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A Special Meeting of the Aransas Pass City Council was held on Thursday, July 26, 2018 in the Aransas Pass City Hall, 600 W. Cleveland Blvd., Aransas Pass, Texas 78336. A notice of the meeting was posted 72 hours in advance in accordance with Section 551, Texas Government Code. Mayor Ramiro Gomez, and Council Members Vickie Abrego, Billy Ellis, Janet Moore and Carrie Scruggs were present. Also present was City Manager Gary Edwards.

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.**

Mayor Gomez called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**2. CITY MANAGER.**

- 2.1. Consider and Act on Resolution No. 2018-867 authorizing the Mayor of Aransas Pass, Honorable Ramiro Gomez, to request a loan under the Community Disaster Loan Program of the Federal Emergency Management Agenda (FEMA) for a maximum amount of \$3,547,574, to receive and manage these funds and for other purposes.

Mr. Edwards stated that the purpose of this item is for a Community Disaster Loan (CDLL for \$3,547,574 and the purpose is to assist cities that have been affected by a disaster to be used for operational expenses only. He added that it is a low loan interest, and at the end of the period can be forgiven if revenues are not what was anticipated.

Sandra Garcia, Director of Finance stated that it is a low interest bearing loan, and the interest is approximately 2.75% but it is set at the time that FEMA signs the documents. She stated that not all the \$3,547,574 will be taken at one time, it is on an as needed basis. At the end of three years, their Auditor will perform an audit on the city's financials, and if the city had sufficient loss equal or greater than the amount that was borrowed, the loan will be forgiven; or, if the loss was less than what borrowed, the City will pay the difference and at that time an amortization schedule will be provided to pay over a ten-year period at the interest that was stipulated at the time the loan was signed.

Council Member Moore asked what the loss was to the City, and Ms. Garcia responded approximately \$500,000 at this point. She added that if the board approves the loan it will be used as another source of revenue to balance the budget, if needed. She reiterated that loan will only be used if it is needed.

Council Member Abrego asked if the loan will be used as a last resort, and Ms. Garcia responded in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Council Member Scruggs to approve Item 2.1, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ellis, and the motion passed with the following vote: Gomez, Abrego, Ellis, Moore and Scruggs voting Aye.

**3. PUBLIC SAFETY.**

- 3.1. Consider and Act on approving the Fire Department to enter into an agreement with a New Medical Director.

Eric Blanchard, Police Chief stated that this item is being brought back for consideration of appointing Dr. Delbert Edwardson as the new Medical Director, and added that everything is valid with his agreement.

Council Member Moore asked how many years is the contract for, and Mr. Blanchard responded that it is perpetual.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ellis to appoint Dr. Delbert Edwardson as the new Medical Director for the Fire Department, seconded by Council Member Moore, and the motion passed with the following vote: Gomez, Ellis, Moore and Scruggs voting Aye; Abrego voting No.

**4. CITY COUNCIL OR STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT.**


- Update on Economic Development Administration (EDA) Grant.

Mr. Edwards stated that the City applied for an EDA grant for Conn Brown Harbor for \$5 million to pave the roads, and with an adjacent bike trail. He added that he is waiting on additional information and as it becomes available he will inform the council.

**5. ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gomez adjourned the meeting at 6:18 pm.

  
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Ramiro Gomez  
Mayor

  
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Mary Juarez  
City Secretary

Approved on: August 6, 2018