

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 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, 23, 2011, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Orlando A. Correa, Mayor
Clifton Smith, Commissioner
Mary Gutierrez, Commissioner
Eziquiel Cavazos, Commissioner
Yolanda Alexandre, 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 AUGUST 23, 2011 AND AUGUST 30, 2011

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the minutes August 23, 2011 and August 30, 2011. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Armin Martinez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for August, 2011. Total collected for August, 2011 was \$7,672.30.

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the Municipal Court monthly report for August, 2011. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 2011-2012
FISCAL YEAR BUDGET**

Mayor Orlando A. Correa opened the public hearing at 5:10 p.m.

Commissioner Gutierrez made a recommendation of a 5% raise for the City of Raymondville employees.

Mayor Orlando A. Correa closed the public hearing at 5:12 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1154, NEW WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 1154, new water and sewer rates for the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING NOMINATION OF CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE CANDIDATE TO THE WILLACY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to nominate Mayor Orlando A. Correa as the City of Raymondville candidate to the Willacy County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 1155, TEXAS GAS SERVICE ORDINANCE, APPROVING A NEGOTIATED RESOLUTION BETWEEN THE CITIES SERVED BY TEXAS GAS SERVICE AND TEXAS GAS SERVICE, REGARDING THE COMPANY'S APRIL 28, 2011, COST OF SERVICE ADJUSTMENT (COSA)

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the Ordinance No. 1155, Texas Gas Service Ordinance, approving a negotiated resolution between the cities served by Texas Gas Service and Texas Gas Service, regarding the company's April 28, 2011, Cost of Service Adjustment (COSA). Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM OWNER, PRISCILLA DELEON, FOR A VARIANCE TO INSTALL A MOBILE HOME WITHIN THE REQUIRED SETBACK REQUIREMENTS AT 559 W. GEM AVENUE, DESCRIBED AS LOCHRIE SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 2, LOTS 1 THRU 3 (W 1/2), TRACT 2, RECORDED IN THE MAP OF PLAT RECORDS IN WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS AS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the request from owner, Priscilla DeLeon, for a variance to install a mobile home within the required setback requirements at 559 W. Gem Avenue, described as Lochrie Subdivision, Block 2, Lots 1 Thru 3 (W1/2), Tract 2, recorded in the map of Plat records in Willacy County, Texas as approved by The Planning and Zoning Commission of Raymondville, Texas with the condition of written confirmation from all three neighbors approval. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANT NO. 2011-DJ-BX-2586

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve authorization to purchase police department vehicle through the U.S. Department of Justice Grant No. 2011-DJ-BX-2586. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE TAX CLERK, LIZ MARQUEZ

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from City of Raymondville Tax Clerk, Liz Marquez. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE TAX CLERK POSITION

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to advertise for City of Raymondville Tax Clerk position. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO PAYROLL DIRECT DEPOSIT PROGRAM FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve authorization to enter into payroll direct deposit program for City of Raymondville employees. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

BUDGET WORKSHOP ON 2011-12 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

This agenda item was passed.

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

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

1. Andres Chavez-FEMA-Arlington, TX-November 28-December 1, 2011
2. Andres Chavez-CSI-Weslaco, TX-October 13-14, 2011
3. 4 Police Officers-Field Training-Rural Tech. Bldg.-Sept. 19, 2011
4. Gabriel Garza and Abel Ramirez-Basic SWAT-San Juan, TX-Sept. 12-16, 2011
5. Chief Zamora-drop off evidence & purchase equipment in Austin, TX-Sept. 14, 2011

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

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Gutierrez, Smith, Alexandre, 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 Financial Report for August, 2011. Mr. Garcia also mentioned that the Animal Shelter will be having their annual inspection from the Texas Department of State and Human Services.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the portable mobiles will be coming in next week. The police department currently only has two portable mobiles.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR ANDY CHAVEZ

REPORTS

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the generator at the High School gym is working very well and the one at the sewer plant they are still working on some minor things. Mr. Chavez also mentioned that as soon as they received asphalt that they would start filling in potholes.

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