

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY OF SAN JUAN COMMISSION

DATE:

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

TIME:

4:30 p.m.

PLACE:

San Juan Memorial Library
Multipurpose Meeting Room
1010 S. Standard
San Juan, Texas 78589

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mario Garza, Mayor
Jesus Ramirez, Mayor Pro-Tempore
Raudel Maldonado, Commissioner
Pete Garcia, Commissioner
Rick Palacios, City Attorney

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ernesto Guajardo, Commissioner
Adelaida Cordero, Director of Human Resources
Rene Jaime, Purchasing/Risk Management
Tirso Garza, Chief of Fire
Juan Gonzalez, Chief of Police
Oscar Cuellar, San Juan EDC Director
Leroy Gonzales, Interim Finance Director
Patrick Willingham, Director of Parks and Recreation
Xavier Cervantes, Director of Planning
Carmen Gonzalez, Director of Sanitation
David Salinas, Director of Utilities
Mary Enriquez, Court Administrator
Robert Rangel, Director of Information Technology

STAFF PRESENT:

Benjamin Arjona, City Manager
Diana Cavazos, City Secretary

ORDER OF BUSINESS

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Mario Garza called meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

II. INVOCATION

Benjamin Arjona, City Manager led the Invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Mario Garza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. CONTRACTUAL/RESOLUTIONS

- a. Consider Awarding the First Time Sewer Connection Project to RDH Site & Concrete, LLC. from Palmview, Texas, in the amount of \$1,433,301.00.

DISCUSSION: Benjamin Arjona, City Manager stated that on October 25, 2017, the City of San Juan received a total of six bids for the project.. The low base bid was from RDH Site & Concrete LLC in the amount of \$1,433,301.00. The estimated cost of the project was \$1,800.00, so there will be almost a \$300,000 savings. Attached you will see the bid tabulation that was created by Cruz-Hogan. The funding is available from the proceeds of the civil bonds from the Texas Water Development Board. Should you have any questions, Mr. Ronnie Cruz is here to answer any questions. The project that we are currently working on is on the first time sewer connect. Presently we are looking to start by the railroad, there are 5 or 6 that need to be done there and that's where the project will begin if it is approved tonight.

Commissioner Maldonado asked that if it got approved, when would the project begin and Mr. Arjona, City Manager responded that with everything being in place with the Texas Water Development Board it would take fifteen days at the most to mobilize and start construction.

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Mayor Garza asked Mr. Cruz if that information was correct and Mr. Cruz replied that they were dealing with the Water Development Board. First of all, the contracts needed to be received, then submitted to the contractor for the bonds, then the City Attorneys as well as the Water Development Board would review them. Obviously we want to get started this year but it depends, on Wednesday we are going to take some of the documents.

Mr. Arjona, City Manager stated that two years ago we had the TCQ violation, and a \$75,000 fine was given to the City. We worked it in a way that we'll do a project so that we don't spend the monies towards the fine and those \$75,000 will be placed towards the installation of the first time water sewer connect.

Mr. Cruz mentioned that on the bid they had an alternate #1 with that area because in case the funds were not available, there was still a bid item and the contract would go directly to the City. Mayor Garza asked what was the estimated time for a project that size to be completed and Mr. Cruz responded about six months, with two crews working at the same time. Mayor Garza then asked where this was and Mr. Cruz replied that it was Wyoming on the Railroad, coming down from Cesar Chavez. There were some easements coming down from Morelos to get into this area. There's about three houses and some lots that have issues and we got it approved because obviously it didn't meet the subdivision regulations. Mr. Arjona, City Secretary asked if this would take about a couple of months and Mr. Cruz replied just that section would take less than that.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Ramirez asked if Mr. Cruz had dealt with that company before and Mr. Cruz responded that they had always shown good faith in doing what they had asked them to do. They are not a big company but I think they can do it. They can get bonded.

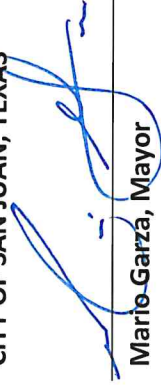
Commissioner Garcia inquired on what projects they had done and Mr. Cruz responded that they had done paving in Weslaco and subdivisions, drainage and streets for Precinct #2 to name a few and he had also asked for references. Rick Palacios, City Attorney asked if any of the references had to go into litigation to push them along and Mr. Cruz responded that no litigation was done.

Motion passed by Commissioner Guajardo and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Ramirez. Motion passed. (4-0)

V. ADJOURNMENT

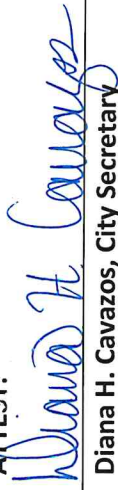
Commission Pete Garcia motioned to adjourn meeting and seconded by Commissioner Raudel Maldonado. Motion passed.

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Mario Garza, Mayor

ATTEST:



Diana H. Cavazos, City Secretary