

THE LEVELLAND CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, THE 15th OF FEBRUARY 2021, AT LEVELLAND CITY HALL, R. O. DENNIS COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1709 AVENUE H, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barbra Pinner	Honorable Mayor	Present
Jim Myatt	Council Member	Present
Max Ledesma	Mayor Pro-Tem	Present
Breann Buxkemper	Council Member	Present
Joe Bill Vardeman	Council Member	Absent
Matt Wade	City Attorney	Absent
Erik Rejino	City Manager	Present
Andréa Corley	City Secretary	Present

The Pledge was led by Mayor Barbra Pinner and the Invocation was given by Council Member Breann Buxkemper

Statements by Citizens:

There were no statements by citizens

FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Consider and take necessary action to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2021 regular meeting and the February 8, 2021 special meeting.

Motion by Max Ledesma

Seconded by Breann Buxkemper

To approve the minutes of the February 1, 2021 regular meeting and the February 8, 2021 special meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

SECOND ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Consider and take necessary action on procedures, processes, timelines, and priorities regarding lifting restrictions and regulations implemented during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency – Resolution No. 2021-09.

Council extended the current reopening order last month which keeps us in line with Governor Abbott's current order, GA-32. Governor Abbott has continued to extend his disaster declarations each month. The current order adopted by Council expires on Monday, February 15th. However, we have this item on the agenda so we can provide Council with an update regarding COVID-19 cases as well as an update on vaccinations. Below is a summary of the regional hospital capacity and COVID-19 cases in the County.

COVID-19 Case Summary	
02/10/2021	
Total	2018
Probable	261
Recovered	2094
Deaths	98
Active	87

Date:	COVID-19 Hospitalizations
02/03/2021	8.90%
02/04/2021	8.83%
02/05/2021	8.00%
02/06/2021	7.57%
02/07/2021	7.28%
02/08/2021	8.15%
02/09/2021	8.69%

On January 26th, for the first time in over three (3) months, regional COVID-19 hospitalizations dropped below the 15 percent threshold and have remained below that since then. Since Trauma Service Area (TSA) B has been below that threshold for more than seven (7) consecutive days, businesses which include restaurants, retail stores, office buildings, manufacturing facilities, gyms and exercise facilities and classes, and libraries were moved up to remain at a maximum of 75 percent occupancy levels

Motion by Breann Buxkemper

Seconded by Max Ledesma

To approve Resolution No. 2021-09 extending the local disaster declaration.

Motion carried unanimously.

THIRD ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Consider and take necessary action on a request for Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds for the Tri-State High School Rodeo Finals.

At the Hotel Occupancy Tax Committee meeting earlier this week, the Committee voted to bid the Tri-State High School Finals Rodeo at \$2,500 based on room nights from the 2019 event they held. The committee is recommending bidding \$2,500 in an attempt to attract the event to Levelland in 2022. The event holder is currently accepting proposals and the Committee felt it was worth submitting a bid. The event details are listed below.

Tri-State Finals Rodeo

Proposed Event Date: April 8 – 10, 2022

Location: Mallet Event Center & Arena

2019 Room Night Summary - 75

Motion by Max Ledesma

Seconded by Jim Myatt

To approve a request for Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds for the Tri-State High School Rodeo Finals in the amount of \$2,500.

Motion carried unanimously.

FOURTH ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Consider and take necessary action to award a bid for playground improvements at Levelland City Park as part of the City Park Improvement Project.

In November 2020, the Levelland Community Development Corporation (LCDC) and the City Council approved funding in the amount of \$675,000 to move forward with Phase One of the City Park Master Plan. The LCDC allocated \$675,000 from the Type B sales tax funds while Council authorized the use of \$75,000 from the Park Donation Fund for a total of \$675,000. The projects approved are listed below.

City Park Projects \$675,000

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| 1. Play Equipment (1) Age 5-12 (1) Age 2-5 | \$150,000 |
| 2. (3) new metal 24x60 pavilions w/slab | \$95,550 |
| 3. (80) 4” caliper trees | \$36,000 |
| 4. Water well build | \$15,000 |
| 5. (1) Regulation basketball court | \$28,250 |
| 6. Irrigation | \$250,000 |
| 7. Restroom | \$98,000 |

At this time staff has issued a request for proposals for the irrigation at City Park which will be instrumental in being able to establish quality turf as well as plant several new trees throughout the park. In addition, we have been in the process of taking quotes on a playground (Ages 5-12) at Awning #1 and a playground (Ages 2-5) at Awning #3.

Below is a summary of the buyboard quotes received for the playgrounds. Keep in mind, each individual BuyBoard quote for the playgrounds has already been bid prior to being selected by Buyboard as the winning bid as part of the cooperative purchasing program. Despite the fact each quote has gone through its own competitive procurement, Dustin Reichelt, Director of Parks and Cemetery, assessed several buyboard quotes for the Ages 5-12 Playground. The low bidder was Playground Solutions. In addition to the large playground, Dustin found a quote on BuyBoard for the Ages 2-5 playground (tot-land) with the same company that matches the design of the larger playground. Accordingly, we are recommending that both playgrounds be awarded to Playground Solutions so the design

matches. In addition, you will find a summary of the bids received for the irrigation improvements below.

Playground Ages 5-12

Bidder	Bid Amount
Play-Well	\$ 101,472
Play Etc.	\$ 100,000
Playground Solutions	\$ 99,900

Playground Ages 2-5

Bidder	Bid Amount
Playground Solutions	\$34,511

Motion by Breann Buxkemper

Seconded by Jim Myatt

To award a bid for playground improvements at Levelland City Park as part of the City Park Improvement Project to Playground Solutions for a playground ages 5-12 in the amount of \$99,900.

Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Breann Buxkemper

Seconded by Max Ledesma

To award a bid for playground improvements at Levelland City Park as part of the City Park Improvement Project to Playground Solutions for a playground ages 2-5 in the amount of \$34,511.

Motion carried unanimously

FIFTH ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Consider and take necessary action to award a bid for irrigation improvements at Levelland City Park as part of the City Park Improvement Project.

Irrigations System

Bidder	Bid Amount	Notes
Turf Specialties	\$ 300,000.00	No bid bond submitted; not eligible
Brian's Designs	\$ 257,000.00	
Turfmaster Irrigation & Landscaping Inc.	\$ 365,000.00	

Motion by Breann Buxkemper

Second by Max Ledesma

To award a bid for irrigation improvements at Levelland City Park as part of the City Park Improvement Project to Brian's Designs in the amount of \$257,000.

Motion passed unanimously.

SIXTH ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Consider and take necessary action on Resolution No. 2021-10 authorizing the submission of a grant application through the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor for the 2022 Criminal Justice Grant Program Solicitation.

The Office of the Governor has recently opened up the 2022 Criminal Justice Grant Program and is now accepting applications. The purpose of this funding program is to solicit applications for projects that promote public safety, reduce crime, and improve the criminal justice system. Chief Garcia and his team have been working on a grant application for the program that aligns with the program priorities as well as the regional priorities as the grant application will be scored by the regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee.

The grant program has no match requirement so no local funds will need to be allocated towards the project. In 2019 the police department made great strides in improving our communications problem by updating and replacing all portable radios. However, there is still a need to replace the outdated mobile radios used by the Police Department. Accordingly, in December of last year, the police department approached South Plains Communications about replacing our 11-year-old outdated ICOM Mobile Radios. South Plains Communication presented a proposal on December 16, 2020 to the Levelland Police Department. The proposal includes replacement, programming, professional installation and providing a 3-year warranty for 24 mobile radios at a cost of \$42,960. The mobile radios will greatly enhance officer safety and the safety of the community.

At this time, we are seeking approval from Council to submit a grant application for the Criminal Justice Grant Program in the amount of \$42,960 to replace the mobile radios.

Motion by Breann Buxkemper

Second by Jim Myatt

To approve Resolution No. 2021-10 authorizing the submission of a grant application through the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor for the 2022 Criminal Justice Grant Program Solicitation

Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andréa Corley, City Secretary