

STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF UVALDE)
CITY OF UVALDE)

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of the City of Uvalde, Texas, met in a Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2015, with the following members present:

Don McLaughlin, Jr.	Mayor
John H. Flores, Jr.	Councilmember
Margaret Palermo	Councilmember
Stephen E. Balke	Councilmember
Ernest W. "Chip" King, III	Councilmember

Also present:

Vince DiPiazza	City Manager
Joe Cardenas	Assistant City Manager
Paul J. Tarski	City Attorney
Susan Conley	City Secretary
Andrew Hagen	Municipal Court Judge
Rob Fowler	Parks & Recreation Coordinator
Kasie Morgan	Main Street Manager/Civic Center Manager
Richard Williams	Uvalde Fire Chief
Eric Herrera	Uvalde Police Chief
Susan Anderson	Director of Planning & Community Development
Marty Coursey	Finance Director
LeeAnn Ortiz	Budget Director
Juan Zamora	Director of Utilities and Sanitation

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Don McLaughlin, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 2 – Invocation

Pastor Daniel Vugteveen of Redeeming Grace Fellowship gave the invocation.

Agenda Item No. 3 – Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item No. 4 – Citizen's Input

4A. Citizens are requested to sign up prior to council meeting if requesting time to address council. Presentations will be limited to no more than three (3) minutes.
None

Agenda Item No. 5 – Consent Agenda

5A. Consider and act on the Minutes of the July 14, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting.

Motion made by Councilman Chip King to approve Item 5A. Councilman Stephen E. Balke seconded the motion. Councilman John H. Flores, Jr. abstained from the vote. Motion carried 4-0-1.

- 5B. Consider and act on payment of bills over \$5,000.00 from July 11, 2015 through July 24, 2015.

Motion made by Councilman Chip King to approve Item 5B. Councilman Stephen E. Balke seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- 5C. Consider and act on confirmation and approval of the Mayor's appointment of Karen McLaughlin to the Opera House Advisory Board, pursuant to Article II, Section 13, of the City Charter.

Motion made by Councilman Chip King to approve Item 5C. Councilman Stephen E. Balke seconded the motion. Mayor Don McLaughlin, Jr. abstained from the vote. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Agenda Item No. 6 – New Business

- 6A. Conduct opening of the bids received on the Street Improvement Project.

John Rothe of CDS Muery and Joe Cardenas, Assistant City Manager conducted the bid opening on the Street Improvement Project. Only one bid was received for Phase I of the Street Improvement Project. The base bid in the amount of \$8,755,026 was submitted by Anderson Columbia of Weslaco. John Rothe recommended to Council that the City rebid the project since the estimated base bid for Phase I was \$5 million. Joe Cardenas, Assistant City Manager said that a rebid of Phase I would delay construction since the award would not most likely occur before October. Mayor and Council agreed to gather for a Special City Council meeting to consider the possibility of acting on the bid received by Anderson Columbia. Special Meeting is scheduled to occur on Monday, August 3, 2015 at 6:0 p.m.

- 6B. Presentation of proposed Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget and call for a Public Hearing on the Budget.

Finance Director, Marty Coursey, presented a PowerPoint of the proposed Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget for the City of Uvalde. Projected expenses totaling \$8,847,874 and revenues of \$8,847,874 reflected a proposed balanced budget. Councilman Stephen E. Balke made a motion to call for a public hearing on the budget scheduled for August 25, 2015. Councilman Chip King seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- 6C. Consider and act on renewing contract with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLC.

Andrew Hagen, Municipal Court Judge and Sonia A. Gonzalez, Partner from Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP gave a presentation to City Council concerning the collection of past due fines for municipal court. The City has been contracted with Linebarger since 2010. Before Council is a contract for renewal. To date, \$932,563 in collections has been resolved. After some discussion,

Linebarger will redraw its renewal agreement for a one year contract with a one year renewal term versus the two year contract. Motion made by Councilman Chip King to approve Linebarger's contract for a one year term with an option for a one year renewal. Motion was seconded by Councilman John H. Flores, Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

- 6D. Consider and act on an Interlocal Agreement for E9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point Services between the Middle Rio Grande Development Council and the City of Uvalde.

Councilman Stephen E. Balke made a motion to approve of the Interlocal Agreement for E9-1-1 Public Safety between Middle Rio Grande Development Council and the City of Uvalde. Councilman John H. Flores, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- 6E. Consider and act on moving forward with the restoration of the fountain located on the downtown plaza.

Motion made by Councilman Stephen E. Balke to move forward with the restoration of water fountain located at the downtown plaza. Councilman Chip King seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Agenda Item No. 7 - Report

- 7A. Report by Police Chief Eric Herrera on the department's use of body cameras.

Police Chief Eric Herrera presented a YouTube video of the use of body cameras by Uvalde Police enforcement officers. The cameras have been very successful in assisting the officers in daily patrol duties. The cameras are lightweight 2.2 ounces, able to take pictures, have a wide range of camera angles, sufficient storage capabilities; date and time stamp, and take audio and video feed to name just a few of the numerous functions and capabilities these cameras provide. The department does have a body camera policy in place concerning storage of related video for prosecution purposes.

Agenda Item No. 8 – Adjournment

Motion for adjournment made by Councilman Chip King. Motion was seconded by Councilman John H. Flores, Jr. Motion carried 5-0.



Don McLaughlin, Jr., Mayor

Attest:


Susan M. Conley, City Secretary