

**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE
APRIL 21, 2020 – 1:30 P.M.**

PRESENT:	Karen Felker – Online	Acting Mayor
	James Marrs II - Online	Council Member
	Charles Loftis	Council Member
	Milton Ooley - Online	Council Member

ABSENT:	Marvin Dickson	Council Member
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STAFF:	Eddie Edwards - Online	City Manager
	Garrett Spradling	Assistant City Manager
	Stella E. Sauls - Online	City Secretary
	Jason Whisler	Emergency Management Officer
	Larry Byrd - Online	Director, Planning and Development
	Bruce Roberts - Online	Chief, Police Department
	Brandon Strope – Online	Assistant Chief, Police Department
	Brandon Sims – Online	Lieutenant, Police Department
	Chris Ingram - Online	Director, Utilities

VISITORS:	Jesse Shuffield - Online	Beverly Benton
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NEWS MEDIA:

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: Citizens who have indicated their desire to speak to the City Council will be heard at this time. In compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, unless the subject matter is on the agenda, City Council members are prevented from acting on the subject and may respond only with statements of factual information or existing City policy; however, City Council members may request City staff to place the subject matter on a future agenda. Citizens are limited to three (3) minutes for their presentation to the City Council.

No comments.

MINUTES APPROVED: Following review of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 7, 2020, motion was made by Council Member Marrs, seconded by Council Members Loftis, to approve the minutes of regular meeting of April 7, 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted aye.
Nays: None.

PAYMENT OF EXPENDITURES APPROVED: Following review of the expenditures for the first half of April 2020, motion was made by Council Member Marrs, seconded by Council Members Loftis, to approve payment of the expenditures for the first half of April 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted aye.
Nays: None.

CURRENT STATUS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AS IT RELATES TO THE VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS: City Manager Eddie Edwards explained to the Council that significant changes to City operations because of the tightening of the restrictions of the Governors Executive Order 14. Mr. Edwards gave a brief synopsis of how each department was handling their employees during the COVID-19 situation.

Mr. Edwards presented Emergency Management Officer Jason Whisler who stated that statewide there are up to 20,000 COVID-19 cases. The State is experiencing about 700-800 new cases a day. Mr. Whisler said that Hutchinson County has 8 confirmed cases at the present time. He recommended we continue with the social distancing and hygiene.

TOURISM SERVICES REPORT FOR FY 2019-2020 FROM THE BORGER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RECEIVED AND THE TOURISM SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR FY 2020-2021 ACCEPTED: Beverly Benton, CEO of the Borger Chamber of Commerce thanked the City and City Staff for the outstanding help given to each tourism venue. Mrs. Benton submitted the Chamber's FY 2019-2020 Annual Tourism Services Report and a brief overview of the Chamber's tourism activities, events, and plans.

Mr. Edwards explained the new Tourism Services Agreement stating that the agreements are virtually identical although there were significant changes as far as the payment amounts. The major change is a reduction in the percentage and a reduction in the cap of \$100,000.00 which is now down to \$85,000.00. Following discussion, motion was made by Council Member Loftis, seconded by Council Member Ooley, to accept the Chamber's Annual Tourism Report for the period of April 2019 through March 2020 and approve a new Tourism Services Contract for the period April 2020 through March 2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All present voted aye.
Nays: None.

RESOLUTION R-014-20 RELATED TO THE CITY OF BORGER'S WATER CONSERVATION PLAN ADOPTED: City Manager Eddie Edwards explained that the TCEQ rules mandate that the City of Borger have a Water Conservation Plan. Mr. Edwards stated that the City of Borger has put information in our Water Conservation Plan that TCEQ wanted because of the City's water usage. Mr. Edwards introduced Chris Ingram who explained that the water use is supposed to go down but Borger's usage is going up due to the industry, the EPA and the air

quality guidelines being imposed on local industry, which is causing the water use to go up. That is why TCEQ is questioning our projections because our water usage is going up substantially. Following discussion, motion was made by Council Member Marrs, seconded by Council Members Ooley and Loftis, to adopt Resolution R-014-20 updating the City of Borger Water Conservation Plan. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All present voted aye.
Nays: None.

Resolution R-014-20 reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. R-014-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BORGER TEXAS, UPDATING AND ADOPTING A WATER CONSERVATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF BORGER MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Borger, Texas, recognizes that the amount of water available to the Borger Municipal Water System and its customers is limited and subject to depletion during periods of extended drought; and,

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Borger, Texas, recognizes that natural limitations due to drought conditions and other acts of God cannot guarantee an uninterrupted water supply for all purposes; and,

Whereas, Title 30, Section 288.2, Texas Administrative Code requires all public water supply systems in Texas to prepare a water conservation plan; and,

Whereas, as authorized under law, and in the best interests of the customers of the City of Borger Municipal Water System, the City Council deems it expedient and necessary to establish policies for the efficient management of limited water supplies; and,

Whereas, the City Council further finds, determines, and declares that the meeting at which this Resolution has been considered and acted upon was held in strict compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Texas Gov't Code, §551.001, et. seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BORGER, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. The revised Water Conservation Plan attached hereto as Exhibit "1" is hereby adopted as the official policy of the City of Borger Municipal Water System.

SECTION 2. The Management Staff and Employees of the City of Borger Municipal Water System are hereby directed to implement, administer and enforce the Water Conservation Plan.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED, on this the 21st day of April, 2020, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Borger, Texas, which meeting was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Texas Gov't Code, §551.001, et. seq. at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

RACIAL PROFILING REPORT RECEIVED FROM CITY OF BORGER POLICE

DEPARTMENT: Police Chief Bruce Roberts explained that this is an annual report required by the State. Following discussion, motion was made by Council Member Ooley, seconded by Council Member Marrs, to accept as submitted, the Borger Police Department's 2019 Racial Profiling Report. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted aye.

Nays: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: There being no further business, motion was made by Council Member Mars, seconded by Council Member Loftis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted aye.

Nays: None.

Acting Mayor

ATTEST:

City Secretary