

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR AUGUST 9, 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, August 9, 2016, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor
Clifton Smith, Commissioner
Eziquiel Cavazos, Commissioner
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner
Chris Tamez, Commissioner
Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police
William Wepfer, City Attorney

Absent: 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 JULY 26, 2016

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for July 26, 2016. 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

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 July, 2016. Total collected for July, 2016 was \$15,508.70.

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Tamez, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF BIDS ON THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE FIRE HALL AND COMMUNITY ROOM PROJECT

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to award the bids to the following companies:

Castcon Construction CMU Masonry

Commercial Building Specialties Concrete/Roof/Mech (HVAC) Plumbing

Holmont LLC Framing/Structural Steel/Electrical

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 AWARDING OF PROPOSALS ON CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND COMPUTER MAINTENANCE SERVICES

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the bid to Sky IT Solution, Inc. for the City of Raymondville Technical Assistance and Computer Maintenance Services. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM WATER DISTRIBUTION EMPLOYEE, JOHN OLVERA

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from Water Distribution employee, John Olvera. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE/TRANSFER/HIRE EMPLOYEE FOR THE WATER DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the authorization to advertise/transfer/hire employee for the Water Distribution Department. Commissioner Smith 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 ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ASSISTANT TAX COLLECTOR, LETICIA MUNIZ

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from City of Raymondville Assistant Tax Collector, Leticia Muniz. Commissioner Tamez 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 REQUEST FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SUPERINTENDENT, JOHN MOLINA, FOR PAYMENT OF UNUSED VACATION TIME UNABLE TO BE TAKEN DURING YEAR AS ALLOWED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S PERSONNEL POLICY

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the request from Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent, John Molina, for payment of unused vacation time unable to be taken during year as allowed by the City of Raymondville's Personnel Policy. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR BOND FOR ELDRIDGE ELECTRIC COMPANY

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the approval of electrical contractor bond for Eldridge Electric Company. 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 APPROVAL OF FARMING OF LAND OWNED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the farming of land owned by the City of Raymondville 50 acres at 57.00 an acre. 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY MANAGER TO BEGIN THE NECESSARY PROCEDURES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION NECESSARY FOR A NEW ROAD PAVING PROJECT IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the authorization for the City Manager to begin the necessary procedures for the issuance of Certificates of Obligation necessary for a new road paving project in the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Alexandre 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 AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT/DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM, FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL AREA WITH MATCHING FUNDS TO BE PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to the grant application to the Texas Community Development Block Grant/Downtown Revitalization program, for Public Improvements to be made within the Downtown Commercial area with matching funds to be provided by the City of Raymondville Economic Development Corporation. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Tamez, Cavazos, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales
NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

BUDGET WORKSHOP ON FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 BUDGET

No action taken.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

No action taken.

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 JULY, 2016

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

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 Cavazos, Tamez, Alexandre, Smith, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

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 Tamez, Smith, Alexandre, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

REPORTS

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

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, had no reports.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, updated the Board of Commissioners on the animal shelter inspection.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, was absent and had no reports.

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, reported to the Board of Commissioners an update on COREDC Activity Report.

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