

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 8, 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, November 8, 2016, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor  
Clifton Smith, Commissioner  
Eziquiel Cavazos, Commissioner  
Chris Tamez, Commissioner  
Delma Garza, Assistant City Secretary  
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police  
Joel Soto, Public Works Director  
William Wepfer, City Attorney

Absent: Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner  
Eleazar Garcia Jr., City Manager

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 OCTOBER 25, 2016**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the minutes for October 25, 2016. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Tamez, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**AUDIENCE**

No audience participation at this meeting.

**MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT**

Felcita Gutierrez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for October, 2016. Total collected for October, 2016 was \$11,479.20.

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the Municipal Court Report for the month of October,

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2016. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Smith, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF BIDS ON PICKUP TRUCKS TO BE USED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the awarding of the bid to Boswell Elliff Ford for the pickup trucks to be used by the City of Raymondville Public Works Department. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Cavazos, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF SECOND READING OF RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PUBLIC SAFETY/FIRE HALL PROJECT, USING FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION IN AN AMOUNT EXCEEDING \$10,000.00**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the second reading of resolution approving the Public Safety/Fire Hall Project, using funds provided by the City of Raymondville Economic Development Corporation in an amount exceeding \$10,000.00. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Smith, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF SECOND READING OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the second reading of the City of Raymondville Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Tamez, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

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ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH THE REYNA NETWORK, LLC, TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN PREPARING AND SUBMITTING A USDA RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION TO CONTINUE ASSISTING LOCAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the contract with the Reyna Network, LLC, to provide assistance in preparing and submitting a USDA Rural Business Development Grant application to continue assisting local business development. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING UPDATE OF RBEG REVOLVING LOAN RECIPIENTS BY PETRA REYNA WITH THE REYNA NETWORK**

- a. Frank Solis
- b. Raymondville Adult Daycare
- c. Lets Roll Driving School
- d. GinMar Investments, LLC Wing Champs
- e. J & M Speedy Lube and Auto Repair
- f. Tucker's Catering and Restaurant. LLC
- g. Laura's Floral Design
- h. Bubba's Western Wear
- i. Bibi's Truck and Trailer Equipment
- j. Juan Figueroa Floor Management Consultant
- k. Heaven Lee Sent Home Health Care, LLC

This agenda item was passed.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TRANSFER FOR STREET DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, ALBERT GONZALES, TO THE WATER DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the transfer for Street Department employee, Albert Gonzales, to the Water Distribution Department. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Tamez, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

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

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the authorization to hire/advertise for the Street Department position. Commissioner Tamez 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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM RAYMONDVILLE EDC DIRECTOR, CATALINA OZUNA**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to accept the resignation from Raymondville EDC Director, Catalina Ozuna. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Tamez, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR VACANT EDC DIRECTOR POSITION**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the authorization to advertise for vacant EDC Director position. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Smith, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE HIRING OF EDC RECEPTIONIST POSITION**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve to hire Jessica Rosas as the EDC receptionist. Commissioner Tamez 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

**DICUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PROMOTION OF RAYMONDVILLE POLICE OFFICER, ALONSO GONZALES, TO CORPORAL POSITION WITH ADJUSTMENT OF**

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**PAY**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the promotion of Raymondville Police Officer, Alonso Gonzales, to Corporal position with adjustment of pay. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Tamez, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF WARRANT OFFICER PROGRAM TO WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RAYMONDVILLE MUNICIPAL COURT**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the Warrant Officer Program to work in conjunction with the Raymondville Municipal Court. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Smith, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES**

No travel and training at this meeting.

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

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

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the monthly Tax Assessor/Collector's report as presented. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Cavazos, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS**

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

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Tamez, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

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NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**REPORTS**

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, was absent and had no reports.

**RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the holidays are near and his department is ready.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, had no reports.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners that next Friday the city would be hosting Movie Night at the Veterans' Park.

**RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ**

**REPORTS**

Oscar Gutierrez, Fire Chief, was absent and had no reports.

**RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

Mayor Gonzales mentioned to the Board of Commissioners that CVS and Bubba's have both opened for business.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners of the City of Raymondville, Mayor Gilberto Gonzales declared this regular meeting adjourned.

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Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Eleazar Garcia, Jr.  
City Manager/Secretary