

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR JANUARY 12, 2016**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Raymondville, Texas met in a Regular Session at Raymondville Rural Technology Center, 700 FM 3168, Raymondville, Texas, on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor
Eziquiel Cavazos, Commissioner
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner
Chris Tamez, Commissioner
Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager
Delma Garza, Assistant City Secretary
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police
William Wepfer, City Attorney
Joel Soto, Public Works Director

Absent: Clifton Smith, Commissioner

Mayor Gilberto Gonzales declared a quorum present and called this regular meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gilberto Gonzales.

INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Mayor Gilberto Gonzales.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 8 AND DECEMBER 15, 2015

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for December 8 and December 15, 2015. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Tamez, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Alexandre

AUDIENCE

Vanessa Tijerina, approached the Board of Commissioners with a concern on the answering service at the Municipal Court Department.

Dustin Rodriguez, approached the Board of Commissioners with a concern due to his suspension.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Felecita Gutierrez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal

Court monthly report for December, 2015. Total collected for December, 2015 was \$12,994.00.

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the Municipal Court monthly report for December, 2015. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Cavazos, Tamez, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

CONDEMNATION PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 692 S. 10TH STREET, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 78580, ALSO DESCRIBED AS CURRY SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 1, LOTS 7 THRU 8, (THE S ½, TRACT 2), RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, WILLACY COUNTY

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:10 p.m.

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:11 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CONDEMNATION ORDER ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 692 S. 10TH STREET, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 78580, ALSO DESCRIBED AS CURRY SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 1, LOTS 7 THRU 8, (THE S ½, TRACT 2), RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, WILLACY COUNTY

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to allow 30 days to secure, demolish or repair the property located at 692 S. 10th Street. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Cavazos, Tamez, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TERMINATION OF EARNEST MONEY CONTRACT AND RELEASE OF EARNEST BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND MANAGEMENT TRAINING CORPORATION (MTC)

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the termination of earnest money contract and release of earnest between the City of Raymondville and Management Training Corporation (MTC). Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Cavazos, Tamez, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDING OF BIDS ON THE VETERAN'S PARK WALKING TRAIL PROJECT

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to have the city engineers review the bids and make a recommendation at the next city meeting. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Tamez, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF SECOND READING OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RBEG GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$105,000

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the second reading of resolution authorizing the use of City of Raymondville Economic Development RBEG Grant in an amount not to exceed \$105,000. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Alexandre, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF WILLACY AND THE CITY OF RAYMODVILLE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF THE ON-SITE SEWAGE FACILITY PROGRAM (OSSF) AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the interlocal agreement between the county of Willacy and the City of Raymondville for Environmental Services Relating to the operation of the On-Site Sewage Facility Program (OSSF) and Public Health Services. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Tamez, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (TXDPS) IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE, CHAPTER 706, IN ORDER FOR TXDPS TO PROVIDE INFROMATION NECESSARY TO DENY RENEWAL OF THE DRIVER LICENSE OF A

PERSON WHO FAILS TO APPEAR TO PAY A JUDGEMENT IN MUNICIPAL COURT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the interlocal agreement between the City of Raymondville and the Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS) in order to implement the provisions of Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 706, in order for TXDPS to provide information necessary to deny renewal of the driver license of a person who fails to appear to pay a judgement in Municipal Court. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Tamez, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR LICENSE FOR PETE'S ELECTRIC

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the electrical contractor license for Pete's Electric. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Tamez, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING STEP PAY INCREASE FOR VACTOR TRUCK ASSISTANT, JESUS BELLA, JR.

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the step pay increase for vactor truck assistant, Jesus Bella, Jr. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Tamez, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PROMOTION OF LIFTSTATION OPERATOR, ARMANDO HERRERA, TO SENIOR LIFTSTATION OPERATOR POSITION WITH PAY ADJUSTMENT

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the promotion of liftstation operator, Armando Herrera, to senior liftstation operator position with pay adjustment. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Cavazos, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION ON RAYMONDVILLE MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY ORDINANCES NO. 609, NO. 836, NO.928 AND NO. 1171

No action taken.

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the travel and training for City of Raymondville employees.

1. Felicita Gutierrez and Yesenia Hernandez-Municipal Court -McAllen, Texas-Jan. 21, 2016
2. Andy Chavez-Valve and Hydrant Maintenance-South Padre Island, Texas-January 26-28, 2016
3. Eleazar Garcia, Jr.-Public Funds Investment Act Seminar-Arlington, TX-Jan. 20-21, 2016
4. City Officials, Mr. Garcia, and Chief Zamora-2016 Emergency Management Conference-San Antonio, TX-April 5-8, 2016
5. Armin Martinez & Denise Ledesma-tazer-Harlingen, TX-Feb. 8 & 9, 2016

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSOR'S/COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 2015

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor/Collector's monthly report for December, 2015.

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the monthly Tax Assessor/Collector's report as presented. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Alexandre, Cavazos, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

Commissioner Tamez approved and authorize payment of the City's bills as presented. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Alexandre, Tamez, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Financial Report for the month of November, 2015.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners they have been moving into the new police station and also mentioned to the council that they are welcome to stop by and take a look.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the city crew have been working on water breaks, potholes, and weedy lots.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported that the old Chevron has been demolished. Mr. Chavez also mentioned that a Dollar Tree would be coming into the city.

RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ

REPORTS

Oscar Gutierrez, Fire Chief, was absent and had no reports.

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Catalina Ozuna, EDC Executive Director, presented to the Board of Commissioners an update on current projects.

ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners of the City of Raymondville, Mayor Gilberto Gonzales declared this regular meeting adjourned.

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Eleazar Garcia, Jr.
City Manager/Secretary