

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES FOR AUGUST 27, 2019**

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, August 27, 2019, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

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

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 AUGUST 13 AND AUGUST 20, 2019**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the minutes for August 13 and August 20, 2019. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzales, Garcia, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez

**AUDIENCE**

No audience participation at this meeting.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDING OF BIDS/PROPOSALS FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to accept the bid packet as presented and have the city manager review and make a recommendation at the next city meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1234, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO.'S 977, 1102, 1113, 1133, 1161 AND 1169, TO SET NEW SERVICE FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL COMMERCIAL UNITS AND SETTING AND EFFECTIVE DATE**

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 1234, an ordinance of the City of Raymondville, Texas amending Ordinance No.'s 977, 1102, 1113, 1133, 1161 and 1169, to set new service fees for residential and small commercial units and setting and effective date

Commissioner Smith 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 FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1235, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO.'S 1023, 1057, 1067, 1075, 1088, 1092, 1107, 1115, 1126, 1138, 1144 AND 1154; PRESCRIBING THE RATES AND CHARGES TO BE CHARGED BY THE WATER DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS FOR THE FURNISHING OF WATER AND SEWER SERVICES TO THE INHABITANTS OF SAID CITY; PRESCRIBING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR INHABITANTS OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS; PROVIDING THAT OTHER PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCES NO.'S 1023, 1057, 1067, 1075, 1088, 1092, 1107, 1115, 1126, 1138, 1144 AND 1154, NOT AMENDED SHALL REMAIN THE SAME; AND DECLARING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECTIVE ON OCTOBER 1, 2019**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1235, "An ordinance amending ordinance no.'s 1023, 1057, 1067, 1075, 1088, 1092, 1107, 1115, 1126, 1138, 1144 and 1154; prescribing the rates and charges to be charged by the water department of the City of Raymondville, Texas for the furnishing of water and sewer services to the inhabitants of said City; prescribing the rates to be charged for inhabitants outside the city limits; providing that other provisions of Ordinances No.'s 1023, 1057, 1067, 1075, 1088, 1092, 1107, 1115, 1126, 1138, 1144 and 1154, not amended shall remain the same; and declaring that this ordinance shall be in full force and effective on October 1, 2019. 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 AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS TO FUND THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AT THE RAYMONDVILLE MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL AND PROPOSED SPLASH PARK SITE**

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve to allow Carlos Mondragon to submit applications to various organizations to fund the proposed improvements at the Raymondville Municipal Swimming Pool and proposed Splash Park site. Commissioner Tamez 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 BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE DEPARTMENT**

No action taken.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR REPORT FOR JULY 2019**

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor/Collector's monthly report for July, 2019.

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the monthly Tax Assessor/Collector's report as presented. 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 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, 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. Kassie Romo and Diana Chavez-TMRS –San Antonio, Texas-Nov. 3-5, 2019
2. Jacob Rodriguez-Empowering Communities-SPI, Texas-Aug. 29-30, 2019
3. Virginia Torres-UCR-NIBRS Training-Edinburg, TX-Sept. 11 & 12, 2019
4. Leroy Gomez-Water Distribution-San Angelo, TX-Nov. 19-21, 2019
5. Rudy Torres and Joel Soto-Wastewater Collection-Harlingen, TX-Nov. 5-7, 2019

**REPORTS**

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, reported to the Board of Commissioners the financial report for July, 2019. Mr. Garcia also mentioned that next week there would be a budget workshop.

**RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the National Night Out was successful and it was a great turn out.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, had no reports.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, had no reports.

**RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ**

Chief Gutierrez was absent and had no reports.

**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/Secretary