

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 12, 2014**

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 Wednesday, November 12, 2014, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Mary Gutierrez, Commissioner
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner
Eziquiel Cavazos, Commissioner
Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager
Delma Garza, Assistant City Secretary
William Wepfer, City Attorney
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police
Joel Soto, Public Works Director

Absent: Orlando A. Correa, Mayor
Clifton Smith, Commissioner

Mayor Pro Temp Eziquiel Cavazos declared a quorum present and called this regular meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Temp Eziquiel Cavazos.

INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Mayor Pro Temp Eziquiel Cavazos.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 28, 2014

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve the minutes for October 28, 2014. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Gutierrez, and Mayor Pro Temp Cavazos

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Smith

AUDIENCE

Vanessa Tijerina, approached the Board of Commissioners with some concerns on city issues.

Francisco Medrano Jr., Graduate Engineer, from AGH Engineering & Surveying introduced himself to the Board of Commissioners.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the Municipal Court monthly report for October, 2014. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Gutierrez and Mayor Pro Temp Cavazos

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE BASED ON REQUEST OF QUALIFICATIONS

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the recommendation from the committee to award the bid to Guzman & Munoz Engineering for engineering services for the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Gutierrez, and Mayor Pro Temp Cavazos

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 111214 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE TO APPLY FOR A RURAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the resolution No. 111214 authorizing the City of Raymondville to apply for a Rural Business Enterprise Grant from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development to establish a revolving loan program. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Gutierrez, and Mayor Pro Temp Cavazos

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 1193, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1104 AND ADOPTING AND UPDATING THE BUILDING CODES, FIRE CODE, PLUMBING CODE, ELECTRIC CODE AND VARIOUS OTHER CODES DEALING WITH CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF RESIDENCES AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS WITHIN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE MOST CURRENT FORM OF SAID ADOPTED CODES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE,' WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve to waive the three reading as required. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Gutierrez and Mayor Pro Temp Cavazos

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Smith

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve Ordinance No. 1193. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Gutierrez and Mayor Pro Temp Cavazos

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 1194, " AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 618 AND ORDINANCE NO. 1171, SECTION 5, SCHEDULE OF PERMIT FEES AND BUILDING PERMIT FEES WITH A NEW SECTION 5 TO READ AS SET OUT IN THIS ORDINANCE," WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING

This agenda item was passed.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR, BENCO ELECTRIC

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve the electrical contractor, Benco Electric. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Alexandre and Mayor Pro Tem Cavazos

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST BY PASTOR DAVID YANEZ FROM THE LORD'S CHRISTIAN CENTER, TO USE THE SMILEY PARK AND PAVILION FOR A FREE COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT CONSISTING OF CHRISTIAN MUSIC, FREE FOOD AND DRINKS, AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the request from Pastor David Yanez from the Lord's Christian Center, to use the Smiley Park and Pavilion for a free community outreach event consisting of Christian music, free food and drinks, and entertainment for children and adults. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Gutierrez and Mayor Pro Tem Cavazos

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION RULES FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS

No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S ANNUAL EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DINNER ON DECEMBER 19, 2014

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve the City of Raymondville's annual employee appreciation dinner on December 19, 2014. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Gutierrez and Mayor Pro Tem Cavazos

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Smith

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

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

1. Officer David Osorio-K-9 recertification course-Somerset, Texas-Nov. 17-21, 2014
2. Officer Maldonado and Officer Flores-Surveillance technique course-Georgetown, Texas-Nov., 19-21, 2014

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSOR'S/COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER, 2014

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor/Collector's monthly report for October, 2014.

Commissioner Gutierrez 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 Gutierrez, Alexandre, and Mayor Pro Tem Cavazos

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Smith

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Alexandre, and Mayor Pro Temp Cavazos

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Cavazos

REPORTS

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

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that a suspect is behind bars in reference to the superette incident. Chief Zamora also mentioned that the Safe Haven was a success.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the city crews have been working on water breaks.

RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ

REPORTS

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

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Catalina Ozuna, EDC Executive Director, was absent.

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