

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 15, 2020

The Governing Body of the City of New Boston, Texas met in a Regular Council Meeting, Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center of City Hall.

1. **Mayor Humphrey called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.**
2. **Roll call:**
 - a. **Present:** Councilman Carr, Councilwoman Anderson, Councilman Williams, Councilman Hensley, and Councilman Laney
 - b. **Absent:** None.
3. **Invocation** led by Sue Anderson
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Garry McCrary
5. **Public Comment - Non-Agenda Items:** None.
6. **Public Comment - Agenda Items:** None.
7. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. **Approval of minutes for November 17, 2020 Public Hearing and Council Meeting.**
 - b. **Approval of payment of bills and inter-fund transfers.**

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

8. **Consider and take official action to approve Pay Request #6 from Four Thirteen, Inc. in the amount of \$705,798.54 in connection with the Rice Creek WWTP.**

Motion was made by Councilman Carr and seconded by Councilman Laney to approve the payment requests for Four Thirteen, Inc. Council approved unanimously.

9. **Consider and take official action to approve Pay Request #9 (Final) from RBIS, LLC in the amount of \$77,827.13 in connection with the 2016 Capital Improvement Project-WWTP.**

Motion was made by Councilman Hensley and seconded by Councilman Carr to table this Agenda Item along with Items 14, 15 and 16 until after Closed Session. Council approved unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Hensley and seconded by Councilman Laney to postpone this payment until the next regular meeting. Council approved unanimously.

10. **Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem.**

Motion was made by Councilman Carr and seconded by Councilman Laney to appoint Neilan Hensley as Mayor Pro Tem. Council approved unanimously.

11. **Discussion regarding the appointment of Council Members to Standing Committees.**

Mayor Humphrey would like the Council Member to think about the committees they have been serving on or which committees would like to serve on. At the next meeting council members will be appointed to committees. And if any of these committees are unnecessary, then we will do away with those committees.

Motion was made by Councilman Hensley and seconded by Councilman Laney to postpone this matter until the next regular meeting. Council approved unanimously.

12. **Consider and take official action on Resolution No. 20-R-13, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of New Boston, Texas; authorizing the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem to be added as a signor on all bank accounts and to remove Mayor Branson and Mayor Pro Tem Turner from same.**

Motion was made by Councilman Laney and seconded by Councilman Carr to accept Resolution No. 20-R-13 as presented. Council approved unanimously.

13. **Consider and take official action, if any, to authorize the City Administrator to engage in services with Scott, Singleton, Fincher and Company, P.C. for the FY 2019-2020 Audit.**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Carr to engage in services. Council approved unanimously.

14. **Consider and take official action, if any, to approve Change Order No. 1 (revisions to the office building) in connection with the Rice Creek WWTP.**

Motion was made by Councilman Hensley and seconded by Councilman Carr to agree to the revisions to the office building. Council approved unanimously.

15. **Consider and take official action, if any, to approve Change Order No. 2 (grading revisions) in connection with the Rice Creek WWTP.**

Motion was made by Councilman Carr and seconded by Councilwoman Anderson to table this matter until we get an itemized estimate on the bid. Council approved unanimously.

16. **Discussion and possible action regarding a dog impoundment building.**

No Action.

17. **Mayor and Council retired to closed session pursuant to Government Code §551.071 - Consultation with Attorney.**

Motion was made by Councilman Carr and seconded by Councilman Hensley to retire to closed session. Motion carried unanimously. Council retired to closed session at 6:08 p.m.

18. **Mayor and Council returned from closed session at 6:55 p.m. to consider and take official action, if any, as a result of the closed session regarding Government Code §551.071 - Consultation with Attorney.**

No action.

19. **Consider and take official action if any, on Agreement with Central Bowie County Water Supply Corporation regarding settlement of pending action before the Texas Public Utility Commission.**

No Action.

20. **Discuss and consider action regarding resident guidelines for limb pick up.**

City Administrator Lea stated she met with the contractor and he would like for us to do a door hanger to be used when the piles exceed 6' long x 4' wide x 3' high (equivalent to a pickup load), to notify the resident to pay extra to pick up the remaining pile. Residents will not come to the door when he is there. These are the guidelines he would like for us to set. Councilman Hensley asked how often does he come by? Administrator Lea responded once a week. Residents are required to call the City to have their name added to the list.

Attorney Jordan recommended a written policy. Administrator Lea even recommended limiting the number of times per month for pick up.

Motion was made by Councilman Hensley to agree to a policy that the City will pick up no more than a pile 6' long x 4' wide x 3' high and anything in excess will require payment to the contractor.

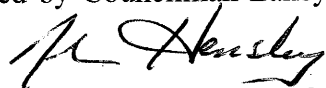
Motion was then amended by Councilman Hensley and seconded by Councilman Carr to table this item until the next meeting. Council approved unanimously.

21. **Adjourn.**

Motion was made by Councilman Carr and seconded by Councilman Laney to adjourn meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Attest:


Sharmin R. Hutto, City Secretary


Neilan Hensley, Mayor Pro Tem

RESOLUTION NO. 21-R-01

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, REJECT, ALTER OR TERMINATE A GRANT

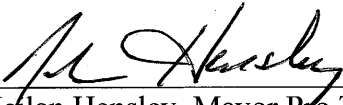
WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of New Boston, Texas finds it in the best interest of the citizens of New Boston, Texas, that the purchase of FirstNet XL-200 Portable & XL-200M Mobile P25 Radios by the New Boston Police Department for New Boston First Responders; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of New Boston, Texas agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, the New Boston City Council assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of New Boston, Texas designates Chief of Police, Garry McCrary, as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of New Boston, Texas approves the submission of the grant application for FirstNet XL-200 Portable & XL-200M Mobile P25 Radios to the Office of the Governor:

PASSED and APPROVED this 19th day January, 2021.



Neilan Hensley, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Sharmin R. Hutto, City Secretary

GRANT NUMBER: 4245401