



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2021 AT 6:00 PM by Audio Teleconference

In accordance with section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, Governor Abbott has suspended various provisions that require government officials and members of the public to be physically present at a specified meeting location due to COVID-19.

Audioconference: Join Zoom Meeting Held.

1. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGES TO FLAGS

Mayor Andy Williams called the Audio teleconference meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Mayor Pro-tem David Williams II and Councilmembers Joan Hinshaw, Butch Reis, and James Bilberry were all present for the audio teleconference. Councilmember Patrick Ramsdell was absent.

Councilmember James Bilberry performed the Invocation and led the Pledges to the Flags.

2. CITIZENS/VISITORS' FORUM

Any person with business before the Council not scheduled on the agenda may speak to the Council. No formal action can be taken on these items at this meeting.

There weren't any citizens or visitors wishing to comment or address the City Council.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Conduct public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding the 2021/2022 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program and the city's possible application for funding under the 2021/2022 TxCDBG Program.

Mayor Andy Williams opened the Public Hearing at 6:04 pm. The Mayor introduced Katerina Dittmore of Grant Development Services.

Ms. Dittmore explained the requirements of the Texas Community Block Grant is to conduct a public hearing to gather citizen comment on what can be applied for under this block grant.

Citizen Participation Plan

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- Water and waste water and flood improvements.
- Mapping of water system (common but amounts are limited)
- Add Water Lines
- Mobile home areas need upgrade of water & sewer lines
- Need for senior affordable housing
- Affordable housing for veterans with support services
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- Assistance for home rehab/ home repairs
- Sound barrier between the railroad and mobile homes
- Water improvements in The Woodlands
- Water improvements in Pecan Village

Other requests were discussed were the following:

- Infrastructure
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- Sidewalks for walkability
- Museum/Library/Resource Center
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- New water service for commercial properties along I-14
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Some of the Eligible Activities for this grant would be youth centers, health centers, community center, legal, rehab, flood etc.

Ms. Dittmore reiterated that citizens can also submit written comments to City Hall. Crystal Briggs, City Secretary advised she has not received any comments.

Equal access to communications were available to those who contacted Crystal Briggs, City Secretary at (254)698-6335.

Public Hearing closed at 6:28 pm

- B. Conduct public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding the 2021/2022 Texas Community Development Program and the city's possible application for funding under the 2021/2022 TxCDBG Downtown Revitalization Program

Mayor Andy Williams opened the Public Hearing at 6:29 pm. The Mayor introduced Kara Escajeda, City Manager to conduct the Public Hearing.

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Kara Escajeda, City Manager explained the Power Point Presentation displayed the designated areas of blight. She continued by stating the importance of documenting the blight areas as required by TxCDBG. Action Item 6. A is the resolution for discussion and possible approval on the designated blight areas.

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4. STAFF REPORTS

- Staff reports were provided by the following departments:

Public Works - Director of Public Works, Chris Atkinson

Police Department - Chief of Police, Michael Hatton (Absent, report provided)

Acadian Ambulance - Elizabeth Hicks, Operations Coordinator (Absent, report not provided)

Central Bell Fire and Rescue - Fire Chief Douglas McKinney

Financial Report- Kara Escajeda, City Manager

Economic Development, Kerry Phillip, EDC Coordinator

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Consider Approval of Monthly Financial Report for December 2021.

B. Consider Approval of Minutes from Special Call Meeting of January 6, 2021 and Regular Meeting of January 7, 2021.

Motion was made by Councilmember Joan Hinshaw to approve the Consent Agenda; motion second by Councilmember Butch Reis. All voted in favor. Motion carried 4-0.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Discuss and possibly approve: **RESOLUTION F 21-01, DESIGNATION OF BLIGHT ON MAIN STREET SPUR DISTRICT**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOLANVILLE, TEXAS, DETERMINING THAT AVENUE G OF THE CITY CONTAINS CONDITIONS WHICH ARE DETRIMENTAL TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY AND CONSTITUTES A BLIGHTED AREA.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem David Williams II to approve Resolution No. F 21-01, Designation of Blight on Main Street Spur District; motion was second by Councilmember James Bilberry. All voted in favor. Motion carried 4-0.

- B. Discuss and possibly appoint or reappoint members to the Planning & Zoning Commission for 2-year terms.

Motion was made by Councilmember James Bilberry to reappoint Chevan Jessamine, Chairperson, and Nolan Johnson (Seat 2), Dean Huard (Seat 3) and Amber Cardoza as Alternate for the Planning and Zoning Commission; motion second by Councilmember Butch Reis. All voted in favor. Motion carried 4-0.

- C. Discuss and possibly appoint or reappoint members to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for 2-year terms.

Motion was made by Councilmember Joan Hinshaw to table this matter; motion was second by Mayor Pro-tem David Williams II. All voted in favor. Motion carried 4-0.

- D. Discuss and possibly approve quote from PTI construction for bonded rubber totaling \$63,000 for Monarch Park and completion of the Large Park Grant with Texas Parks & Wildlife.

Motion was made by Councilmember Butch Reis to approve quote from PTI construction for bonded rubber totaling \$63,000 for Monarch Park and completion of the Large Park Grant with Texas Parks & Wildlife; motion second by Councilmember Joan Hinshaw. All voted in favor. Motion carried 4-0.

- E. Discuss and possibly approve the designation of a one-way street for Northbound traffic on 2nd Street from Avenue H to Avenue I.

Motion was made by Councilmember James Bilberry to approve the designation of a one-way for Northbound traffic on 2nd Street from Avenue H to Avenue I and to authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary changes required by law; motion second by Councilmember Butch Reis. All voted in favor. Motion carried 4-0.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Date Minutes approved by Council: February 4, 2021


Andy Williams, Mayor



Attest:


Crystal Briggs, City Secretary