

**MINUTES OF
BULLARD CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
APRIL 2, 2020**

A Special Called Meeting of the City Council of the City of Bullard, Texas, was held Thursday, April 2, 2020, 6:00 p.m. at Bullard City Hall, 114 South Phillips, Bullard, Texas, with the following present:

**Mayor: Pam Frederick
Mayor Pro Tem: Bryan Willis
Councilmember: Mark Anderson
Councilmember: Ralph Britt
Councilmember: Shirley Coe
Councilmember: David Rhodes**

**City Manager: David Hortman
City Attorney: Robert Davis
Police Chief: Gary Don Lewis
Finance Director: Sonja Richey
Communication Manager: Lexie Hudson
City Secretary: Doris Crockett ***

***Attended via Zoom Videoconferencing**

Meeting Order: Call to Order; Roll Call; Invocation; Pledge to Flag

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ITEM 1: CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – NONE

**ITEM 2 – CHRISTUS MOTHER FRANCES EMS –
CONTRACT AWARDED FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE**

The Council considered the award of contract for EMS Service for City of Bullard. This item was tabled on March 10, 2020.

Present via Zoom Video Conferencing was Shawn Salter, Chief Administrator Officer for Christus Mother Frances EMS, John Smith, CEO of UT Health East Texas EMS, and Matthew McKeethan Bullard EMS Review Committee Chair.

As requested by the Council on March 10, 2020, revised proposed contracts had been submitted by both Christus Mother Frances EMS and UT Health East Texas EMS.

EMS Committee Chair Matthew McKeethan reported that the Review Committee unanimously recommended that the City of Bullard enter into a contract with Christus Mother Frances EMS for ambulance services in the City of Bullard.

Councilmember Coe stated that she did not think that it was time to change EMS providers and moved that the City enter into a contract with the current provider UT Health East Texas EMS for ambulance service in the City of Bullard. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mayor Pro Tem Willis stated that through the process the Review Committee spent a good deal of time looking at both companies and the Committee felt that Christus Mother Frances EMS was a better match for the City at this time and moved that the Mayor be authorized to enter into a contract with Christus Mother Frances EMS for ambulance service in the City of Bullard. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhodes and carried with the following vote:

AYES: Willis, Anderson, Britt, Rhodes

NOES: Coe

Mayor Frederick expressed appreciation to both Christus Mother Frances EMS and UT Health East Texas EMS for their proposals and for their service in the East Texas area, and appreciation to Matthew McKeethan for his service on the Review Committee.

ITEM 3 – RATIFICATION OF AMENDED ORDER OF DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY FOR CITY OF BULLARD APPROVED

Mayor Frederick stated that the City of Bullard Declaration mirrors Smith County's Declaration except that the recommended social distancing for the City of Bullard be 10 feet instead of 6 feet. At this time Cherokee County has not issued a Declaration of Local Disaster. This Declaration covers the entire City of Bullard including the area within Cherokee County.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Willis, seconded by Councilmember Britt and carried unanimously, Council approved and ratified the Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster signed by Mayor Pam Frederick on March 30, 2020: (**Attach Mayoral Declaration of Local Disaster executed March 30, 2020**)

ITEM 4 – ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember Coe, seconded by Councilmember Britt and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

PAM FREDERICK, MAYOR

A T T E S T:

DORIS CROCKETT, CITY SECRETARY