

Regular City Council Meeting June 25, 2020

The Town Council of the Town of Pecos City met in a ~~Regular~~ City Council Meeting in the City Council Chambers on June 25, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. with the following present:

David Flores	Mayor
Gerald Tellez	Mayor Pro-Tem
Conrado Saldana	Councilmember
Veronica Baca	Councilmember
Arthur Orona	Councilmember
Seth Sorensen	City Manager
Howdy Lisenbee	Assistant CM
Rod Ponton	City Attorney
Oscar Ornelas	CES
Syra Nichols	City Secretary
Lisa Tarango	Chief of Police
Heather Ramirez	Executive Assistant to the City Manager's Office
Melanie Purcell	Finance Director
Holly Jarocki	Parks and Recreation Director

Item A. Mayor Pro-Tem Tellez called the June 25, 2020 meeting to order at 5:35 pm. Valerie Trujillo, Councilmember, was present via phone conference.

Invocation by Councilman Tellez

Pledge of Allegiance by Councilwoman Orona

- A. Call to Order
- B. Invocation
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Public Comments

Arthur Orona, Councilman, urged residents to take care of one another and wear mask and social distance.

David Flores, Mayor, thanked the local Wal-Mart for donating prizes to the first every City Virtual Fishing Tournament and encouraged residents to participate in the fishing tournament. Mr. Flores went on to urge citizens to please be precautious and social distance and wear mask.

E. Consent Agenda

On motion by Councilmember Tellez and seconded by Councilmember Saldana, the Council voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda, as presented.

1. Approve the Minutes of the June 11, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting
2. Approve the Expenditure Report

F. Non-Consent

1. **PRESENTATION** – Lisa Tarango, Chief of Police, presented the Council with a photo with the new K-9 to the force named Diego who accompanies Officer Luna while he is on duty. Chief Tarango went on to commend various officers that have performed lifesaving actions and saved multiple lives in our community and shared her appreciation for the officers willingness to go above and beyond to serve the community. The Council thanked the Chief for the update and shared their appreciation for all the officers and the Chief, as well.
2. **Project Update** - Holly Jarocki, Parks and Recreation Director, presented the Council with a project update in regards to the Veterans Memorial Park scheduled dedication and ribbon cutting set for July 2, 2020. No action taken.
3. **DISCUSS/CONSIDER ORDINANCE 20-06-01** - Syra Nichols, City Secretary, presented the Council with the 1st reading of Ordinance 20-06-01, an ordinance approving Texas Gas Service use of financial instruments for the 2020-2021 heating season. On motion by Councilmember Orona and seconded by Councilmember Baca, the Council voted unanimously to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 20-06-01, as presented.
4. **DISCUSS/CONSIDER RESOLUTION 20-06-07R**– Councilwoman Veronica Baca and Councilman Art Orona, presented the Council with Resolution 20-06-07R, a resolution amending the City Manager’s employment agreement; removing city utilities as part of compensation. On motion by Councilmember Orona and seconded by Councilmember Baca, with Councilman Tellez voting against the Council voted 4:1, to approve Resolution 20-06-07R, as presented.
5. **DISCUSS/CONSIDER**– Kristen Irely, Esq. Human Resource Director, asked that the Council consider making a decision in regards to changing employee housing contracts to exclude utilities as part of the monthly rental fee. On motion by Councilmember Orona and seconded by Councilmember Baca, the Council voted unanimously to table the item for further information.
6. **DISCUSS/CONSIDER RESOLUTION 20-06-08R (moved ahead of item #3)** – Rod Ponton, City Attorney, presented the Council with Resolution 20-06-08R, a resolution of support for West Pecos EDA Grant Application. Mr. Ponton stated that the grant would not cost the Town of Pecos City a penny, and asked that the Council would endorse the submittal of the grant for the development of West Pecos to be submitted by the West Pecos Management District. On motion by Councilmember Tellez and seconded by Councilmember Orona, the Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 20-06-08R, as presented.

7. **DISCUSS/CONSIDER RESOLUTION 20-06-09R** – Howdy Lisenbee, Assistant City Manager, presented the Council with Resolution 20-06-09R, a resolution approving the issuance of sewer fee refunds. On motion by Councilmember Saldana and seconded by Councilmember Orona, the Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 20-06-09R, as presented.
8. **DISCUSS/CONSIDER RESOLUTION 20-06-10R** – Howdy Lisenbee, Assistant City Manager, presented the Council with Resolution 20-06-10R, a resolution to approve a reimbursement for the WWTP design. On motion by Councilmember Orona and seconded by Councilmember Saldana, the Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 20-06-10R, as presented.
9. **DISCUSS/CONSIDER RESOLUTION 20-06-11R**– Howdy Lisenbee, Assistant City Manager, presented the Council with Resolution 20-06-11R, a resolution to approve the **WWTP** Design Contract, Task Order #1. On motion by Councilmember Orona and seconded by Councilmember Tellez, the Council voted unanimously to approve resolution 20-06-11R
10. **DISCUSS/CONSIDER RESOLUTION 20-06-12R** – Melanie Purcell, Finance Director, presented the Council with Resolution 20-06-12R, a resolution setting a proposed maximum tax rate for FY 2020-2021 and set public hearings regarding the adoption thereof. On motion by Councilmember Orona and seconded by Councilmember Tellez, the Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 20-06-12R, as presented.
11. **DISCUSS/CONSIDER RESOLUTION 20-06-13R**– Seth Sorensen, City Manager, presented the Council with Resolution 20-06-13R, a resolution accepting a bid for retrofitting of water meter registers and purchase of new meters from Zenner and authorizing funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000. On motion by Councilmember Saldana and seconded by Councilmember Tellez, the Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 20-06-13R, as presented.
12. **DISCUSS/CONSIDER RESOLUTION 20-06-14R**– Seth Sorensen, City Manager, presented the Council with Resolution 20-06-014R, a resolution approving to enter into an interlocal agreement with TxDOT for Traffic Signal. On motion by Councilmember Tellez and seconded by Councilmember Baca, the Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 20-06-14R, as presented.

Executive Session: 8:15 PM

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2. Personnel Matters
3. Real Estate Negotiations
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H. Adjournment: 8:46 PM



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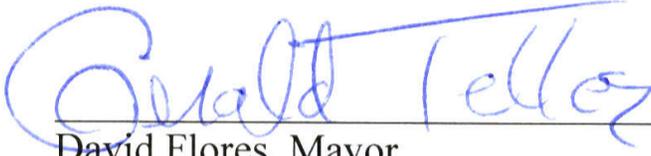
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