



City of Pattison

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES JULY 16, 2019 REGULAR MEETING

I. Call meeting to Order

A regular meeting of the Pattison City Council was called to order by Mayor Joe Garcia at 7:00 p.m. in the Royal ISD Administration Building, located at 3714 FM 359, Pattison, Texas 77466.

Members Present:

Mayor Joe Garcia, Councilmember: Robert MacCallum, Seth Stokes and Frank Cobio. Councilmembers Fred Branch and Wayne Kircher had excused absences.

Also, Present: City Secretary, Lynda L. Fairchild; Deputy City Secretary, Christa Molloy, Pct. 4 Justice of the Peace Ted Krenek; Planning Commission members: Kenneth Coulter, Rick McDonald, Annisa McGowen, Lee Kosina and Heidi Gregory

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Garcia and Councilmember Robert MacCallum led the pledges.

III. Citizens Comments – No action can be taken:

Citizens who desire to address the City Council will be limited to Three (3) Minutes.

No Comments

IV. Council to approve agenda.

A motion was made Councilmember MacCallum to approve the agenda as presented. It was seconded by Councilmember Stokes. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Consent Agenda

Items listed under the consent agenda are considered routine and are generally enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a councilmember requests one or more items to be removed from consent agenda for a separate discussion and action.

1. Consent and approval of Minutes from the June 4, 2019 and June 18, 2019 Regular meetings.
2. Consent and approval of the finance report for July 2019
3. Consider and approval of checks paid and payables



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A motion was made by Councilmember MacCallum to approve the consent agenda. It was seconded by Councilmember Stokes. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Business

1. Swearing-in the City of Pattison Planning Commission Members

Mayor Garcia asked the members of the Planning Commission that were present to introduce themselves. After introductions, Pct. 4 Justice of the Peace, Judge Ted Krenk issued the Oath of Office to Kenneth Coulter, Rick McDonald, Annisa McGowen, Lee Kosina and Heidi Gregory. Mayor Garcia thanked the newly sworn in members for agreeing to serve their community. He reminded them that they are now subject to the Texas Open Records Meeting Act and the Texas Public Information Act and must complete the mandatory training within 90 days. Christa Molloy was asked to share the website and process for accessing the training. Planning Commission members were asked to email Christa Molloy the copies of the course completion training certificates.

2. Council to discuss and take action on AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PATTISON, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 124 ESTABLISHING A PLANNING COMMISSION BY AMENDING SECTION 2 TERM OF APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilmember MacCallum moved that the Ordinance be approved as presented, seconded by Councilmember Cobio. Mayor Garcia called for any discussion or comments; hearing none, he then called for a vote which resulted in unanimous approval by all members present.

3. Presentation from Alan P. Petrov, Managing Partner of Johnson Petrov LLP, Attorneys at Law regarding possible municipal bond or other taxes. Council to discuss and take action, if necessary.

Mayor Garcia introduced Alan Petrov who he had asked to make a presentation to the City Council about the different kinds of bonds and the processes necessary to issue them. Mr. Petrov provided a hand out to those present in the meeting and started off by sharing that bond elections fail because there was not a ground level of support needed and the community backing was critical for success.



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Following his presentation handout Mr. Petrov discussed the limitations of a City's Authority to Issue Tax-Supported Debt or Obligations, the Constitutional Limitations and Public Purpose Limitations, and City Specific Attorney General Limitations. He then covered Municipal Obligation Issuance process which are dependent on many factors to include the type of obligation selected to the type of city governance. He did note that forms of tax supported debt do not require prior election for Anticipation Notes and Certificates of Obligation. He did indicate that some changes were made in this most recent legislative session that could impact his presentation notes.

Mr. Petrov then went through the Types of Obligations Cities can issues. One was a Certificate of Obligation which required a source of tax revenue. This type of certificate requires public notification and only requires voter approval if a specific percentage of voters petitioned for an election.

Another obligation type was Anticipation notes which allows the city to levy taxes for a debt obligation. He indicated that this was obligation type had many restrictions and short terms of maturity.

In conclusion, Mr. Petrov urged the City Council to identify the project(s) they were most interested in funding, identifying a budget and payment process for those projects. He then asked if anyone had additional questions. Mayor Garcia asked for the approximate cost to the City to begin the process for issues a bond. Mr. Petrov explained that city would need to hire a Financial Planner and Bond Attorneys and estimated the cost would be approximately \$35,000. He also indicated that the work involved would be about the same whatever type of obligation was selected.

Mayor Garcia shared that the City of Pattison has never borrowed money before and doesn't necessarily have a credit rating. Mr. Petrov stated that he reviewed the city financials and 2017 audit prior to the City Council meeting and that it showed a nice balance sheet. He did not anticipate the City have problems in this regard.

Mayor Garcia stated that addressing drainage and road repairs and maintenance was the priority with waste water coming in third place. He anticipated that the City would need \$1.5 to \$2 million to address the drainage and road projects.

Mayor Garcia called for discussion and comments from the Councilmembers and citizens attending the meeting. Councilmembers and citizens asked additional clarifying questions on the information presented.



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Mayor Garcia thanked Mr. Petrov for the information provided. Mayor Garcia stated that he would be meeting with City Attorney to discuss the details further with the and hoped to have one more town hall meeting prior to any other action.

4. Council to discuss and take action to on A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PATTISON, TEXAS FINDING THAT CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC'S REQUESTED INCREASE TO ITS ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION RATES AND CHARGES WITHIN THE CITY SHOULD BE DENIED; FINDING THAT THE CITY'S REASONABLE RATE CASE EXPENSES SHALL BE REIMBURSED BY THE COMPANY; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL.

Councilmember MacCallum moved that the Resolution be approved as presented, seconded by Councilmember Stokes. Mayor Garcia called for any discussion or comments; hearing none, he then called for a vote which resulted in unanimous approval by all members present.

5. Council to discuss and take action, if any, on publication of legal notifications without legal local newspaper within Waller County.

Mayor Garcia shared the recent notification that The Katy Times was going out of business and the City was required to identify another newspaper for the purpose of publishing its legal notifications. Christa Molloy shared that she had reached out to the City of Waller to determine their actions in this matter and the Deputy City Secretary shared that they use the Waller Times. Christa Molloy stated that she had spoken with a representative of the Waller Times and they were planning for distribution in the Pattison and Brookshire areas. The representative also indicated that Waller County officials had contacted them about publishing their public notices as well.

Councilmember Stokes moved that the City of Pattison adopt the Waller Times for the publication of the legal notifications seconded by Councilmember Cobio. Mayor Garcia called for any discussion or comments; hearing none, he then called for a vote which resulted in unanimous approval by all members present.

6. Council to discuss and take action on website URL changes and recommended security upgrades.

Mayor Garcia recognized Christa Molloy to present recommendations for changes to the City website, URL and security upgrades. Christa Molloy stated that she had



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received permission from the State of Texas Department of Information Resource (DIR) to begin utilizing the URL *pattison.texas.gov*. With approval of this change, Christa Molloy indicated that the city website URL would be recognized as a government website and as such it could now become a target for hackers who could take the website down or insert malicious coding. To combat this, Christa Molloy recommended the City purchase additional modules of protection from GoDaddy to include standard SSL encryption, Websecurity Deluxe and Website Backup at an annual cost of \$307.75.

Mayor Garcia stated that this was above the budgeted amount allowed for the website but that the Council could consider a budget amendment at future meeting. Mayor Garcia supported the need for the additional security and also asked about providing City branded email addresses for the new Planning Commission members in light of the requirements of the Texas Public Information Act.

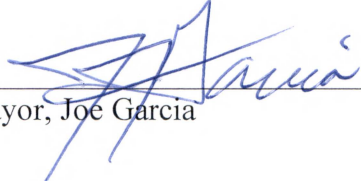
Councilmember Stokes moved that the City of Pattison approve the website URL change to *Pattison.Texas.gov* and that recommended security measures be purchased through GoDaddy, seconded by Councilmember Cobio. Mayor Garcia called for any discussion or comments; hearing none, he then called for a vote which resulted in unanimous approval by all members present.

7. Request from council for future agenda items and upcoming community events.

Mayor Garcia asked the Council to consider the scheduling of a town hall meeting for the 2nd week in August. He also shared that he will bring information about a Chili-Cookoff scheduled in the City in September.


VII. Adjourn meeting.

Mayor Garcia adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.



Mayor, Joe Garcia

Attest:



City Secretary, Christa M. Molloy