

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CULBERSON
TOWN OF VAN HORN

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**Regular Meeting of the City Council, Town of Van Horn, Tuesday, June 22, 2021 City Hall,
1801 W. Broadway, Van Horn, TX.**

PRESENT:

Mayor	Rebecca L. Brewster
Mayor Pro Tem	Lyndon McDonald
Alderman	Michael Garibay
Alderman	Joseph Corrales
Alderman	Nuny Morriss
Alderman	Rene Mendoza, Jr.
City Secretary	Fran Malafronte
Utilities Director	Edward Torres
Asst. Chief Water Operator	Jaime Hudson
City Attorney	Steve Mitchell
Press:	Gilda Morales, Van Horn Advocate online
Staff:	Rebecca Mendias, Joe Solis
Visitors:	Albert Barragan

INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Brewster called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. after ascertaining that a quorum was present and that the notice of meeting was posted according to the Texas Government Code Section 551 on Friday, June 18, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ald. Mc Donald made and Ald. Morriss seconded a motion to approve the Regular Minutes of June 8, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Ald. McDonald made and Ald. Corrales seconded a motion to approve the Financial Reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF CURENT BILLS:

Ald. Corrales made and Ald. McDonald seconded a motion to approve the Payment of Current Bills in the amount of \$127,627.15. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS:

No report given.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITY FOR THE 2020 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT AS REQUIRED BY TCEQ:

The Town of Van Horn held the Public Participation Hearing as required by TCEQ. No one from the Public participated.

UPDATE FROM CANDICE MACBLAIN KFOX/CBS 4 ON ADVERTISING AND ANALYTICS:

Candice MacBlain from Kfox attended the meeting via Zoom. She reported how the advertising program with Kfox is progressing. The report covered roughly a six-month period with Candice reporting that digital hits exceeded over 50,000. Pictures from the new Facebook page were displayed along with Town announcements. Council thanked Candice for her presentation.

UPDATE FROM BROCK AND BUSTILLOS ON WATER/WASTEWATER SYSTEM STUDY AND CIP:

Raul Issa and Sergio Adame from Brock & Bustillos, Engineers attended the meeting via Zoom. They presented to the Council an update of the Capital Improvement Study for the Water/Wastewater system, noting that the completed report is due July 14, 2021. Mr. Issa reported that the report is 80% complete. Phase I will be a living document of all inventory utilizing GIS software. IA. Prioritization, IB. Treatment Plant Lagoon System. Phase II Cost Estimates, Phase II Actual Report. Elevated Storage Tank and New Well have been added to the priority list. Next is the site visit - Treatment Plant Lagoons, then finalize Cost Estimates. It was noted that this CIP did not include the SCADA system. Council thanked both Raul Issa and Sergio Adame for their presentation.

REQUEST FROM MAYOR BREWSTER TO HAVE COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO PURSUE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WATER/WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS:

Ald. McDonald made and Ald. Garibay seconded a motion to authorize the mayor to pursue funding opportunities for water/wastewater improvements. Motion carried unanimously.

RE-AFFIRM FIREWORKS BAN AND BURN BAN FOR THE TOWN OF VAN HORN:

Ald. McDonald made and Ald. Morriss seconded a motion to re-affirm the fireworks ban and burn ban for the Town of Van horn. Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FROM ALD. GARIBAY TO HAVE A DJ PLAY MUSIC FOR A 4 HR PERIOD EVERY SATURDAY AT THE CITY POOL INCLUDING THE FOURTH OF JULY:

Ald. Morriss made and Ald. Garibay seconded a motion to have a DJ play music for a 4 Hr period every Saturday at the City Pool including the Fourth of July. Motion carried unanimously.

RENEW EMPLOYEE VISION INSURANCE WITH TML FOR PERIOD BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2022:

Ald. McDonald made and Ald. Mendoza seconded a motion to renew Employee Vision Insurance with TML for the period beginning October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 21-06-424: TITLE 10, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, CHAPTER 10.12, TRAFFIC CONTROL, SECTION 10.12.30 STOP INTERSECTIONS:

Ald. Corrales made and Ald. Morriss seconded a motion to amend Ordinance No. 21-06-424: Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-06-424

AN ORDINANCE BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF VAN HORN, TEXAS, AMENDING TITLE 10, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, CHAPTER 10.12, TRAFFIC CONTROL, SECTION 10.12.30, STOP INTERSECTIONS, PART P TWO-WAY STOP INTERSECTIONS:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL, TOWN OF VAN HORN, TEXAS

Chapter 10.12.30 of the Van Horn Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

PART P: Adding:

3. There is hereby established a two-way stop for all traffic on West Cactus at the intersection with Ash Street. All northbound and southbound traffic on West Cactus shall be required to stop at this intersection.

4. There is hereby established a two-way stop for all traffic on Baylor Street at the intersection with East Second Street. All northbound and southbound traffic on Baylor Street shall be required to stop at this intersection.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 22nd DAY OF JUNE, 2021.

TOWN OF VAN HORN

Rebecca L. Brewster, Mayor

ATTEST:

Fran Malafrente, City Secretary

REQUEST FROM MICHAEL BAEZA TO HAVE POOL PARTY FEES OF \$150.00 REFUNDED FOR JUNE 11 & 15, 2021 YOUTH ASSOCIATION PARTICIPANTS:

Ald. Morriss made and Ald. McDonald seconded a motion to approve the request from Michael Baeza and refund the \$150.00 to the Youth Association for the June Pool Parties. Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FROM JAIME HUDSON, WATER DEPARTMENT, TO HAVE COUNCIL CONSIDER UPGRADING SCADA SYSTEM SOFTWARE AND RADIO TRANSMITTER:

Mr. Hudson addressed the Council. He told the Council that the current SCADA system is outdated and is running off of Windows XP with radio transmitters that are failing. Parts to maintain the system are in some cases no longer available. Upgrading the Windows

operating

system to a new version will render the system inoperable. Mr. Hudson stated we need to make the system more tech savvy and utilize iPads and remotely operate the system. Ald. McDonald made and Ald. Morris seconded a motion to advertise for Engineers to redesign and implement a new Scada system. Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FROM JAIME HUDSON, WATER DEPARTMENT, TO HAVE COUNCIL CONSIDER ADDRESSING SLUDGE REMOVAL WITH THE AID OF A LICENSED ENGINEER:

Mr. Hudson addressed the Council. Mr. Hudson stated the lagoons are out of compliance. We need to act now per TCEQ. The City has been given six months by TCEQ to rectify the situation and get back in compliance. Mr. Hudson outlined several options for getting the lagoons back in compliance. Ultimately the Council decided it would be best to solicit RFQ's from Engineering firms then seek proposals. Ald. Garibay made and Ald. Mendoza seconded a motion to have the City go out for Engineering RFQ's. Motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZE THE GOLF COURSE TO OPEN AT 9 A.M. ON JULY 17-18, 2021 FOR THE JUBILEE:

Ald. Corrales made and Ald. McDonald seconded a motion to authorize the Golf Course to open at 9 A.M on July 17-18, 2021 for the Jubilee. Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW/APPROVE REQUEST FROM VHEDC TO APPOINT SOPHIA PORTER TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE BOARD:

Ald. McDonald made and Ald. Morriss seconded a motion to appoint Sophia Porter to fill a vacancy on the EDC Board. Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW/APPROVE CCVB ADVERTISING FOR THE BIG BEND TRAVEL GUIDE 2021-2022 EDITION:

Ald. McDonald made and Ald. Morriss seconded a motion to approve advertising for the Big Bend Travel Guide 2021-2022 edition. Motion carried unanimously.

GRANT PROGRAMS:

No Report given.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND COMMITTEES:

No Report given.

ADJOURNMENT:

After no further business, Mayor Brewster adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

ATTEST:

Rebecca L. Brewster
Mayor

Fran Malafronte
City Secretary

