

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR JANUARY 11, 2022**

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, January 11, 2022, 5:15 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilbert Gonzales, Mayor
Clifton Smith, Commissioner
Chris Tamez, Commissioner
Edward Gonzales, Commissioner
Joel Garcia, Commissioner
Delma Garza, City Secretary
Ryan Solis, City Attorney
Joel Soto, Public Works Director

ABSENT: Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police

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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ABSENCE FROM MEETING
BY MAYOR OR CITY COMMISSIONERS AS REQUIRED BY ARTICLE II, SECTION 6,
OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S HOME RULE CHARTER**

No action taken.

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

INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Mayor Gilbert Gonzales.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 14, 2021

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the minutes for December 14, 2021. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Garcia, Smith, Gonzales, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

AUDIENCE

Jaelyn Saucedo approached the Board the Commissioners and made them aware of the RISD Vaccine Outreach & Education Program had a new flyer with updated information.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Felecita Gutierrez, Municipal Court, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for December, 2021. Total collected for December, 2021 was \$12,323.04.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the monthly municipal court report for December, 2021. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Garcia, Tamez, Gonzales, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDED OF BID FOR GOLF COURSE IMPROVEMENTS-PARKING LOT AND RECONSTRUCTION OF PORTION OF EMMA ROSS ROAD PROJECT AS RECOMMENDED BY CITY ENGINEER

Commissioner Tamez moved to award the bid to RM Walsdorf, Inc. for golf course improvements-parking lot and reconstruction of portion of Emma Ross Road project as recommended by city engineer. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Gonzales, Garcia, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY AND THE CITY OF LYFORD

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve of animal control services interlocal agreement between the City of Raymondville, Willacy County and the City of Lyford. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Gonzales, Garcia, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TRANSFER FOR CEMETERY CARETAKER, JOSEPH ORTIZ, TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER POSITION WITH PAY ADJUSTMENT

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve an increase of \$3.56 per hour to transfer Joseph Ortiz from Cemetery Caretaker, to City of Raymondville Animal Control Officer position. Mr.Ortiz will receive an addition pay increase when he passes his state exam. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Garcia, Tamez, Smith, Gonzales and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CERTIFICATION PAY ADJUSTMENT FOR WASTEWATER COLLECTION EMPLOYEE, LEONEL SALINAS

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the CDL license certification pay increase of a \$1.00 an hour. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Garcia, Smith, Gonzales and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CERTIFICATION PAY ADJUSTMENT FOR WASTEWATER COLLECTION EMPLOYEE, JUAN CABRERA, SERVING AS PART-TIME ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the pay increase of a \$1.00 an hour for Juan Cabrera, serving as part-time animal control officer. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Garcia, Smith, Gonzales and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE EMPLOYEES FOR THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS:

- a) Street Department
- b) Cemetery Department
- c) Water Distribution
- d) City Hall

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the authorization to hire employees for the above listed departments. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER, EDDIE GONZALES

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from Raymondville Police Department Animal Control Officer, Eddie Gonzales. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF 2022 CALENDAR YEAR HOLIDAYS FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the 2022 calendar year holidays for the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

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

1. Joseph Ortiz and Robuel Estrada-ACO certification-Laredo, TX-March 9-11, 2022.

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

REPORTS

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

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, was absent and had no reports.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, updated the Board of Commissioners on the water tower project.

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

David Gomez, EDC Coordinator, updated the Board of Commissioners on current projects and job fairs.

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