

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 9, 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 9, 2021, 5:15 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

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

ABSENT:

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 JANUARY 26, 2021

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the minutes for January 26, 2021. 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

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this city meeting.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Felicita Gutierrez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for January, 2021. Total collected for January, 2021 was \$5,998.80.

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the monthly municipal court report for January, 2021. 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 APPOINTMENT OF AN EVALUATION TEAM OF AT LEAST THREE PERSONS INCLUDING AN ELECTED OFFICIAL FOR THE 2021-2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATION

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve to appoint Mayor Gonzales, Eleazar Garcia, Jr., Delma Garza, Andy Chavez, and Joel Soto as the evaluation team for the 2021-2022 Community Development Fund application. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez Garcia, Gonzales and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO BEGIN THE PROCUREMENT OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOLLOWING TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PROCUREMENT GUIDELINES

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the authorization to begin the procurement of professional engineering and administrative services following Texas Department of Agriculture procurement guidelines. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzales, Tamez, Garcia and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FROM MR. JONATHAN GRACIA FROM THE GRACIA LAW FIRM, TO WAIVE PARK PAVILION RENTAL FEES AT THE SMILEY PARK TO GIVE AWAY BBQ PLATES TO THE COMMUNITY ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2021

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the request from Mr. Jonathan Gracia from the Gracia Law Firm, to waive park pavilion rental fees at the Smiley Park to give away BBQ plates to the community on Saturday, February 13, 2021. 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 REQUEST FROM CROSS CHURCH TO WAIVE PARK PAVILION RENTAL FEES AT THE SMILEY PARK TO CONDUCT A FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the request from Cross Church to waive park pavilion rental fees at the Smiley Park to conduct a food pantry drive. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzales, Tamez, Garcia 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. Catalino Nieto-Pumps and Pumping-online-2/16/21
2. Joe Paredes Jr., Edward Ramirez & Andy Chavez-Vector Control-3/1/21
3. Belinda Villarreal-Regional Clerks Seminar-online-4/26/21-4/28/21
4. Judge Gutierrez-Regional Judges Seminar-online-5/3/21-5/5/21
5. 4 police officers-online training

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, updated the Board of Commissioners on the drainage project.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, mentioned to the Board of Commissioners that a fundraiser will be held on February 27, 2021 for an officer to help with medical expenses.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that there will be a zoom meeting on Thursday with Clore.

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

David Gomez, EDC Coordinator, updated the Board of Commissioners on Express Lube & Tire grand opening. Mr. Gomez reported on FIT 540 expenses. Mr. Gomez mentioned that Chick-Fil-A will be in Raymondville on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.

ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners of the City of Raymondville, Mayor Gilbert Gonzales declared this regular meeting adjourned.

Gilbert Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Eleazar Garcia, Jr. City Manager