

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES FOR MARCH 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 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Raymondville, Texas, on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, 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  
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.

**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.

**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 February, 2021. Total collected for February, 2021 was \$3,236.64.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF WILLACY COUNTY COVID-19 VACCINATION PLAN REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WILLACY COUNTY AND THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE**

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the Willacy County Covid-19 vaccination plan reimbursement agreement between Willacy County and the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CONSULTANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND VALIANT ENERGY SOURCES FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE PROCUREMENT OF ELECTRICITY FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the consultant agreement between the City of Raymondville and Valiant Energy Sources for assistance in the procurement of electricity for the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDED OF PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE UPCOMING TXCDBG GRANT APPLICATION**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to accept the three bids and as per the Board of Commissioners a special meeting will be held next Tuesday to do the scoring. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDED OF PROPOSALS FOR ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE UPCOMING TXCDBG GRANT APPLICATION**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve to accept the bid proposal from Business Service Company. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING RENAMING OF TOURIST CENTER BUILDING OWNED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the renaming of Tourist Center Building to Raymondville Tourist Center. Commissioner Garcia 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

**APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES**

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

1. Chief Zamora, Officer Arriaga and Officer Juarez-narcotics training-3/8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>
2. Crime Scene Search-instructor will come to Raymondville
3. Chief Zamora-San Antonio, TX-rescheduled-7/25/21-7/30/21

**APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS**

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

**REPORTS**

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, announced to the Board of Commissioners that the Child's Advocacy Group will use the offices on the second floor of city hall. Mr. Garcia also updated the Board of Commissioners on the GLO.

**RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the Maggie house will now be in Willacy County doing interviews.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, updated the Board of Commissioners on the Tourist Center and drainage project.

Andy Chavez, Asst. Public Works Director, updated the Board of Commissioners on the Trash Bash.

**RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

David Gomez, EDC Coordinator, updated the Board of Commissioners on Express Lube & Tire and Chick-Fil-A.

**ADJOURN**

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

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Gilbert Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Eleazar Garcia, Jr. City Manager