

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 28, 2017**

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, February 28, 2017, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor
Clifton Smith, Commissioner
Eziquiel Cavazos, Commissioner
Chris Tamez, Commissioner
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner
Eleazar Garcia, Commissioner
Delma Garza, Assistant City Secretary
William R. Wepfer, City Attorney

Absent: 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 and Boy Scout Troop 440.

INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Mayor Gilberto Gonzales.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 14, 2017

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for February 14, 2017. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON WILLACY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2017
HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY BUDGET**

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:03 p.m.

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:04 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF WILLACY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2017 HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY BUDGET

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the Willacy County Chamber of Commerce 2017 Hotel/Motel Occupancy Budget. Commissioner Tamez 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 APPROVAL OF THIRD AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1210, AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO MAGIC VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., ("THE COMPANY"), A CORPORATION DULY INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE NON-EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO FURNISH, SELL AND DISTRIBUTE ELECTRICAL ENERGY TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE CITY, SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS, TERMS AND PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THIS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 1210, an Ordinance granting to Magic Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., ("the Company"), a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas, its successors and assigns, the non-exclusive right to furnish, sell and distribute electrical energy to the City of Raymondville and to all residents of the City, subject to the conditions, terms and provisions contained in this franchise agreement. 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 FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1211, AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS PROHIBITING SMOKING OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND ELECTRONIC SMOKING MATERIALS IN CERTAIN ENCLOSED AND NON-ENCLOSED AREAS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS; PROHIBITING SMOKING ON CITY PREMISES AND OTHER PROPERTY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR

EFFECTIVE DATE AND PUBLICATION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1211, an ordinance to provide regulations prohibiting smoking of tobacco products and electronic smoking materials in certain enclosed and non-enclosed areas within the City limits; prohibiting smoking on City premises and other property; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing a savings clause; providing for effective date and publication; providing a severability clause; providing for a penalty; providing for proper notice and meeting. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO BOY SCOUT TROOP 440 FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO OUR COMMUNITY WHILE ASSISTING THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE IN ITS TIRE COLLECTION EVENT HELD ON FEBRUARY 11 AND FEBRUARY 18, 2017

Mayor Gonzales presented to Boy Scout Troop 440 an award for their dedication to our community while assisting the City of Raymondville in its tire collection event.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM CEMETERY DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, MANUEL SORIA

Commissioner Smith moved to approve to accept the resignation from cemetery department employee, Manuel Soria. Commissioner Tamez 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM RAYMONDVILLE POLICE OFFICER, FELIX TAMEZ, JR.

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from Raymondville Police Officer, Felix Tamez, Jr. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE/TRANSFER/ADVERTISE FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

- a) Police Officer
- b) Cemetery Caretaker

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the authorization to hire/transfer/advertise for police officer. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the authorization to hire/transfer/advertise for cemetery caretaker. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVING FUNDS FOR THE WILLACY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE S.P.E.N.D. CAMPAIGN

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve 2,500.00 for the Willacy County Chamber of Commerce S.P.E.N.D. Campaign. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVING TO ESTABLISH AN EMPLOYEE PAYROLL DEDUCTION FOR LOAVES AND FISHES

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to establish an employee payroll deduction for Loaves and Fishes. Commissioner Smith 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 APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERS FOR THE

CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S FIRE STATION RENOVATION PROJECT

- a) Change Order 2-Holmont-Phase One
- b) Change Order 2-Commercial Building Specialties-Phase One
- c) Change Order 1-Commercial Building Specialties-Phase Two

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the above change orders. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE A TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE FOR THE WATER DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the authorization to hire a temporary employee for the Water Distribution Department. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

No travel and training at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

Commissioner Cavazos approved and authorize payment of the City's bills as presented. Commissioner Smith 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

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Financial Report for the month of January, 2017.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
REPORTS**

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, was absent and had no reports.

Andy Chavez, Assistant Public Works Director, thanked the Boy Scout Troop 440 for all there help during the tire clean up. Three thousand tires were picked up.

**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