

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 23, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Raymondville, Texas met in a Regular Session at City of Raymondville City Hall, 142 South 7th Street, Raymondville, Texas, on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 5:15 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilbert Gonzales, Mayor
Edward Gonzales, Commissioner
Chris Tamez, Commissioner
Joel Garcia, Commissioner
Eleazar Garcia, City Manager
Delma Garza, City Secretary
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police
Ryan Solis, City Attorney
Joel Soto, Public Works Director

ABSENT: Clifton Smith, Commissioner due to job obligations

Mayor Gilbert Gonzales declared a quorum present and called this regular meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gilbert Gonzales.

INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Mayor Gilbert Gonzales.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 9, 2021 AND FEBRUARY 19, 2021

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the minutes for February 9, 2021 and February 19, 2021. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Garcia, Gonzales, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this city meeting.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

No report was given.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF 2020 RACIAL PROFILE REPORT FOR THE RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the 2020 Racial Profile Report for the Raymondville Police Department. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Garcia, Gonzales, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT RENEWAL WITH THE TEXAS BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION FOUNDATION

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the lease agreement renewal with the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Gonzales, Garcia and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR BOND FOR BORCHERS ELECTRIC

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the electrical contractor bond for Borchers Electric. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Gonzales, Garcia and Mayor Gonzales
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM WATER DISTRIBUTION EMPLOYEE, EDGAR FLORES

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from Water Distribution employee, Edgar Flores. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Garcia, Tamez, Gonzales and Mayor Gonzales
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

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

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the authorization to hire/advertise/transfer for Water Distribution Department. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Gonzales, Garcia and Mayor Gonzales
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDED OF BIDS ON VEHICLES TO BE USED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Gonzales moved to accept the bids and award it to the lowest bidder Boggus Fleet on vehicles to be used by the City of Raymondville Public Works Department and the City of Raymondville Police Department. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Garcia, Tamez, Gonzales and Mayor Gonzales
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ORDER CANCELLING THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE OFFICERS' REGULAR ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 1, 2021

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the order cancelling the City of Raymondville Officers' Regular election to be held on May 1, 2021. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Garcia, Tamez, Gonzales and Mayor Gonzales
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

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

1. Jose Paredes III-online course Basic Water-March 23-25
2. Brandon Zamora-online course Waster Water Collection-March 2-4

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

AYES: Commissioners Garcia, Gonzales, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager, reported to the Board of Commissioners that there will be a Covid-19 vaccine clinic for the second dose on Friday.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that there will be Covid-19 testing this week and next week.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that last week they have eight major water breaks.

Andy Chavez, Assistant Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the trash bash will be held on March 13th and 14th.

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

David Gomez, EDC Coordinator, updated the Board of Commissioners on the tourist center.

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