

THE LEVELLAND CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, THE 6<sup>th</sup> OF JULY 2020, AT LEVELLAND CITY HALL, R. O. DENNIS COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1709 AVENUE H, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barbra Pinner	Honorable Mayor	Present
Jim Myatt	Council Member	Present
Max Ledesma	Mayor Pro-Tem	Present
Breann Buxkemper	Council Member	Present
Joe Bill Vardeman	Council Member	Present
Matt Wade	City Attorney	Present
Erik Rejino	City Manager	Present
Beth A. Walls	City Secretary	Present
Andrea Corley	Deputy City Secretary	Present

The Pledge was led by Mayor Barbra Pinner and the Invocation was given by City Manager Erik Rejino.

*Statements by Citizens:*

Two citizens spoke about the Mayor's personal Facebook post. One citizen spoke about his pro-life stance. One citizen spoke about racial unity.

FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS:

*Consider and take necessary action to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2020 regular meeting*

Motion by Joe Bill Vardeman

Seconded by Breann Buxkemper

To approve minutes of the June 1, 2020 regular meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

SECOND ITEM OF BUSINESS:

*Consider and take necessary action on an agreement with Republic Services to extend the current solid waste/garbage service contract.*

Earlier this year, Council voted to extend the current contract with Republic Services for 10 years. The final draft of the contract is complete and we are ready for Council to take action on the agreement. City Attorney Matt Wade has reviewed the agreement along with Assistant City Manager Joe Cavazos and City Manager Erik Rejino. The agreement is in line with the terms Council agreed to earlier this year. If approved, the proposed agreement with Republic will take effect October 1<sup>st</sup> of this year.

Motion by Joe Bill Vardeman

Seconded by NONE

To approve the proposed agreement with Republic which will take effect October 1<sup>st</sup> of this year.

Motion died for lack of a second.

**THIRD ITEM OF BUSINESS:**

*Consider and take necessary action on procedures, processes, timelines, and priorities regarding lifting restrictions and regulations implemented during the COVID-19 Public health Emergency*

No action taken.

**FOURTH ITEM OF BUSINESS:**

*Consider and take necessary action to establish a small business assistance grant program under the Coronavirus Relief Fund, Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Security Act (CARES) provided through the Texas Division of Emergency Management*

As we have worked to identify eligible expenses for the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF), one of the allowable expenses with a portion of the funds is to provide economic support in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency. The CRF guidance reads as follows:

Expenses associated with the provision of economic support in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency, such as:

- Expenditures related to the provision of grants to small businesses to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closures.
- Expenditures related to a State, territorial, local, or Tribal government payroll support program.
- Unemployment insurance costs related to the COVID-19 public health emergency if such costs will not be reimbursed by the federal government pursuant to the CARES Act or otherwise.

At this time, we are in the process of requesting preliminary approval on expenditures from the Texas Division of Emergency Management on allowable expenses. Once we get preliminary approval, we will know a dollar amount that we will have available for small business assistance.

No action taken.

**FIFTH ITEM OF BUSINESS:**

*Consider and take necessary action on an agreement with South Plains Community Action to provide utility assistance under the Coronavirus Relief Fund, Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Security Act (CARES) provided through the Texas Division of Emergency Management.*

A portion of the money allocated to Levelland via the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) can be used to provide economic support in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Because these funds must be administered in accordance with federal guidelines, we reached out to South Plains Community Action Association to see if they would be interested in

adding these funds to their existing utility assistance programs. SPCAA has the history and framework in place to allocate this money in accordance with federal and state guidelines; as the designated sub-recipient, we are responsible for spending this money appropriately. We appreciate their willingness to assist in distributing these funds.

Motion by Breann Buxkemper

Seconded by Jim Myatt

Approve an agreement with South Plains Community Action to provide utility assistance under the Coronavirus Relief Fund, Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Security Act (CARES) provided through the Texas Division of Emergency Management.

There was discussion, but no vote.

Motion was amended.

Motion by Breann Buxkemper

Seconded by Jim Myatt

To approve an agreement with South Plains Community Action to provide utility assistance under the Coronavirus Relief Fund, Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Security Act (CARES) provided through the Texas Division of Emergency Management, subject to terms agreed upon by City Manager and City Attorney.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### SIXTH ITEM OF BUSINESS:

*Convene into executive session in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code §551.071 to seek the advice about pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers or on matters in which duty of the attorney under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas conflicts with Tex. Gov't Code Ch. 551 (Insurors Indemnity; Speedcrete Inc.).*

Mayor Pinner declared Council to be in Executive Session at 6:58p.m. She returned Council to regular session at 7:23p.m.

#### SEVENTH ITEM OF BUSINESS:

*Consider and take necessary action on proposed settlement agreement(s) related to claims associated with the City of Levelland Downtown Revitalization Project with Insurors Indemnity and/or Speedcrete Inc.*

Motion by Breann Buxkemper

Second by Jim Myatt

To approve the settlement agreement(s) related to claims associated with the City of Levelland Downtown Revitalization Project with Insurors Indemnity and/or Speedcrete Inc.  
Motion passed unanimously.

#### EIGHTH ITEM OF BUSINESS:

*Consider and take necessary action on a construction contract, escrow agreement, settlement agreement or other related agreements regarding concrete construction and repairs related to the City of Levelland Downtown Revitalization Project; TxCDBG No. 7216332.*  
No action taken.

**NINTH ITEM OF BUSINESS:**

*Conduct budget work session for fiscal year 2020-2021.*

City Manager Erik Rejino presented an overview of the proposed budget.

The City Council reviewed a large portion of the General Fund and heard from various departmental staff members regarding their budget and activities.

The next budget workshop will be held at a special meeting on July 7, 2020. That meeting will start at 6:00 pm and will cover the remaining departments in the General Fund and the special funds.

No Council Action Required

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Andréa Corley, Deputy City Secretary