

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 2013**

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, September 10, 2013, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

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

Absent: Mary Gutierrez, Commissioner

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 Correa.

INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Mayor Correa.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR AUGUST 27, 2013

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for August 27, 2013. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Smith, Alexandre and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gutierrez

AUDIENCE

Denise Blanchard gave the Board of Commissioners a summit report and action priority summary.

Sharon Binz from Washington National Insurance Company introduced herself and invited the board members to visit with her if they had any interest in insurance policies she had to offer.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Armin Martinez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for August, 2013. Total collected for August, 2013 was \$5,970.80.

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the Municipal Court monthly report for August, 2013. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Smith, Alexandre and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gutierrez

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 2013-2014
FISCAL YEAR BUDGET**

Mayor Orlando A. Correa opened the public hearing at 5:40 p.m.

No comments were made.

Mayor Orlando A. Correa closed the public hearing at 5:42 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1175, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3, PARAGRAPH 3.05, PLACEMENT FOR COLLECTION OF GARBAGE ORDINANCES NO. 977 AND NO. 1123, FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS

Commissioner Smith moved to approve that the city attorney prepare an ordinance designating the placement and time allotted for all acceptable items in front of the residential properties. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gutierrez

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF NEW SICK LEAVE, VACATION LEAVE AND DONATED LEAVE POLICIES FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the new sick leave, vacation leave and donated leave policies with changes request by the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gutierrez

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM METER READER RONNIE RAMIREZ

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from Meter Reader Ronnie Ramirez. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gutierrez

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL TO HIRE/TRANSFER/ADVERTISE FOR A FULL TIME METER READER

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve to hire/transfer/advertise for a full time Meter Reader. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gutierrez

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION BY JOSE ALDAPE VICE PRESIDENT OF LA FAMILIA NETWORK INTERESTED IN LEASING OFFICE SPACE AT THE RAYMONDVILLE SMALL BUSINESS INCUBATOR CENTER

This agenda item was passed.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING KENNETH BENTON, CEO OF NORCAM, LLC, APPOINTING SOMEONE TO SIT ON THE GOVERNING BOARD FOR NORCAM

LLC, NMTC TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve to appoint George Solis to sit on the governing board for NorCam LLC, NMTC tax credit allocation. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Cavazos, and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gutierrez and Commissioner Smith

BUDGET WORKSHOP ON 2013-2014 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.

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

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

1. Andy Chavez-Residential Bldg. Codes-Victoria, TX- Oct. 8-10th, 2013
2. Jose Charles and Robert Perez-Pump and Motor-Mission, TX-Sept. 24-26th, 2013

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSOR'S/COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR AUGUST, 2013

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor/Collector's monthly report for August, 2013.

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

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Cavazos and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gutierrez and Smith

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Cavazos, and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Gutierrez

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Animal Control Report for the month of August, 2013. Mr. Garcia also mentioned that the county and the school would be building the shelter where the old band hall use to be. Mr. Garcia and Uvaldo meet with Joe and Rudy and made changes to the plans for the police department building.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, asked the Board of Commissioners that the 90,000.00 grant has been approved and he is planning to purchase a K-9, K-9 Unit and Cad system. Chief also mentioned that TSTC students are willing to come to move the hardware from the police department to the community room and the instructor would assist them.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the city crew had been working on scraping street, weedy lots and potholes. Mr. Soto also mentioned that the street sweeper should arrive next week.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor reported to the Board of Commissioners that 405 W. White was half ways done with the demolishing.

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