

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR AUGUST 23, 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, August 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 9, 2011

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the minutes August 9, 2011. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF BID ON DRAINAGE DITCH LINEAR DETENTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUNDED BY TDRA GRANT DRS-010152 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY'S ENGINEER

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve awarding of bid on Drainage Ditch Linear Detention Improvement Project funded by TDRA Grant DRS-010152 as recommended by the City's engineer to go with the lowest bidder Jimmy Closner & Sons Construction Co., Inc. the total bid price is \$440,610.00. 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 REQUEST BY GOLF COURSE OPERATOR, LUPE SERNA, FOR RATE/FEE ADJUSTMENTS AT THE RAYMONDVILLE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the request by Golf Course Operator, Lupe Serna, for rate/fee adjustments at the Raymondville Municipal Golf Course. 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 REQUEST BY ZDANSKY JOINT VENTURE TO CONTINUE FARMING CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AVAILABLE FARMLAND

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the request by Zdansky Joint Venture to continue farming City of Raymondville available farmland. 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING THROUGH THE USDA GRANT/LOAN PROJECT

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve to go forward with the proposed construction of a new City of Raymondville Police Department Building through the USDA Grant/Loan project. 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 FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1154, NEW 2011-12 WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1154, new 2011-12 Water and Sewer rates for the City of Raymondville. 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 TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE (TML) RE-RATE AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEE'S GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the Texas Municipal League (TML) Re-Rate Agreement for the City of Raymondville Employee's Group Health Insurance for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. 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 APPROVAL OF THE SALE OF ONE (1) ACRE OF LAND ADJACENT TO THE RURAL TECHNOLOGY BUILDING TO THE WILLACY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT AS APPROVED BY EDA PROJECT #08-79-04195 AND 08-01-04195.01

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the sale of one (1) acre of land adjacent to the Rural Technology Building to the Willacy County Appraisal District as approved by EDA Project #08-79-04195 and 08-01-04195.01 and authorizing Mayor Correa to sign the warranty deed. 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

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. Eleazar Garcia, Jr. and elected officials-Texas Municipal League-Houston, TX-October 11-14, 2011

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, Gutierrez, Smith, Alexandre, and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

BUDGET WORKSHOP ON 2011-12 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners the proposed budget for review.

No action taken on this agenda item.

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the swimming pool is closed. Mr. Garcia reported that he has met with Texas Fleet Fuel Company. This company would provide the city employees with a card to get fuel for the city vehicles. There would no longer be fuel at the warehouse. Mr. Garcia also mentioned that there would be a Pee-Wee football tournament this weekend at the park.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the department has used the tazers three times.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR ANDY CHAVEZ

REPORTS

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the sewer project is complete and that they are spraying for mosquitoes.

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