

The Town Council of the Town of Pecos City met in Regular City Council Meeting in the City Council Chambers on August 22, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. with the following present:

David Flores	Mayor
Gerald Tellez	Mayor Pro-tem
Oscar Ornelas	Councilman
Arthur Orona	Councilman
Conrado Saldana	Councilman
Veronica Baca	Councilwoman
Seth Sorensen	City Manager
Rod Ponton	City Attorney
Howdy Lisenbee	Assistant City Manager
Syra Nichols	City Secretary
Melanie Purcell	Finance Director
Jesus Gomez	IT Director
Lisa Tarango	Chief of Police
Kristen Irely	Human Resource Director
Holly Jarocki	Parks and Recs. Director

Item A. Mayor David Flores called the August 22, 2019 meeting to order at 5:30 pm. *Councilmember Orona was not present.*

Item B. Invocation by Councilman Saldana

Item C. Pledge of Allegiance by Councilwoman Baca

Item D. Public Comments

Howdy Lisenbee, Asst. City Manager, introduced Ross Blackketter, Public Works Director, to the Council and welcomed him to the Town of Pecos City staff team.

Holly Jarocki, Parks and Recreation Director, informed the Council that she anticipates that there will be a ribbon cutting at the new Pecos City Maxey Bark Park at the end of September 2019.

Item E. Consent Agenda

On motion by Councilmember Ornelas and seconded by Councilmember Tellez, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the August 8, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting, and Expenditure Report, with noted changes.

F. Non-Consent

1. **UPDATE (Presented after item #11)** – Donnie McKinney, Chief Building Official, updated the Council on Code Enforcement efforts in and around the community. Mr. McKinney also shared photos of properties that have been cited and cleaned up. Mr. McKinney also informed the Council of the Pecos Care Roll-Off Cares program and schedule. No action taken.

2. **UPDATE-** Holly Jarocki, Parks and Recreation Director, updated the Council on Capital Improvement Projects. Mrs. Jarocki shared progress videos and completion timelines for the following projects; Orange Street Park, Saragosa Park Project, Meadowbrook Project, Fairview Cemetery fence project, Splash Pad turf project, Splash and Maxey Bark Park Fence Project, and the Veterans Memorial Park, No action taken.
3. **DISCUSS/CONSIDER-** Rod Ponton, City Attorney, asked the Council postpone the discussion for a pipeline easement request from Waterbridge for water pipeline route in West Pecos for further information. Item postponed for further information
4. **DISCUSS/CONSIDER-** Howdy Lisenbee, Assistant City Manager, asked that the Council consider the appointment of a board member to the Airport Advisory Board, with the recommendation of appointing Leonora Gullier. On motion by Councilmember Baca and seconded by Councilmember Tellez, the Council voted unanimously to appoint Leonora Gullier to the Airport Advisory Board.
5. **DISCUSS/CONSIDER-** Howdy Lisenbee, Assistant City Manager, asked that the Council consider the appointment of two board members to the Pecos Housing Authority Board. Mr. Lisenbee presented the Council with two recommendations made by Mayor David Flores to re-appoint member Ron Garcia and to appoint Cara Turner to the vacant position on the board. On motion by Councilmember Tellez and seconded by Councilmember Ornelas, the Council voted unanimously to re-appoint member Ron Garcia and to appoint Cara Turner to the vacant position on the board.
6. **DISCUSS/CONSIDER-** Seth Sorensen, City Manager, asked the Council to consider directing staff to advertise or opt. to recommend possible members for open positions for interested persons to fill on the TIRZ #1 Board. On motion by Councilmember Ornelas and seconded by Councilmember Saldana, the Council voted unanimously to direct the staff to advertise for applicants for the TIRZ #1 board.
7. **DISCUSS/CONSIDER-** Seth Sorensen, City Manager, asked that the Council approve to appoint a Council Member to the Joint Entity 2x4 Group. On motion by Councilmember Tellez and seconded by Councilmember Ornelas, the Council voted unanimously to appoint Councilmember Baca to the 2x4 Group.
8. **DISCUSS/CONSIDER-** Seth Sorensen, City Manager, asked that the Council approve the abandonment of a portion of the alleyway on Block 81 ORIGINAL PECOS at the current site of West Texas National Bank. Mr. Sorensen went on to recommend that if the Council is to approve the abandonment of the entire alleyway and that they require the property owner to cover the cost of re-plating and filing the property survey. Mr. Sorensen also asked that the Council require the property owner to sign a waiver of liability for relief of any utilities that are running through the abandoned alleyway. On motion by Councilmember Ornelas and seconded by Councilmember Saldana, the Council voted unanimously to abandon the entire alleyway of Block 81 with the requirements as recommended by the City Manager.
9. **DISCUSS/CONSIDER-** Seth Sorensen, City Manager, asked that the Council consider the sale or donation of 3.83 acres of land located in Section 16, Block 5, H&GN Railroad Company Survey to Reeves County for expansion of the Recreation Center near Maxey Park. On motion by Councilmember Ornelas and seconded by Councilmember Saldana, the Council voted unanimously to approve the donation of the 3.83 acres of land for the

expansion of the Recreation Center near Maxey Park, with a reverter clause to return to the City of Pecos if not utilized within the required timeframe.

10. **DISCUSS/CONSIDER**- Seth Sorensen, City Manager, asked that the Council consider the exchange of 0.29 acres of land for 0.35 acres in Block 5, Revised West Airport Addition behind the Pecos Municipal Criminal Justice Center. On motion by Councilmember Saldana and seconded by Councilmember Tellez, the Council voted unanimously to approve the exchange of land, as presented.
11. **DISCUSS/CONSIDER RESOLUTION 19-08-12R(presented after item #13)**- Melanie Purcell, Finance Director, presented the Council with Resolution 19-08-12R, a resolution appointing the Reeves County Tax Assessor-Collector to serve as the assessor and collector for the Town of Pecos City. On motion by Councilmember Ornelas and seconded by Councilmember Saldana, the Council voted unanimously to
12. **DISCUSS/CONSIDER RESOLUTION 19-08-13R(presented before item #1)**- Melanie Purcell, Finance Director, presented the Council with Resolution 19-08-13R, a resolution approving a contract between the Town of Pecos City, Texas and McCreary, Veselka, Bragg and Allen, P.C. for the collection of delinquent property taxes, with a yearly renewal. On motion by Councilmember Ornelas and seconded by Councilmember Saldana, the Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 19-08-13R, with an annual renewal.
13. **DISCUSS/CONSIDER RESOLUTION 19-08-14R(presented after item #12)** - Melanie Purcell, Finance Director, presented the Council with Resolution 19-08-14R, a resolution to approve the imposing of additional penalty to defray the cost of collection of delinquent taxes pursuant to Texas Tax Code, sections 33.07 and 33.08. On motion by Councilmember Ornelas and seconded by Councilmember Baca, the Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 19-08-14R, as presented.
14. **DISCUSS/CONSIDER RESOLUTION 19-08-15R**– Melanie Purcell, Finance Director, presented the Council with Resolutions 19-08-05(a-b)R as:
 - a. **RESOLUTION 19-08-15(a)R** Amending the Purchase Agreement for purchase of Jail Controls and Camera System from VGI Technology and Montgomery Technology Systems, LLC, not to exceed in total \$145,010.
 - b. **RESOLUTION 19-08-15(b)R** Approving the purchase and installation of artificial turf for Veteran’s Park from ForeverLawn West Texas, not to exceed \$301,685.09 from the general fund.

On motion by Councilmember Ornelas and seconded by Councilmember Tellez, the Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 19-08-15(a-b)R.

15. **DISCUSS/CONSIDER ORDINANCE 19-08-02** – Melanie Purcell, Finance Director, presented the Council with the 1st reading of Ordinance 19-08-02, an ordinance approving the FY2019-2020 Budget.

- a) Public Hearing
- b) Discuss/Consider

On motion by Councilmember Saldana and seconded by Councilmember Tellez, the Council voted unanimously to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 19-08-02, as presented.

16. **DISCUSS/CONSIDER ORDINANCE 19-08-03**– Melanie Purcell, Finance Director, presented the Council with the 1st reading of Ordinance 19-08-03, an ordinance approving the adoption of Tax Rate for FY2019-2020.

- a) Public Hearing- LaDonna Olivier, Pecos Resident, asked why is there such a steep increase from .50 cents to .60 cents solely for the entertainment of the children. Mrs. Olivier stated that there are more pressing things that need to be prioritized before the City puts so much emphasis on entertainment. Councilmember Saldana stated that he agreed to an extent, up to the fact that when he was growing up there was much more provided within the city such as miniature golf, multiple movie theaters and downtown shopping. Mr. Saldana stated that the city needs to capitalize on the funds that the city has been blessed with now since that entertainment is gone. Councilmember Baca stated it is time to stop putting the kids on the back burner and provide a quality of life in hopes that the community develops into a city that the youth stays or comes back to in order to raise their families here when they have grown. Councilmember Ornelas stated that only recently have people been relocating to Pecos and the time is now to give those new residents a reason to stay and make Pecos home. Joe Tollett, Pecos Resident, stated that people may not like paying taxes, but people should agree that the time is now to capitalize on the funds that are currently in town to provide the best quality of life and once that is established developers will see the need to bring entertainment to the community. Councilmember Ornelas stated once infrastructure and entertainment have been established that can help sustain funds in the city. Lupe Davis, Pecos Resident, stated that the .10 cent increase will not drastically affect taxpayers and will greatly benefit the community.
- b) Discuss/Consider

On motion by Councilmember Tellez and seconded by Councilmember Saldana, the Council voted unanimously to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 19-08-03, as presented.

On break: 7:50 pm

Back from break: 8:05 pm

17. **DISCUSS/CONSIDER ORDINANCE 19-08-04**- Seth Sorensen, City Manager, presented the Council with the 1st reading of Ordinance 19-08-04, an ordinance amending the Transportation Chapter of the 2015 Comprehensive Plan. Mr., Sorensen stated that the 2015 Comprehensive Plan did not account for the growth that the community is currently experiencing and the amendments will accommodate for that growth. On motion by Councilmember Tellez and seconded by Councilmember Ornelas, the Council voted unanimously to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 19-08-04.

18. **DISCUSS/CONSIDER ORDINANCE 19-08-05**- Seth Sorensen, City Manager, presented the Council with the 1st reading of Ordinance 19-08-05, an ordinance adopting the Long Range Transportation Plan. On motion by Councilmember Ornelas and seconded by Councilmember Saldana, the Council voted unanimously to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 19-08-05, as presented.

19. **DISCUSS/CONSIDER ORDINANCE 19-08-06**- Donnie McKinney, Chief Building Official, presented the Council with the 1st reading of Ordinance 19-08-06, an ordinance repealing all masonry ordinances to be effective September 1st. On motion by Councilmember Ornelas and seconded by Councilmember Tellez, the Council voted unanimously to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 19-08-06, as presented.

20. **DISCUSS/CONSIDER ORDINANCE 19-08-07-** Holly Jarocki, Parks and Recreation Director, presented the Council with Ordinance 19-08-07, an ordinance to amend the City Code of Ordinances, Section 46-25 regarding "Dogs, Cats" to allow dogs in Dog Park and would remove items related to city zoo. On motion by Councilmember Ornelas and seconded by Councilmember Baca, the Council voted unanimously to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 19-08-07, as presented.

21. **DISCUSS/CONSIDER-** Oscar Ornelas, Councilman, asked that the Council consider approving the development of traffic flow lanes at the intersection of Plum and Lincoln streets for safety and traffic control. Chief Tarango suggested speed bumps along Plum St. to help with the high number of citations issued along Plum St. No action taken.

22. **DISCUSS-**Seth Sorensen, City Manager, asked that the Council discuss to later bring forth the approval of placing dumpsters along F Street. Mr. Sorensen stated that F St. is very narrow and it would be beneficial to have property owners donated property to allow for the placement of dumpsters along the street. No action taken.

23. **DISCUSS-** Seth Sorensen, City Manager, stated that Councilman Orona had asked if the Council would be allowed to donate funds for a memorial for the shooting victims in El Paso. Rod Ponton, City Attorney, stated it would be legal for the City of Pecos to donate the funds to the City of El Paso if they do start a donation account. The Council stated they are interested in looking into donating towards a memorial if and when a memorial is established. No action taken.

Entered Executive Session: 9:05 pm

Executive Session under Tex. Gov't Code § 551.071, 551.072 551.074

1. Consultation with Attorney
2. Personnel Matters
3. Real Estate Negotiations

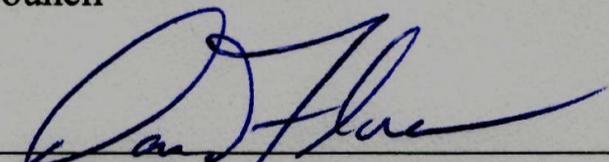
Exited Executive Session: 9:25 pm

Open Executive Session under Tex. Gov't Code § 551.071, 551.072 551.074

On motion by Councilmember Ornelas and seconded Councilmember Saldana, the Council voted unanimously to schedule a Special Council Meeting for Thursday, August 29, 2019.

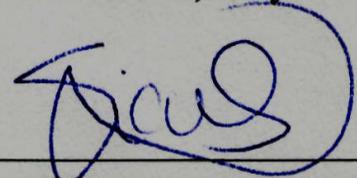
G. Discuss Items for Next City Council Agenda – City Council

H. Adjournment: 9:25 pm



 David Flores, Mayor

Attest:



 Syra Nichols, City Secretary

