

City Council Regular Meeting  
October 7, 2024

A City Council regular meeting was held on the above date at Cameron City Hall, McLane Municipal Center, 100 South Houston Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Cameron, Texas with all officers and members present except Council Member Pratt.

Mayor Fuchs called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Council Member Deal offered the invocation.

Mayor Fuchs led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Fuchs asked for citizen's comments.

Clementine Ray again voiced concerns with overgrown weeds along the railroad tracks from West 4<sup>th</sup> Street to West 12<sup>th</sup> Street.

There were no other citizens comments.

Interim Police Chief Carlton Scott recognized the following officers for lifesaving efforts: Officer Marcelo Aguillon, Officer Olivia Husher and Officer Stephanie Melara-Ward (not present).

Council Member Deal moved to approve the September 16, 2024 regular meeting minutes. Council Member Dominguez seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Fuchs opened the public hearing at 5:37 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comments on a special use permit application for a 10-foot front yard variance to place an attached carport at 1605 North Cleveland Avenue.

Code Enforcement Officer Ricky McCall reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.

Jason Dohnalik, representing EBCO Construction, clarified that the property owner was only requesting a 10-yard front variance which would be within the parameters. There was a misunderstanding on the form.

Mayor Fuchs closed the public hearing at 5:38 p.m.

City Secretary Amy Harris entered at this time.

Council Member Cryer moved to approve the special use permit at 1605 North Cleveland Avenue. Council Member Harris seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Fuchs opened the public hearing at 5:39 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comments on a special use permit application to place a HUD code manufactured home at 1009 North Madison Avenue.

Code Enforcement Officer Ricky McCall reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the special use permit unanimously. Ricky also stated that the he

recommended denying the permit since the home is just over the minimum allowed living space required.

Virgie Hardeman spoke in opposition to the home. She did not receive a letter because she was outside the 200-foot notice requirement.

Mayor Fuchs closed the public hearing at 5:45 p.m.

Council Member Cryer moved to approve the special use permit. Council Member Dominguez seconded the motion and the motion failed due to Council Members Deal, Vaculin and Harris opposing.

Council Member Vaculin moved to deny the special use permit. Council Member Harris seconded the motion and it carried with Council Members Dominguez and Cryer opposing.

No one was present for the softball tournament request. The tournament was held October 5, 2024 without consideration and lights were used.

Council Member Deal moved to approve the following resolution pertaining to the retirement and adoption of HUK. Council Member Vaculin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-10-07-012**

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, TEXAS, APPROVING THE CANINE OWNERSHIP TRANSFER AGREEMENT, COMMENDING THE RETIRING K-9 OFFICER ON ITS SERVICE, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR POLICE CHIEF TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Cameron, Texas, owns a K-9 Officer, Huk ("K-9 Huk"), and has served the citizens of the City of Cameron; and

**WHEREAS**, K-9 Huk is retiring from the Cameron Police Department and the City of Cameron needs to ensure that K-9 Huk is adopted by someone who will provide for its proper care for the remainder of its life; and

**WHEREAS**, police officer and canine handler Amanda Duncan has expressed a desire to adopt K-9 Huk, and the City of Cameron desires that K-9 Huk be adopted by officer Duncan.

#### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1. AGREEMENT FOR THE ADOPTION OF RETIRING K-9 OFFICER.** The City of Cameron Contract for the Retirement of Huk for the adoption of retiring K-9 Officer whereby the City delivers K-9 Huk to its handler, Amanda Duncan, for adoption, which agreement is attached to this Resolution, is hereby approved for execution on behalf of the City.

**SECTION 2. COMMENDATIONS.** The City Council hereby commends K-9 Huk for its years of service to the City of Cameron.

**SECTION 3. AUTHORIZING EXECUTION.** The City Manager or the Chief of Police of the City of Cameron, is hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the City of Cameron the Contract for the Retirement of Huk for transfer of ownership of retiring K-9 Officer Huk.

**SECTION 4.** That this Resolution shall become effective from and after its passage.

City Secretary presented information from Ameresco for electric supply contract extension. According to Ameresco, the City would benefit with a 60-month contract extension with TXU Energy.

Council Member Deal moved to approve the 60-month contract extension with TXU Energy. Council Member Vaculin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Harris moved to approve the following resolution. Council Member Deal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 2024-10-07-014**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, TEXAS,  
RATIFYING THE LAWSUIT FILED AGAINST OHIO CASUALTY INSURANCE  
COMPANY (MUTUAL) FOR DAMAGES CAUSED BY ROAN COMMERCIAL GROUP,  
LLC**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Cameron previously hired Roan Commercial Group, LLC to perform certain improvements to the City of Cameron's water and wastewater infrastructure and such work for improvements was reduced to writing in a contract executed by the City of Cameron and Roan Commercial Group, LLC; and

**WHEREAS**, Roan Commercial Group, LLC procured a payment and performance bond from Ohio Casualty Insurance (Mutual) in compliance with the executed contract; and

**WHEREAS**, Roan Commercial Group, LLC breached its obligations and failed to perform the work required under the contract and subsequently ceased all business operations, and Ohio Casualty Insurance (Mutual) failed to then perform its obligations to pay for the cost of repairs and completion of the work on the project under the payment and performance bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Cameron, through its City Attorney, subsequently filed suit against Ohio Casualty Insurance (Mutual) on August 9, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Cameron desires to ratify the lawsuit filed against Ohio Casualty Insurance (Mutual).

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** All of the above premises are found to be true and correct and are incorporated into the body of this Resolution as if copied in their entirety.

**SECTION 2.** The City Council hereby ratifies the lawsuit filed on August 9, 2024 against Ohio Casualty Mutual Insurance (Mutual).

**SECTION 3.** That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the City Council.

**DULY PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of Cameron, Texas, on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024.

Alan, representing SPI Engineering, presented information for the Wallace/Hoover project.

Council Member Deal moved to award bid to SPI Engineering for the Wallace/Hoover project. Council Member Cryer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Deal moved to wait on applying for the 2025/2026 TxCDBG application until some of our current projects are completed. Council Member Cryer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Council Member Harris moved to approve the expenditures for September 14, 2024 through October 4, 2024. Council Member Dominguez seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

There following expenditures exceeded \$25,000.00:

- Palasota Contracting LLC \$44,448.09
- CEDC \$34,374.15
- Waste Connection \$41,290.15
- Freese & Nichols, Inc \$25,832.25

There being no other business to consider, Council Member Deal moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m. Council Member Cryer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.