

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR JUNE 14, 2011**

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, June 14, 2011, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

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

Absent: 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 Orlando A. Correa.

INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Mayor Orlando A. Correa.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR MAY 24, 2011

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes May 24, 2011. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

AUDIENCE

Isai Castano, Retama Manor representative, invited the Board of Commissioners to the 4th of July Summer Festival on June 30, 2011 from 4pm-7pm at the Retama Manor Raymondville, Texas.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Armin Martinez, Municipal Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for May, 2011. Total collected for May, 2011 was \$15,193.00.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION BY LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP, ON BIDS RECEIVED AT THE MAY 3, 2011, TAX RESALE FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES STRUCK OFF TO WILLACY COUNTY FOR ITSELF AND OTHER TAXING JURISDICTIONS:

- a) *Legal Description: Lots 18 and 19, Block 3, Santa Anna Addition, Willacy County, Texas as described in Volume 89, Page 780, Deed Records of Willacy County, Texas (Acct #11479)*
- b) *Legal Description: Lots 4 and 5, Block 3, Hackett Subdivision, Willacy County Texas, as described in Volume 136, Page 225, Deed Records of Willacy County, Texas (Acct #15155)*
- c) *Legal Description: Lots 47 and 48, Block 3, Howard Outlot E, City of Raymondville, Texas, Willacy County Texas, as described in Volume 92, Page 63, Deed Records of Willacy County, Texas (Acct #28985)*
- d) *Legal Description: Raymondville Original Townsite, Block 58, Lot 9 (TR2) (E1/2) & 10 thru 13, Title #TEX148757 (Acct #13675)*

- e) *Legal Description: Lots 6A, 6B and 7A, Block 4, Johnson Resubdivision of Outlot L, Original Townsite, City of Raymondville, Willacy County, Texas, as described in Volume 38, Page 344, Deed Records of Willacy County, Texas (Acct #18726)*
- f) *Legal Description: Lots 31, 32 and 33, Block 9, Original Townsite, City of Raymondville, Willacy County, Texas, as described in Volume 86, Page 314, Deed Records of Willacy County, Texas (Acct #13459)*
- g) *Legal Description: Lots 17, 18 and 19, Block 6, Santa Anna Addition No. 1, Willacy County, Texas, as described in Volume 136, Page 159, Deed Records of Willacy County, Texas (Acct #13792)*
- h) *Legal Description: Raymondville Original Townsite, Block 16, Lots 7 thru 8 (Acct #14967)*
- i) *Legal Description: Tract 1: A portion of Lot 1, East Subdivision, Willacy County Texas, as described in Deed Dated May 4, 1978, from Dairy Queen Stores, Inc., to Dale C. Ricker et al, in Volume 126, Page 671, Deed Records of Willacy County, Texas (Acct #17639)*
- j) *Legal Description: Lots 18 and 19, Block 4, Howard Subdivision, Out of Outlot E, an addition to the City of Raymondville, Willacy County, Texas, as in Deed Dated December 21, 1972, from Ramon Rodriguez to Sara Avila de Rodriguez, in volume 106, Page 40, Deed Records of Willacy County, Texas (Acct #33520)*
- k) *Legal Description: Tract 2: The west 90 feet of Lot 5 and the east 10 feet of Lot 4, Block A, G.W. Musgrave Subdivision of the west ½ of Lot No. 1, Raymond Town and Improvement Company Subdivision, as described in Volume 170, Page 438, Deed Records of Willacy County, Texas (Acct #33520)*

Note: 2 offers received for the following property:

- l) Legal Description: Lots 24 and 25, Block 10, Colonia Hidalgo Addition, City of Raymondville, Willacy County, Texas, as described in Volume 108, Page 728, Deed Records of Willacy County, Texas (Acct #R17525)*

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve and accept the highest bidder of \$3,000.00 for (l) the above legal description. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the resolution authorizing tax resale. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION BY VTX TELECOM ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF PROPOSED VTX TELECOM 300' COMMUNICATIONS TOWER AND CENTRAL OFFICE BUILDING AT 885 E. HIDALGO AVENUE

Marco Reyes, VTX representative, presented to the Board of Commissioners the future plans for VTX Telecom on the construction of proposed VTX Telecom 300' Communications Tower and Central office building at 885 E. Hidalgo Avenue.

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the construction of proposed VTX Telecom 300' Communications Tower and Central office building at 885 E. Hidalgo Avenue. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING RE-APPOINTMENT/APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF RAYMONDVILLE, INCORPORATED

No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the temporary road closures for the City of Raymondville's July 4th celebration. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF NECESSARY EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the necessary expenditures not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the City of Raymondville's July 4th celebration. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING WAIVING OF FIREWORKS ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the waiving of fireworks ordinance for the City of Raymondville's July 4th celebration. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 729 N. 4TH STREET, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 78580

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve an extension to August 1st, 2011. If the property doesn't meet the required codes the City of Raymondville will be doing the demolishing. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST BY THE RAYMONDVILLE CHEERLEADER PARENTS FOR AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT A FUNDRAISER AT CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ON JULY 2, 2011

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the request by the Raymondville Cheerleader parents for authorization to conduct a fundraiser at certain intersections in the City of Raymondville on July 2,

2011. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL AT THE RURAL TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Commissioner Cavazos moved to hire John Henry Rodriguez for maintenance personnel at the Rural Technology Center. The starting pay is \$8.00 an hour. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 551.074, TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, RE-ASSIGNING DUTIES, DISCIPLINE AND DISMISSAL OF PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE, (PUBLIC WORKS PERSONNEL)

The City Commissioners entered into Executive Session at approximately 6:09 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 6:25 p.m.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 10

No action taken.

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

1. Elizabeth Marquez-Ethics- Edinburg, TX-Aug. 1st -2nd, 2011
2. Diana Chavez-TMRS Annual Conference-Austin, TX-Aug. 14, 2011

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSOR'S/COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR MAY, 2011

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor/Collector's monthly report for May, 2011. Commissioner Smith moved to approve the monthly Tax Assessor's/Collector's report as presented. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, reported to the Board of Commissioners the fliers had gone out for the Hurricane Awareness Meeting scheduled for June 15, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Tourist Center. Mr. Garcia also mentioned that VTX is working on the fiber optic project in town

and the city has gone out to mark the lines.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners the dismissal of the courts in reference to Juan Angel Guerra, Marte Guillen and Ofelia Hernandez. Chief Zamora mentioned that it had gone very well for the City.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR ANDY CHAVEZ

REPORTS

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners that all lift stations now have telephone services. Mr. Chavez mentioned that the vactor truck and the street sweeper are both in good working condition. Mr. Chavez mentioned that the Quintero residents will be given the opportunity to continue with the repairs but if they don't comply by the deadline of August 1, 2011 the city will demolish the home.

RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ

REPORTS

Oscar Gutierrez, Fire Chief, reported to the Board of Commissioners that they have only had minor incidents. Chief Gutierrez also mentioned that the city trucks are doing fine.

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