

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES FOR JANUARY 26, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Raymondville, Texas met in a Regular Session at City of Raymondville City Hall, 142 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Raymondville, Texas, on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, 5:15 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

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

ABSENT: Delma Garza, City Secretary  
Ryan Solis, City Attorney

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 12, 2021 AND JANUARY 19, 2021**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the minutes for January 12, 2021 and January 19, 2021. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**AUDIENCE**

No audience participation at this city meeting.

**MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT**

No report was given.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE TOURIST CENTER, LOCATED AT 427 SOUTH 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 78580, CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS AND AGREEMENT AS STATED IN THE REAL ESTATE SALES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND WILLACY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE D/B/A RAYMONDVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the resolution for the purchase of real property and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Raymondville to execute documents necessary for the purchase of the Tourist Center, located at 427 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Raymondville, Texas 78580, consistent with the terms and agreement as stated in the real estate sales contract between the City of Raymondville and Willacy County Chamber of Commerce D/B/A Raymondville Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF BID ON THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE PROPOSED SANITARY SEWER MANHOLES REHABILITATION PROJECT AS RECOMMENDED BY CITY ENGINEER**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the recommendation from the city engineer to award the bid to Brush Country Construction, in the amount of \$43,800.00. Commissioner Garcia 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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR BOND FOR ALVARO SANCHEZ ELECTRIC**

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

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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 2021, AS TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the proclamation designating February 2021, as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month in the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Gonzales 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 APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR-CJD FOR THE RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

- a) Operation Stonegarden
- b) Border Security Program
- c) Victims of Crime program (VOCA)
- d) Drug Enforcement Officer

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the following resolutions required to apply for the above list of grant funding to the Office of the Governor-CJD for the Raymondville Police Department. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE SELECTION OF SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC FOR AN INVESTMENT GRADE AUDIT (IGA) AGREEMENT THROUGH TIPS-INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM A COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, FOR PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S**

**WASTEWATER PLANT**

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the selection of Schneider Electric for an Investment Grade Audit (IGA) agreement through TIPS-Interlocal Purchasing System, a cooperative purchasing program, for proposed improvements to the City of Raymondville's Wastewater Plant. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**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. John Molina-online course Chlorinator maintenance-Feb. 23-25, 2021

**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 Garcia, Gonzales, Smith, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**REPORTS**

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager, presented to the Board of Commissioners the financial report for December, 2020.

**RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the Animal Control Officer is still out on sick leave and public works have been assisting in that department.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners 7<sup>th</sup> & 186 Intersection is blocked due to a possible cave in. The city engineer and TXDOT will meet next week in reference to these issues.

**RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

David Gomez, EDC Coordinator, updated the Board of Commissioners on the purchase of the Tourist Center. Mr. Gomez also mentioned three more lots have been purchased in the Cisneros Estates and the Orozco's new restaurant have run into some issues that will delay the opening date.

**ADJOURN**

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

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Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Eleazar Garcia, Jr. City Manager