

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR AUGUST 25, 2015**

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 25, 2015, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

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

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 AUGUST 11, 2015

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the minutes for August 11, 2015. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

AUDIENCE

No audience participation.

CONDEMNATION PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES:

- a) 758 East Hidalgo Avenue, described as Shady Acres Subdivision, block 3, Lots 1 thru 3, Raymondville, Texas
- b) 229 South 9th Street, described as Raymondville Original Townsite, Block 52, Lots 1 thru 3,

Raymondville, Texas

- c) 980 West Fox Avenue, described as Fox Lawn Subdivision, Lots 9 thru 13, Raymondville, Texas

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:06 p.m.

No comments were made.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:07 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CONDEMNATION ORDERS ON THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES:

- a) 758 East Hidalgo Avenue, described as Shady Acres Subdivision, block 3, Lots 1 thru 3, Raymondville, Texas
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Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to allow 30 day to repair, demolish, secure or remodel for item a. Item b & c are given 30 days to finish clean up. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF VARIANCE REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S SETBACK ORDINANCE FROM A REQUIRED 15 FOOT EASEMENT TO A 10 FOOT EASEMENT LOCATED ON THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF LOT 1 OF THE APPROVED CVS RAYMONDVILLE SUBDIVISION AS REQUESTED BY MELDEN & HUNT, INC., ON BEHALF OF OWNERS, CERVANTES AND ZAMORA, LTD., JUDITH A. SNOW, JERRY D. BRACKHAHN, AND E.V. BONNER, JR.

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve to the variance request from the City of Raymondville's setback ordinance from a required 15 foot easement to a 10 foot easement located on the north boundary line of lot 1 of the approved CVS Raymondville subdivision as requested by Meldén & Hunt, Inc., on behalf of owners, Cervantes and Zamora, LTD., Judith A. Snow, Jerry D. Brackhahn, and E.V. Bonner, Jr. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following

vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE BID FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve as recommended by the committee awarding the group health insurance bid to Texas Municipal League for the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. 619, "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE PLATTING AND SUBDIVISION OF LANDS WITHIN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, "SECTION III, DEFINITIONS, (K) SUBDIVISION, PERTAINING TO PARCELS OR TRACTS OF LAND FIVE (5) ACRES OR MORE; WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING

Commissioner Alexandre moved to waive the three reading and approval on one reading. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE DEPARTMENT

No action taken.

BUDGET WORKSHOP ON FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 BUDGET

Judge Gutierrez approached the Board of Commissioners to consider a 2.5% raise for her municipal clerk, Yesenia Hernandez.

The Board of Commissioners decided that they would have to think about it and make a decision at the next city meeting.

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. Police officer-drop off evidence-Ausitn, Texas
2. Andy Chavez and Armando Herrera-Water Utility Safety-Pharr, Texas-Oct.20-22 , 2015

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, Alexandre, Smith, Tamez, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, reported to the Board of Commissioners the Financial Report July, 2015. Mr. Garcia also mentioned that he is looking into a design for the walking trail, solar lighting and an exercise station for the Pony League Park. Mr. Garcia asked the Board of Commissioners to come up with a committee to come up with a name for the park.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that there had been a series of arson and he made two arrests with the help of the citizens.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that weedy lots are being cut, pot holes being filled, and water breaks are being worked on. Mr. Soto also mentioned that a crosswalks in the school area have been painted.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners that on South 10th street has been paved.

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 Gilberto Gonzales declared this regular meeting adjourned.

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Eleazar Garcia, Jr.
City Manager/Secretary