

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR MAY 10, 2016**

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, May 10, 2016, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor
Eziquiel Cavazos, Commissioner
Clifton Smith, Commissioner
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner
Chris Tamez, Commissioner
Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager
Joel Soto, Public Works Director
William Wepfer, City Attorney

Absent: Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police
Delma Garza, Assistant City Secretary

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 APRIL 26, 2016

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for April 26, 2016. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Felecita Gutierrez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for April, 2016. Total collected for April, 2016 was \$12,880.78.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 ON SPORTS COMPLEX WALKING TRAIL AND LIGHTS PROJECT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the change order no. 1 on Sports Complex Walking Trail and Lights Project. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH DELA POOL SERVICE FOR CHEMICAL SERVICES AT THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the contract with Dela Pool Service for chemical services at the City of Raymondville Municipal Swimming Pool. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY AS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

City Manager, Eleazar Garcia, Jr. presented a proclamation on “Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month,” to members of the RGV Patriot Guards Riders.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE LIFEGUARDS FOR THE UPCOMING MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL SEASON

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the authorization to hire lifeguards for the upcoming Municipal Swimming Pool Season. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD THE ANNUAL CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEE AND FAMILY SWIMMING POOL PARTY

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to hold the Annual City of Raymondville employee and family swimming pool party. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM STREET DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, JESUS GALLARDO

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from street department employee, Jesus Gallardo. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE/HIRE EMPLOYEE FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the authorization to advertise/hire employee for the street department. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF NEW RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT JAIL POLICIES

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the new Raymondville Police Department Jail Policies. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION BY MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE, FELICITA GUTIERREZ ON "TEEN COURT" PROGRAM

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the presentation by Municipal Court Judge, Felicita Gutierrez on "Teen Court" Program. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO BALCH MACHINE COMPANY FOR ADDITIONAL DEWATERING SERVICES ON THE SEWER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT ADJACENT TO RAYMONDVILLE CITY HALL AS RECOMMENDED BY CITY ENGINEER

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the payment to Balch Machine Company for additional dewatering services on the sewer line replacement project adjacent to Raymondville City Hall as recommended by City Engineer. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

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

1. Mayor Gonzales, Mr. Garcia and Judge Gutierrez-Job Corp.-Dallas, Texas-May 12 & 13, 2016
2. Yesenia Hernandez-Case Processing-SPI, TX-May 20, 2016
3. Rigo Reyes-Water Utility Mgmt.-Harlingen, TX-May 17-19, 2016

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSOR'S/COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR APRIL, 2016

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor/Collector's monthly report for April, 2016.

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 Tamez, Smith, Alexandre, Cavazos, and Mayor Gonzales

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 Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the Grand Opening for the Veterans' Park would be on the 18th at 10 a.m. and that CASA would be there to give out helmets.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, was absent and had no reports.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, presented to the Board of Commissioners a slideshow of the Veterans' Park.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported an update to the Board of Commissioners on all new projects in the city.

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Catalina Ozuna, EDC Executive Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners an update on the loans applicants, the Holiday Inn and Chamber banquet.

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