benny Rocha welcomed and recognize all guests present.

Alexis Cantu, David Moore, Lucy Trujillo, Stacy Vargas, J. J. Ortiz, James E. Cabello

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

No citizen's comments.

PROCLAMATION

- 1. PRESENTATAION OF PROCLAMATION TO HEB FOR THEIR DEDICATION ON KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE DURING THE GLOBAL PANDEMIC COVID-19**

On behalf of the City of Carrizo Springs City Council, City Manager Ronnie J. Guest, Jr. presented HEB Partners Alexis Cantu, David Moore, Lucy Trujillo, and Stacy Vargas a Proclamation for their dedication on keeping the community safe during the global pandemic COVID-19.

LAW OFFICES OF JAMES E. CABELLO - RE-SALE BID ON TRUSTEE PROPERTY

- 2. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY RE-SALE BID(S) ON TRUSTEE PROPERTY, TO-WIT: "LOT 2, (BEING 104 FEET X 104 FEET, MORE, OR LESS), BLOCK 42, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, TO THE CITY OF CARRIZO SPRINGS, DIMMIT COUNTY, TEXAS", TAX OFFICE PROPERTY ID NUMBER 12270 AND 12271. (TRACTS #1 & #2, OF TAX SUIT 15-05-02620-DTX, CARRIZO SPRINGS C.I.S.D. VS. RICHARD PICHARDO, ET. US., ET. A1.).**

Motion made by Councilor Mario Ruiz, second by Councilor Sofia Morones to accept re-sale bid of \$3,500 made by Gonzalo Nandin for Trustee Property, To-Wit: "Lot 2, (being 104 feet x 104 feet, more, or less), Block 42, Original Townsite, to the City of Carrizo Springs, Dimmit County, Texas", Tax Office Property ID Number 12270 and 12271. (Tracts #1 & #2, of Tax Suit 15-05-02620-DTX, Carrizo Springs C.I.S.D. vs. Richardo Pichardo, ET. US., ET. A1.

Vote for approval 4-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2020**
 - A. REGULAR SESSION - MAY 12, 2020**
 - B. REGULAR SESSION ADDENDUM - MAY 12, 2020**

Motion made by Councilor Mario Ruiz, second by Councilor Oscar E. Puente to approve minutes for the month May 2020.

Vote for approval 4-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

- 4. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2020**

Motion made by Councilor Oscar E. Puente, second Councilor Sofia Morones to approve accounts payable for the month of May 2020.

Vote for approval 4-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS**5. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPROVE TROY JESSE CONSTRUCTION'S PROPOSAL TO DEMOLISH THE OLD FIREHOUSE**

Motion made by Councilor Sofia Morones, second by Councilor Mario Ruiz to approve Troy Jesse Construction's proposal for \$37,303 to demolish the Old Firehouse.

Vote for approval 4-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

6. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION IN REGARDS TO SOUTH TEXAS RURAL HEALTH SERVICES, INC. REQUEST FOR A 15-YEAR TAX ABATEMENT

City Manager Ronnie J. Guest, Jr. states to Council that he spoke to Special Counsel Bobby Maldonado and his recommendation was not to approve the 15-year abatement because the South Texas Rural Health Services, Inc. is a non-profit organization which is tax exempt and is a 100% federally funded project.

Motion made by Councilor Sofia Morones, second Councilor Oscar E. Puente deny South Texas Rural Health Services, Inc. request for a 15-year tax abatement.

Vote for approval 4-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS**7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION IN REGARDS TO DIMMIT COUNTY LIBRARY PROGRAM FOR IPADS**

City Manager Ronnie J. Guest, Jr. states that he would like to meet with the County and discuss a partnership to purchase iPads for students who are not able to participate in the summer reading program that is provided by the library.

Dimmit County Library Director J.J. Ortiz request from Council to consider purchasing iPads for the library to help students who are below reading levels and are in need to have access to reading programs provided by the library.

Councilor Oscar E. Puente suggests to table item and reschedule item for further discussion in Special Session.

Finance Director Gloria Martinez states that the City is in a deficit right now and recommends to budget for the purchase of iPads for the library in next year's budget.

Motion made by Councilor Oscar E. Puente, second by Councilor Mario Ruiz to table item and schedule a Special Session to discuss the item further.

Vote for approval 4-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

8. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION IN REGARDS TO REGULAR SESSION JULY 14, 2020

City Manager Ronnie J. Guest, Jr. states to Council that he would like to move July's Regular Session to July 28, 2020.

Motion made by Councilor Mario Ruiz, second by Councilor Oscar E. Puente to schedule July's Regular Session to July 28, 2020.

Vote for approval 4-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION MONTHLY REPORTS

9. CITY MANAGER ORGANIZATION UPDATES

CITY MANAGER'S ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES

City Manager Ronnie J. Guest, Jr. states that he appreciates all the hard work and dedication the team has exhibited for the past several months during the global pandemic. The team has stepped up and taken pride in assuring the cleanliness of all City facilities and Veterans Park.

Due to COVID-19 and the uncertainty surrounding the safety of the community and additional repairs needed for the swimming pool, the 2020 pool season will remain closed.

City Manager Ronnie J. Guest, Jr. reported to Council that his office tested positive for mold at a medium level and will be hiring someone to come in and remove the mold.

SCADA

The new system is fully operational, and the team has full control of the system.

PUBLIC WORKS

Total water production reported for the month of May was 40,230,000 with daily average of 1,297,000 gallons. The monthly Bacti water samples and raw collected analysis were all negative. Repaired leaks as needed and responded to a water main leak on North 11th and Nicholson punctured by contractor.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Repaired water leaks and sewer back-ups and all monthly water samples came back in compliance. Flushed water hydrants for the month with no issues. The water department marked forty-seven (47) line locates and conducted a Chlorine Gas Safety Training.

STREET DEPARTMENT

The team continues to address rights-of-ways for mowing and addressed some sign vandalism throughout the City. The Street Department continues to repair potholes as needed and patching areas from water leaks. Austin Street, Eaton Street and Rocha Street are currently being paved.

GAS DEPARTMENT

Gas Department Supervisor Joe Mata met with the Pipeline Safety Consultant to assure the gas department is complying and following the Distribution Integrity Management Program. The team performed all maintenance on the distribution system repairs.

PARKS AND RECREATION

The Parks team is working with Davila Construction to address the water leak in the swimming pool. The issue is related to the return lines, which were advised needed to be replaced by Davila Construction to previous city management, however, the decision was made to move forward without addressing the concerns.

UTILITY DEPARTMENT

The water collections for the month of May was \$259,862.54. Late fees were waived for the months of March and April due to COVID-19 but will resume in the month of June.

WATER WASTE TREATMENT PLANT

Total flow treated for the month of May was 14,252,000 gallons with a daily average of 548,000 gallons. Conducted all daily process controls and provided maintenance on all equipment as needed.

10. FINANCE DIRECTOR**A. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Finance Director Gloria Martinez reported a total of \$429,004 monthly expenses for payroll, accounts payable and debt service payments for May 2020.

B. MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT

Finance Director Gloria Martinez presented the monthly investment report for period ending May 31, 2020 with a book value ending of \$95,514.73.

C. UTILITY AGING REPORT

The utility aging report has a balance of \$543,650.11 as of May 31, 2020.

D. UTILITY DEPARTMENT

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilor Oscar E. Puente, second by Councilor Mario Ruiz to adjourn.

Vote for approval 4-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned approximately 7:45 p.m.

/s/Wayne Seiple
Wayne Seiple, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/Melissa M. Guerra
Melissa M. Guerra, City Clerk
City Council Minutes
Regular Session, June 9, 2020