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A Regular Meeting of the Aransas Pass City Council was held on Monday, January 4, 2021 via Video Conferencing livestreamed at <http://youtube.com/user/cityofaransaspas>, as allowed by the Governor's Order issued on March 16, 2020 in an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-10. A notice of the meeting was posted 72 hours in advance in accordance with Section 551, Texas Government Code. Mayor Ramiro Gomez and Council Members Vickie Abrego, Jason Knight, Janet Moore and Carrie Scruggs were present. Also present was Interim City Manager Sandra Garcia and City Attorney Roxann Pais Cotroneo.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

Mayor Gomez called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG.

Council Member Abrego gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States.

3. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

3.1 Update by Russell Soike, AG CM Project Manager regarding Conn Brown Harbor Road Project.

Mr. Soike played a video showing the construction for the Conn Brown Harbor Road project and indicated that the project is approximately 44% complete. He added that they will begin on Phase III.

4. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

There were no board appointments.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

5.1 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2020 and December 21, 2020.

A motion was made by Council Member Scruggs to approve Item 5.1, seconded by Council Member Knight, and the motion passed unanimously.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were no public hearing items.

7. CITY MANAGER:

7.1 Consider and Act on re-scheduling the January 18, 2021 City Council Meeting due to a City Holiday to Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moore to approve Item 7.1, seconded by Council Member Scruggs, and the motion passed unanimously.

7.II Consider and Act on renewing agreement with Family Counseling Service for an Employee Assistance Program (EAP), beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021.

Ms. Garcia stated this item relates to an Employee Assistance Program, and if approved, it will be the third year of the program. She explained that in 2019, there were 15 sessions for a total of \$1,200; in 2020, there were 24 sessions for a total of \$1,920. She added that the city pays for the first 3 sessions for an employee, and after the third session, the program offers a pay scale and they do accept the city's insurance.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore stated that this a good program. Council Member Scruggs referred to the 24 sessions and asked how many employees used these sessions, and Ms. Garcia added that employees are either referred due to work related issues, or they can go on their own, and because of HEPA laws, this information is confidential. Mayor Gomez stated that this is valuable program for city employees.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moore to approve item 7.II, seconded by Council Member Knight, and the motion passed with the following vote: Abrego, Knight, Moore and Scruggs voting Aye.

8. COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT:

8.I Consider and Act on awarding Request for Proposals for Banquet Chairs for the Aransas Pass Civic Center to Shev Chair Company in the amount of \$106,000.

Sarah Lee, Director of Community Enrichment stated that a request for proposals for replacement chairs was issued and a total of five bidders met the requirements of the proposal. She added that the chair type is the "Hour Glass Chair", is similar to the one being replaced. She stated the bid is \$106,000, and are the same dimensions and will fit the chair dollies the city currently has.

In response to a question from Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Ms. Garcia responded that the City will pay 25% of the 10%, adding that the city will end up paying approximately less than \$600. Mayor Gomez asked how many chairs are being purchased, and Ms. Lee responded 2,000 chairs. Mayor Pro Tem Moore stated that for 2,000 chairs, the city will be paying less than \$600, and Ms. Garcia responded approximately \$520 (less than \$600). Ms. Garcia further stated the City has received \$63,000 in insurance monies, \$20,600 from FEMA, \$1,700 from the State, and once the chairs have been procured, the city will submit an invoice to the insurance to recover the \$22,288 in depreciation monies.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore asked what happens to the damaged chairs, and Ms. Lee responded that the insurance company will be picking up the chairs because they belong to the insurance company.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moore to approve Item 8.I, seconded by Council Member Scruggs, and the motion passed with the following vote: Abrego, Knight, Moore and Scruggs voting Aye.

9. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:

There were no Development Service items.

10. FINANCE:

There were no Finance Department items.

11. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

There were no Information Technology items.

12. PUBLIC SAFETY:

There were no Public Safety items.

13. CITY COUNCIL OR STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT:

Ms. Garcia announced that a Workshop Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 11, 2021 and following are the items scheduled for discussion: ATVs, Parking in Unimproved Areas, Panhandling, Basketball Courts, and Logo on the Water Tank on Avenue A. She stated that the meeting will be scheduled at 5:30 pm and will be a virtual meeting.

14. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

There were no citizen comments.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The meeting was recessed into Executive Session at 6:20 pm under the provision of Section 551, Texas Government Code to discuss the authority of:

15.I Section 551.071 and 551.087 - BWTX 66

15.II Section 551.074, City Manager Search

The council reconvened in open session at 7:33 pm. Mayor Gomez announced that no action would be taken on the executive session items.

16. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gomez adjourned the meeting at 7:33 pm.

Ramiro Gomez
Mayor

Mary Juarez
City Secretary

Approved on: _____