

The Town Council of the Town of Pecos City met in a Special City Council Meeting at the Odessa College Pecos Center located at 100 S Eddy St. Pecos, Texas 79772 on June 20, 2018 at 5:42 p.m. with the following present:

Venetta Seals	Mayor
Arthur Orona	Councilman
Oscar Ornelas	Councilman
Wally Moon	Councilman
Seth Sorensen	City Manager
Rod Ponton	City Attorney
Syra Nichols	City Secretary
Rogelio Alvarado	Commissioner
Paul Hinojos	Commissioner
W. J. Bang	Reeves County Judge
Jerry Bullard	Reeves County Emergency Management
Leo Hung	Reeves County Judge Elect
Tony Trujillo	Commissioner
Dianne Florez	County Clerk
Matt Elliott	PBT-ISD Board
Gail Box	PBT-ISD Board
Jonathan Fuentez	PBT-ISD
Robert Mendez	PBT-ISD
Ken Winkles	PEDC Director
Nadine Smith	RCHD
Rusty Kelly	Lobbyist
Jessica Owny	Lobbyist
Carlos De La Rosa	Business Manager
John Fulbright	Newspaper

Mayor Venetta Seals called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m.

Mayor Venetta Seals welcomed everyone in attendance thanked the County Commissioners, PEDC Board Members, RCHD Board Members and PBT-ISD Board and staff members for attending. Mayor Seals also called a quorum of City Council. Judge Bang also called a quorum for the Reeves County Commissioners.

Venetta Seals, Mayor stated that there will be a special emergency election to fill the vacant Texas Senate District 19 seat in order to make plans this fall for addressing the legislature next year. The special election will be July 31st, with early voting starting on July 16th.

**No Action Taken**

Rusty Kelly, Lobbyist, thanked the entity's for an inviting him to the meeting and stated that he feels that Pecos has potential for great things as long as action is taken and asked that the entities consider retaining his firm to lobby for the City of Pecos. Jessica Owny, Lobbyist, gave kudos to the entities for working together, she stated most cities call them when they want to start working together and she feels the entities in Pecos are 10 steps ahead of that by already developing meetings and creating sub groups. Mr. Kelly went on to state that the entities will need to build a coalition to go to Austin, TX to inform the senate and help them understand what is needed to help the City grow and develop, the sooner the message gets out the better. Mayor Seals stated that the City has already approved retaining Mr. Kelly as the Lobbyist to help present the objectives of: housing, transportation and development. The Hospital Board was waiting to meet Mr. Kelly before adding onto the agenda, the School Board and County Commissions may be adding them onto their agendas.

### **No Action Taken**

Update/Discussion on the progress of the hiring of cleanup crews, the City of Pecos approved to hire 2 employees, Reeves County approved to hire one (1) employee, The Hospital will be placing the item on their agenda for further discussion and the School Board is reviewing their options with their legal team. Paul Hinojos, Commissioner, stated that companies coming in need to be held accountable to keep up with the pavement of parking lots and curbs and gutter. Mayor Seals agreed and stated that City has volunteered to manager the cleanup crew.

### **No Action Taken**

Update/Discussion on submitting a proposal to local oilfield companies to fund local projects. Mayor Seals stated that quality of life issues are the biggest request: bike trails, basketball courts, tennis courts, walking trail, Etcetera. Paul Hinojos, Commissioner, stated that the entities need to plan a large project and in a united request larger companies will take notice and pitch in to the better quality of life in Pecos. Wally Moon, Council, stated Pecos needs a loop to divert traffic, build roads that can support the amount of traffic in town, trains that will support the importation that is fixing to kick up. It was suggested that entities create a list of what they feel is needed and at the next meeting the list will be discussed and narrowed down.

### **No Action Taken**

Update/Discussion on Housing and the West Pecos Housing Development. Rod Ponton, City Attorney, stated that the project is moving along great there have been no problems as of lately. Timelines have been set and Master Plans are expected to be completed by the end of summer.

### **No Action Taken**

Paul Hinojos, Commissioner, stated that the County and City need to invest in the community and build things that will benefit the residents. Wally Moon, Councilman, went on to state that the project need to be a group effort and not at this entity or that entity. It was agreed on that anything to better the community need to be done and right now is the time to do it for the citizens of Pecos. Jonathan Fuentez, School Asst. Superintendent, stated that the joint meetings need to keep happening, after the first few the picture of progress is now showing that everyone is now on the same page and working towards the same goal.

### **No Action Taken**

Wally Moon, Councilman, stated that the Entities need to meet with Madeira Valley, they are out of money and resources and in debt \$600,000. The entities might need to also take over areas for Madera Valley in order to help them keep a float and provide water for development.

**No Action Taken**

Roy Alvarado, County Commissioner, asked that drainage needs to acquire drainage easements to develop run offs near Magnolia Street and it tends to flood in the areas due to the lack of drainage.

Adjourn at 7:49 pm

July 11, 2018 @ 5:30 for next meeting

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Mayor

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City Secretary