CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, August 3, 2026 at 7PM

Meeting called to order by Mayor Lanes at 7:06pm.

ROLL CALL: Bobby Strom, Ruth Gruber, Joel Linneman. All council members present.

Table minutes from the previous meeting until next meeting's agenda.

Bill payments discussed. Approval to pay monthly bills. Approve financials for the month. 1st: Ruth Gruber, 2nd: Bobby Strom. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jim Olson (Blue Water Consulting) gave update on rural water. The city had a 3-year inspection with DEQ. Concerns were a back flow preventer to be installed at the city hall with 120 days to have installed and inspected by a plumber. Need a fire hydrant replacement plan, 90 days to comply with producing a plan. The city has 32 hydrants with only about 6-7 that work. Hydrants cost $5,000.00 each, total installation $15,000 per hydrant. Discussed hiring a public works employee. Discussed removing or limiting vegetation growth through the rocks around the lagoon. Cattails and trees need to be controlled on site. A valve needs to be replaced at the lagoon, could possibly only replace to replace a nut. Put signs on all sides of the lagoon. Need SOP's (Standard Operating procedure) in place. Emergency action plan.

Neil Breidenbach gave update via phone on the rural water customers. Discussed the water line from 26th Street coming into Emerado. The State will give $100,000 and the city will have to pay the other $30,000 - $40,000 for the line. Discussed the rural water residents and what the grants that were being offered for their water lines. Need to get those residents in to meet and discuss options.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussed getting a new meter reader. This is tabled until we can get the cost of a new meter reader.

Discussed paying for the flowerpots in front of city hall. Motion to pay $150.00: Ruth Gruber, 2nd Bobby Strom. All in favor.

Discussed bill adjustments for 1 resident and 1 business. Motion to approve resident adjustment Ruth Gruber, 2nd Joel Linneman. All in favor. Motion to approve business adjustment Joel Linneman, 2nd Ruth Gruber. All in favor. The only stipulation is the resident

cannot rent the other side of the duplex and must pay base charge for the water meter. The business cannot operate any other business, other than his own, on his property. If duplex is sold or business is sold and separate entities operate within structures, city fees will be reinstated.

Motion to send flowers for the Renfrow family in remembrance of Frank Renfrow was made by Ruth Gruber, 2nd Bobby Strom. All in favor.

Motion to Adjourn, Ruth Gruber. Meeting adjourned by Mayor Lanes.