

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR AUGUST 13, 2019**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Raymondville, Texas met in a Regular Session at Raymondville City Hall, 142 South 7th Street, Raymondville, Texas, on Tuesday, August 13, 2019, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

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

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

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

INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Mayor Gilberto Gonzales.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR JULY 23 AND JULY 30, 2019

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the minutes for July 23 and July 30, 2019. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzales, Garcia and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Tamez

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Felecita Gutierrez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for July, 2019. Total collected for July, 2019 was \$20,164.49.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1234, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO.'S 977, 1102, 1113, 1161 AND 1169, TO SET NEW SERVICE FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL COMMERCIAL UNITS AND SETTING AND EFFECTIVE DATE

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve on the first reading of Ordinance No. 1234, an ordinance of the City of Raymondville, Texas amending ordinance no.'s 977, 1102, 1113, 1161 and 1169, to set new service fees for residential and small commercial units effective October 1, 2019. Commissioner Smith 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 AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE TO CREATE/RENEW REINVESTMENT ZONE AND TAX

ABATEMENTS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

No action taken.

BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE 2019-20 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

No action taken on this agenda item.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR THE UPCOMING 2019-20 FISCAL YEAR

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the proposed tax rate for the upcoming 2019-20 fiscal year. Commissioner Gonzales 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 AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR 2019-20 FISCAL YEAR

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to advertise for two public hearings on the proposed tax rate for 2019-20 Fiscal Year. 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 ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RECEPTIONIST, SAMANDA CERVANTES

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from Economic Development Receptionist, Samanda Cervantes. 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO COMPENSATE WATER DISTRIBUTION EMPLOYEE, RODOLFO TORRES, FOR UNUSED VACATION LEAVE

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the compensate water distribution employee, Rodolfo Torres, for unused vacation leave. 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FROM GATEWAY UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH FOR THE WAIVING OF PARK PAVILION RENTAL FEES IN ORDER TO CONDUCT AN EVENT TO DISTRIBUTE SCHOOL SUPPLIES, FOOD AND OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMMUNITY

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the request from Gateway United Pentecostal Church for the waiving of park pavilion rental fees in order to conduct an event to distribute school supplies, food and other activities for the community. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE AEP TEXAS INC.'S REQUESTED INCREASE TO ITS ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION RATES AND CHARGES WITHIN THE CITY SHOULD BE DENIED; FINDING THAT THE CITY'S REASONABLE RATE CASE EXPENSES SHALL BE REIMBURSED BY THE COMPANY; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT OF CITIES' RATE CASE EXPENSES; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the resolution finding that the AEP Texas Inc.'s requested increase to its electric transmission and distribution rates and charges within the city should be denied; finding that the city's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the company; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to the company and legal counsel. 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

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. Ivan Garcia and Anica Garcia-TEEX Academy online
2. Anica Garcia-TCLC-TLETS Full Access Training-Harlingen, TX 8/27-29, 2019
3. Rudy Torres and Jose Paredes III- Wastewater Collections-San Antonio, TX- 9/17-19, 2019

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

REPORTS

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

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, invited the Board of Commissioners to Christmas in August on Thursday August 22, 2019 at the Veterans' Park.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, had no reports.

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

David Gomez, Economic Development Coordinator, update the Board of Commissioners on the a chicken wing franchise and on Communities Unlimited loans.

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/Secretary