

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 8, 2013**

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, October 8, 2013, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Orlando A. Correa, Mayor
Clifton Smith, Commissioner
Eziquiel Cavazos, Commissioner
Mary Gutierrez, Commissioner
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner
Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager
William R. Wepfer, City Attorney
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police

Absent: Delma Garza, Assistant City Secretary
Joel Soto, Public Works Director

Mayor Orlando A. Correa declared a quorum present and called this regular meeting to order.

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

INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Mayor Correa.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 24, 2013

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for September 24, 2013. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Gutierrez, Alexandre and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

AUDIENCE

Denise Blanchard approached the Board of Commissioners with an update on the summit projects and advised them that on Thursday at lunch the beautification committee would meet at the Rural Tech. Center.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Armin Martinez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for September, 2013. Total collected for September, 2013 was \$6,667.30.

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the Municipal Court monthly report for September, 2013. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Gutierrez, Alexandre and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1175, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3, PARAGRAPH 3.05, PLACEMENT FOR COLLECTION OF GARBAGE ORDINANCES NO. 977 AND NO. 1123, FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS"

No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF SECOND READING OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EXPANSION, PAVING,

UTILITIES, CURB AND GUTTER OF STREET FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AT 652 S. EXPRESSWAY 77, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS IN ORDER TO PROMOTE NEW OR EXPANDED BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (FAMILY DENTISTRY-DR. JUAN VILLARREAL PROJECT)

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the second reading of resolution authorizing the construction of the expansion, paving, utilities, curb and gutter of street for new construction at 652 S. Expressway 77, Raymondville, Texas in order to promote new or expanded business development (Family Dentistry-Dr. Juan Villarreal Project). Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Alexandre, Cavazos, and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF BROWNSVILLE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NICK MITCHELL-BENNETT, ON POTENTIAL SERVICES TO BE OFFERED TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

No action taken on this agenda item.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PONY LEAGUE PARK AND AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT

No action take on this agenda item.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION FOR LICENSING PAY ADJUST FOR WASTEWATER COLLECTION EMPLOYEE, ARMANDO HERRERA

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization for licensing pay adjustment for Wastewater Collection employee, Armando Herrera. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Alexandre, Cavazos, Smith and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE RAYMONDVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO DISPOSE OF SALVAGE/SURPLUS PROPERTY

Commissioner Smith moved the authorization for the Raymondville Fire Department to dispose of salvage/surplus property. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Alexandre, Cavazos, Smith and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

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. Jorge Salinas-TCIC-San Antonio-October 16 & 17, 2013
2. Virginia Torres & Denise Ledesma-Domestic Violence-Harlingen, TX- Oct. 17, 2013
3. Andy Maldonado-Fire Marshal-San Antonio, TX- Oct. 21-25, 2013
4. Chief Zamora, Officer Osorio, Officer Rivera & 1 more officer-purchase K-9 and uniform-Austin, TX

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSOR'S/COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, 2013

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor/Collector's monthly report for September, 2013.

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 Alexandre, Gutierrez, Smith, Cavazos and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Smith, Alexandre, Cavazos, and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Financial Report for September, 2013. Mr. Garcia also advised the Board of Commissioners about the softball league.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the equipment from the 8-liners was awarded and will be officially the police departments on October 12, 2013. Chief Zamora also asked for donations for the Halloween Safe Haven.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners the street project is about 95% complete. The new street sweeper has arrived. Mr. Chavez mentioned that they had purchased a lawn mower for the cemetery department.

RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ

REPORTS

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

ADJOURN

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

Orlando A. Correa, Mayor

ATTEST:

Eleazar Garcia, Jr.
City Manager/Secretary