

The Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting

CITY OF GOLIAD

October 14, 2020

MINUTES

The regularly scheduled Goliad City Council Meeting was held on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:00 PM in accordance with the order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020. The City Council of the City of Goliad conducted its Regular Meeting scheduled for 6:00 pm on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020, located at City Hall, 152 West End Street, Goliad, Texas 77963 by telephone or video conference in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called "social distancing") to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). There is no public access to the location described above.

This Notice and Meeting Agenda is posted online at [www.goliadtx.net](http://www.goliadtx.net).

The public toll-free dial-in number to participate in the television/video meeting is hosted through ZOOM. The dial in number is: 888-788-0099.

The public was permitted to offer public comment telephonically as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting.

A recording of the telephone/video meeting was made and is available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request.

The following Council members were present or absent as recorded below:

Mayor Trudia Preston	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Luis Rodriguez	Present
Councilwoman Mary Burns	Present (via Zoom)
Councilwoman Robin Alaniz	Present (via Zoom)
Councilman Charles Benavides	Present (via zoom)
Councilwoman Mary Gleinser	Present

The following staff members were also present:

Earl Henning – Public Works  
Sherry Kuentler – Chief Financial Officer  
Kandi Hubert – City Secretary/Administrator  
Barbara Boulware-Wells – City Attorney (via Zoom)  
John Mercer - Present

Mayor Preston called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and announced that there was a quorum present.

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Mayor Preston continuing gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

**Citizens Comments**

There were none

**Mayor Proclamation.**

Honoring the Minnehulla Baptist Church's 150 year anniversary and proclaiming October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as Minnehulla Baptist Church day.

**Consent Agenda**

- A. September 23, 2020 City Council minutes
- B. Bills paid

Councilman Benavides moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Gleinser. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.

**Reports**

- A. Finance
- B. Main Street
- C. Public Works
- D. Engineers

The reports were accepted as presented

**Request to appear before the City Council**

Dalton Thigpen, Brent Starr, and Vee Strauss appeared before the City Council to request permission to rebuild the Beeville to Goliad 69 kilovolt transmission line over the North East corner of the City's Public Works Shop. The AEP reps presented pictures and maps where the line will be installed.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez moved to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Alaniz. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.

City Finance Officer Sherry Kuenstler reported that she and the City Administrator/Secretary attended the County Commissioners meeting regarding alleged bills owed the County, as the auditorium is co-owned. The County stated that the City owed them \$200,000 for past due bills. Mrs. Kuenstler stated that the previous statement didn't ring true, as the County was charging the City for restrooms that the Judge had publicly noted that he was personally paying for (the City never approved the expenditure); a bill for a fence that the City had paid in March and various other discrepancies. Mrs. Kuenstler will research the statements and report back to the Council.

Corey Pedeville and Regan Sahadi's request for variances to the building code to enable them to renovate and repurpose a portion of the Shelton Building located at 248 S. Commercial in Goliad's Historic District.

- A. Approval of Handicap Doors between buildings to be handicap means of egress
- B. Approval that existing front doors (and front wall) remain as is (doors do not swing in direction of egress).

- C. Approval to..." not put in a sprinkler system in building (If it is determined based on occupancy calculations, as of 9/23/20 it is the contractor's understanding that a fire sprinkler is not required")
- D. Approval not to have an asbestos survey performed (no demolition will occur).
- E. Approval to keep same front door system (does not swing in the direction of egress).
- F. Approval for Master Plumber to be able to perform all drawings for plumbing hook ups.
- G. Approval for Master Plumber to design two-way clean out and sewer line design.
- H. Approval for Master Electrician to draw all diagrams needed.
- I. Approval to forego Comcheck Report.
- J. Approval of fire separation for kitchen area only.

After much discussion with input from Bureau Veritas representatives (City's Building Inspectors), John Mercer the City's engineer and Barbara Bourwell-Wells, the City Attorney Councilwoman Burns moved to approve the variances and have a contract drawn up by our attorney indemnifying the City and City Council's actions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benavides. For: Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, Councilmen Burns, Benavides and Alaniz. Against Councilmen Gleinser. Motion carried 4-1.

Mayor Pro Tem Luis Rodriguez moved to award the City's water plant and storage plant bid to Mercer Controls pursuant to Texas Water Development Board's approval. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benavides. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez moved to approve procedures for grant payments. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benavides. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez moved to adopt a Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Goliad. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benavides. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.

**City Council took a five-minute break at 7:50 pm.**

**The City Council reconvened at 7:55**

**The City Council went into Executive Session at 7:55**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: Closed Session in accordance with the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE; Section 551.071 (Advice from Counsel) Section 551.074 (Personnel matters) and Section 1.05 Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct.**

- Goliad Fire Department Truck
- Auditorium

**The City Council reconvened at 8:4515 pm.**

There was no action taken after Executive Session

**Council and Staff Comments**

TxDOT Bridge

**Items to be placed on the next agenda**

- Auditorium
- Fire Department Truck

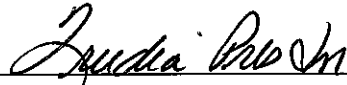
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**Upcoming events**

None currently.

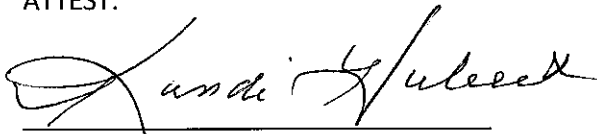
There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

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Mayor Trudia Preston

ATTEST:



Kandi Hubert, City Secretary



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