

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 21, 2020

The Governing Body of the City of New Boston, Texas met in a Regular Council Meeting, Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center of City Hall.

1. **Mayor Branson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**
2. **Roll call:**
 - a. **Present:** Councilman Carr, Councilwoman Anderson, Councilman Turner, Councilman Hensley and Councilman Laney
 - b. **Absent:** None
3. **Invocation** led by Kenneth Betts, Sr.
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Chief Garry McCrary.
5. **Public Comment - Non-Agenda Items:** City Secretary was provided a form from Casey Evans regarding the crosswalk on the Northeast Texas Trail is non-operational and a danger especially at night/evening.
6. **Public Comment - Agenda Items:** No one spoke.
7. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Approval of minutes for March 17, 2020 Council meeting.
 - b. Approval of minutes for March 27, 2020 Called Council Meeting.
 - c. Approval of minutes for April 3, 2020 Called Council Meeting.
 - d. Approval of payment of bills and inter-fund transfers.

Motion was made by Councilman Turner and seconded by Councilman Laney to approve the consent agenda as presented. Council approved unanimously.

8. **Consider and take official action to approve Pay Request #2 from RBIS, LLC in the amount of \$289,792.05 in connection with the 2016 Capital Improvement Project-WWTP.**

Motion was made by Councilman Carr and seconded by Councilman Hensley to approve the payment request for RBIS, LLC. Council approved unanimously.

9. **Consider and take official action to approve Pay Request #3 from Stan Excavating in the amount of \$49,211.90 in connection with the 2019 Pavement Rehabilitation (MTG Project No. 196004).**

Motion was made by Councilman Turner and seconded by Councilman Hensley to approve the payment request. Councilman Hensley asked how many more payments are there. City Administrator, Elizabeth Lea, stated they have a balance of \$127,305.59. Council approved unanimously.

10. **Mayor and Council to retired to closed session pursuant to Government Code:**
 - a. **§551.071 - Consultation with Attorney**
 - b. **§551.074 – Personnel Matters**

Motion was made by Councilman Carr and seconded by Councilman Turner to retire to closed session. Motion carried unanimously. Council retired to closed session at 6:06 p.m.

11. **Mayor and Council returned from closed session at 6:47 p.m. to consider and take official action, if any, as a result of the closed session regarding Government Code:**
- a. **§551.071 - Consultation with Attorney** - No action was taken
 - b. **§551.074 – Personnel Matters** - No action was taken

12. **Consider and take official action to approve a pay request from Stokes & Associates, Inc. in connection with the Rice Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.**

Motion was made by Councilman Turner and seconded by Councilman Laney to pay Stoke & Associates, Inc. \$148,000.00 with a disputed amount, with the remainder of the invoice to be paid upon resolution of the dispute. Council approved unanimously.

13. **Consider and take official action if any, to allow the Mayor to execute a Declaration of Local State of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency.**

Motion was made by Councilman Turner and seconded by Councilman Hensley to authorize Mayor Branson to execute the Declaration of Local Disaster. Council approved unanimously.

14. **Update the appointment of Hotel/Motel Committee Members.**

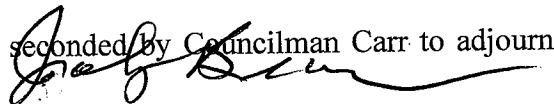
Motion was made by Councilman Turner and seconded by Councilman Hensley to appoint the following members: Terry May, Jane Hanna, William "B.C." Pierce, Chamber of Commerce President (standing position), and Jackie Laney. Council approved unanimously.

15. **Update the appointment of Planning and Zoning Commission Members.**

Motion was made by Councilman Carr and seconded by Councilman Laney to postpone this agenda item to the next meeting. Council approved unanimously.

16. **Adjourn.**

Motion was made by Councilman Turner and seconded by Councilman Carr to adjourn meeting at 6:51 p.m.



Johnny Branson, Mayor

Attest:



Sharmin R. Hutto, City Secretary