June 23, 2020

The Bastrop City Council met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at the Bastrop City Hall Council Chambers, located at 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, Texas. Members physically present were: Mayor Schroeder, Mayor Pro Tem Nelson and Council Members Ennis, Peterson and Rogers. Council Member Jackson was present via video. Officers physically present were Interim City Manager, Robert Wood; City Secretary, Ann Franklin; and City Attorney, Alan Bojorquez.

CALL TO ORDER
At 6:30 p.m. Mayor Schroeder called the meeting to order with a quorum being present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION
Council Member Jackson, gave the invocation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council met at 6:33 p.m. in a closed/executive session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, et seq, to discuss the following:

10A. City Council shall convene into closed executive session regarding a personnel matter, including but not limited to an update on the status of the appointment of a long-term city manager, assessment of the city manager position under the Bastrop Home Rule Charter and Bastrop Code of Ordinances, evaluation of employment alternatives, update on recruitment from executive search firm Chris Hartung Consulting, LLC, and briefing on legal issues by the City Attorney in accordance with Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074.

The Bastrop City Council reconvened at 6:53 p.m. into open (public) session.

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10A. City Council shall convene into closed executive session regarding a personnel matter, including but not limited to an update on the status of the appointment of a long-term city manager, assessment of the city manager position under the Bastrop Home Rule Charter and Bastrop Code of Ordinances, evaluation of employment alternatives, update on recruitment from executive search firm Chris Hartung Consulting, LLC, and briefing on legal issues by the City Attorney in accordance with Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Nelson to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with the City Manager Candidate, Paul Hofmann and to have his employment with the City began no later than August 3, 2020, seconded by Council Member Peterson, motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.
4A. Mayor's Report

4B. Councilmembers’ Report

4C. City Manager’s Report

4D. Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas recognizing the month of July, 2020 as Park and Recreation Month. The proclamation was read into record by Mayor Schroeder and accepted by Terry Moore, Executive Director, YMCA of Austin.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

9D. Consider action to approve Resolution No. R-2020-56 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas approving Task Order No. 2 to Freese and Nichols, Inc. for engineering services required through design, construction, start-up and warranty period related to the construction of the new water treatment plant in the amount of Four Million Eight hundred forty-five thousand six hundred three dollars and zero cents (4,845,603.00) as attached in Exhibit A, authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents; providing for a repealing clause; and establishing an effective date. Presentation was made by Kendall King, Freese and Nichols.

A motion was made by Council Member Rogers to approve Resolution No. R-2020-56 without the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) type project delivery method, less $60,936, bringing the total basic + special services amount to 4,784,667, seconded by Council Member Ennis, motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Schroeder recessed the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Mayor Schroeder called the meeting back to order at 8:14.

WORK SESSION/BRIEFINGS

5A. Review Rules of Procedure for the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas. Rules were reviewed and direction was given to the City Attorney.

STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS


6B. Receive an update from City of Bastrop Chief Financial Officer on the forecast of FY2020 General Fund budget due to COVID-19. A motion was made by Council Member Ennis to pull this item from the agenda and bring back on the July 14, 2020 Individual Consideration agenda, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nelson, motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

6C. Receive monthly development update.
Presentation was made by Assistant City Manager, Trey Job.

CITIZEN COMMENTS (Statements were read into record by Mayor Connie Schroeder)

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Maria Montoya Hohenstein
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Jeffrey Stayton
920 Main Street
901-607-3300

Susan Perkins
172 PONDEROSA RD
832-865-7453

Shona Gary
112 Wallupe Circle, Bastrop, TX. 78602
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A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Nelson to approve Items 8A, 8B and 8C as listed on the Consent Agenda after being read into the record by City Secretary, Ann Franklin. Seconded by Council Member Ennis, motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

8A. Consider action to approve City Council minutes from the June 9, 2020 Regular meeting; June 12, 2020 Special Called meeting; and June 13, 2020 Special Called meeting.

8B. Consider action to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2020-16 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, amending the Bastrop Economic Development Corporation budget for the Fiscal Year 2020 in accordance with existing statutory requirements; appropriating the various amounts herein as attached in Exhibit A; repealing all prior ordinances and actions in conflict herewith; and establishing an effective date.
8C. Consider action to approve the second reading of Resolution No. R-2020-49 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, supporting the Bastrop Economic Development Corporation’s application for an Economic Development Administration (EDA) Grant in the amount of one million, three hundred fifty thousand dollars ($1,350,000.00) to facilitate the capital and facilities to provide immediate workforce training and development courses and certifications; authorizing the BEDC’s expenditure of two hundred seventy thousand dollars ($270,000.00) for the required twenty percent (20%) local match; authorizing the BEDC’s Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary documentation; and establishing an effective date.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION CONTINUED

9A. Consider and adopt on first and final reading Ordinance No. 2020-17 as an emergency measure ratifying temporary Emergency Orders enacted by the Mayor in her capacity as Emergency Management Director in regard to the current Local State of Disaster, for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety.

Mayor Schroeder did not approve any Emergency Order Numbers since the last Council Meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Rogers to approve Ordinance No. 2020-17 with the Phased Reopening Plan, Amendment #1 in lieu of Exhibit A with the following wording, seconded by Council Member Jackson, motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

The following is the wording listed at the top of Phased Reopening Plan, Amendment #1: “COUNCIL STRONGLY ENCOURAGES EVERY CITIZEN TO WEAR A MASK COVERING THEIR NOSE AND MOUTH WHILE IN PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY WHEN UNABLE TO SOCIALLY DISTANCE FROM OTHERS”.

9B. Consider action to approve Resolution No. R-2020-54 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas endorsing the Bird City Mural Project for Fisherman’s Park; authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents; providing for a repealing clause; and establishing an effective date.

Presentation was made by Assistant City Manager, Trey Job.

SPEAKERS (Statements were read into record by Mayor Connie Schroeder)

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Louise Ridlon  
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Jeffrey Stayton  
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Maria Hohenstein  
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A motion was made by Council Member Jackson to approve Resolution No. R-2020-54, seconded by Council Member Ennis, motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

9C. Consider action to approve Resolution No. R-2020-55 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, amending the contract amount for the Pine Street Drainage Improvements sewer relocation to 304 Construction, LLC in the amount of seventy-three thousand two hundred dollars ($73,200.00) as attached as Exhibit A; authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents for the Change Order; and establishing an effective date.  
Presentation was made by Assistant City Manager, Trey Job.

A motion was made by Council Member Rogers to approve Resolution No. R-2020-55, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nelson, motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

ITEM 9A CONTINUED

9A. Consider and adopt on first and final reading Ordinance No. 2020-17 as an emergency measure ratifying temporary Emergency Orders enacted by the Mayor in her capacity as Emergency Management Director in regard to the current Local State of Disaster, for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety.  
Mayor Schroeder did not approve any Emergency Order Numbers since the last Council Meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Rogers to approve the Phased Reopening Plan, Amendment #1 in lieu of Exhibit A with the following wording, seconded by Council Member Jackson, motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

The following is the wording listed at the top of Phased Reopening Plan, Amendment #1: “COUNCIL STRONGLY ENCOURAGES EVERY CITIZEN TO WEAR A MASK COVERING THEIR NOSE AND MOUTH WHILE IN PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY WHEN UNABLE TO SOCIALLY DISTANCE FROM OTHERS”.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council met at 10:11 p.m. in a closed/executive session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, et seq, to discuss the following:

10A. City Council shall convene into closed executive session regarding a personnel matter, including but not limited to an update on the status of the appointment of a long-term city manager, assessment of the city manager position under the Bastrop Home Rule Charter and Bastrop Code of Ordinances, evaluation of employment alternatives, update on recruitment from executive search firm Chris Hartung Consulting, LLC, and briefing on legal issues by the City Attorney in accordance with Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074.

10B. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.072, to deliberate upon, seek the legal advice of, and direct its Litigation Counsel regarding the Main
Street Rehabilitation Project, including pending legal proceedings for 1113 Main Street (McDonald).

10C. City Council shall convene into closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the acquisition of property and easements associated with the construction of Wastewater Treatment Plant #3.

The Bastrop City Council reconvened at 12:00 a.m. into open (public) session.

TAKE ANY NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE ACTION ON MATTERS POSTED FOR CONSIDERATION IN CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 12:00 a.m. without objection.

APPROVED:  
Mayor Connie B. Schroeder

ATTEST:  
City Secretary Ann Franklin

The Minutes were approved on July 14, 2020, by Mayor Pro Tem Nelson’s motion, Council Member Ennis’ second. The motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.