

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR JUNE 11, 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, June 11, 2013, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Orlando A. Correa, Mayor
Mary Gutierrez, 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: Clifton Smith, 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 MAY 28, 2013

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for May 28, 2013. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Cavazos and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith & Commissioner Alexandre

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Yesenia Hernandez, Municipal Court Clerk, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for May, 2013. Total collected for May, 2013 was \$7,514.55.

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the Municipal Court monthly report for May, 2013. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Cavazos, and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith & Commissioner Alexandre

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDED OF BIDS ON STREET OVERLAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to open bid packets, to be reviewed by City Engineers and make recommendation at the next City meeting. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Cavazos, Alexandre and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY'S UTILITY SYSTEM; AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL ADVISORS, BOND COUNSEL AND ENGINEERS TO COORDINATE THE SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD; AND OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

This agenda item was passed.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF APPLICATION RESOLUTION-CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY AND APPLICATION AFFIDAVIT, AS REQUIRED BY THE APPLICATION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY'S UTILITY SYSTEM

This agenda item was passed.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF REVIEW COMMITTEE TO SCORE PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WATER WELL PROJECT

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve to appoint the review committee to score proposals for engineering and management services for the Texas Department of Agriculture Water Well Project. The committee members are as follows:

- Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner
- Ezequiel Cavazos, Commissioner
- Delma Garza, Assistant City Secretary
- Joel Soto, Public Works Director
- Andres Chavez, Public Works Supervisor

Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Cavazos, Alexandre and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PRESENTATION ON NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING PERTAINING TO SQUARE FOOTAGE AND POSSIBLE LOCATIONS

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to build new Police Department Building in the existing location. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Cavazos, Alexandre and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM CITY WATER CLERK, JESSICA GARCIA

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the resignation from City Water Clerk Jessica Garcia. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Cavazos, Alexandre and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE NEW CITY WATER CLERK

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to hire new City Water Clerk. Commission Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Cavazos, Alexandre and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PLACEMENT OF STREET LIGHT ON THE 200 BLOCK OF EAST EXCHANGE STREET

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve the placement of two street lights on the 200 block of East Exchange Street. Commission Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Cavazos, Alexandre and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES FOR THE WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND THE STREET DEPARTMENTS

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the authorization to hire temporary employees for the wastewater collection and the street departments. Commission Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Cavazos, Alexandre and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S JULY 4 CELEBRATION

- a. *Temporary road closures*
- b. *Waiving of Fireworks Ordinance*
- c. *Necessary supplies*

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the above items for the City of Raymondville's July 4 celebration. Commission Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Cavazos, Alexandre and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS AS

REQUIRED BY THE TEXAS CAPITAL FUND PERTAINING TO WATER AND SEWER SERVICES NEEDED FOR THE LA JARRA PROJECT LOCATED EAST OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the interlocal agreement between the City of Raymondville and Willacy County, Texas as required by the Texas Capital Fund pertaining to water and sewer services needed for the The La Jarra Project located East of Raymondville pending engineer review. Commission Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Cavazos, Alexandre and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: 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. Olga Fadely – Tax Certification Course in Austin - June 16 - June 19, 2013
2. Denise Ledesma & Juan Trejo – Basic Crisis Negotiation Course in Harlingen - June 24 - June 28, 2013
3. Tommy Gomez and Edward Garcia – Basic Criminal Investigation Course in New Braunfels - July 15 - July 19, 2013

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

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

Commissioner Cavazos 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, Cavazos, Alexandre and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

Commissioner Gutierrez 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, Gutierrez and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Financial Report for May, 2013. Mr. Garcia mentioned that he met with TCEQ on Water Well (update). Mr. Garcia presented the Animal Control Division Monthly Activity Report for the month of May, 2013.

Mayor Orlando Correa invited the Board of Commission to attend Adult Basic Education Graduation Ceremony June 29th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Commissioner Gutierrez also invited the Board of Commissioner to attend Willacy County Hurricane Preparedness from June 20th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners the raid on an eight liner company and over \$10,000.000 seized. One arrest was made & there are 3 other suspects. Chief also updated the Board of Commissioners on a stabbing incident.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the City Street Crew have been cutting weedy lots, patching potholes. Mr. Soto also presented a power point on a water break caused by a vehicle accident. Mr. Soto invited the Board of Commissioners to the City of Raymondville's Family Day Pool Party.

Andres Chavez, Public Works Supervisor reported future demolishing on various properties. Mr. Chavez gave an update on the generator installed at the Police Department. Also, mentioning an ordinance for older model mobile homes being brought to the City.

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