

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 2019**

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, September 10, 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 27 AND SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the minutes for August 27 and September 3, 2019. Commissioner Garcia 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

Mayor Gonzales welcomed foreign exchanged students Nattawat Muangkaew of Thailand and Enzo Chiess Bellow of Brazil to the City of Raymondville.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Felecita Gutierrez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for August, 2019. Total collected for August, 2019 was \$17,305.67.

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S 2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR PROPOSED TAX RATE AS REQUIRED BY LAW

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:08 p.m.

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:09 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S 2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AS REQUIRED BY LAW

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:09 p.m.

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:11 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES FOUND BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE TO BE UNSAFE AND DANGEROUS FOR HUMAN OCCUPANCY, PURSUANT TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE’S CONDEMNATION ORDINANCE NO. 1032:

- a) 417 West Wood Avenue, Raymondville, Texas 78580, also described as RT & I Subdivision, Block 7, Lot 1B, Raymondville, Texas, Willacy County
- b) 441 West Wood Avenue, Raymondville, Texas 78580, also described as Compress Subdivision, Block 2, Lots 5 thru 12, Raymondville, Texas Willacy County

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:11 p.m.

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:15 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES FOUND BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE TO BE UNSAFE AND DANGEROUS FOR HUMAN OCCUPANCY, PURSUANT TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE’S CONDEMNATION ORDINANCE NO. 1032:

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Commissioner Tamez moved to approve to allow 30 days to repair, secure, or demolish home if owner doesn’t comply the city will demolish at the owners expense. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

BUDGET WORKSHOP ON CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE’S 2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF PROPOSAL ON VISION AND DENTAL INSURANCE FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the proposal on vision and dental insurance as approved by insurance agent for the City of Raymondville employees.

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THIRD AND FINAL 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 moved to approve to accept the third and final 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 effective date October 1, 2019. 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 SECOND 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 second reading of Ordinance No. 1235, "An 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 Smith, Tamez, Gonzales, Garcia and Mayor Gonzales
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDING OF BIDS ON CHEMICALS TO BE USED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S WATER TREATMENT PLANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20

Commissioner Smith moved to approve for the city manager to review the bids and make a recommendation at the next city meeting. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDING OF BIDS ON ELECTRICITY TO BE USED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve to accept the electricity bids for the City of Raymondville as presented and the city manager will make a recommendation at the next city meeting. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF SCORING COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND SCORE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR ENGINEERING, BOND COUNSEL AND FINANCIAL ADVISOR PERTAINING TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the appointment of scoring committee to review and score professional services for engineering, bond counsel and financial advisor pertaining to the City of Raymondville's application to the Texas Water development board for water system improvements. The committee members consist of Mayor Gonzales, Commissioner Gonzales, Mr. Garcia, Joel Soto, Andy Chavez and Delma Garza. 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 REQUEST FOR THE WAIVING OF RENTAL FEES FOR THE VETERANS' PARK PAVILION IN ORDER TO CONDUCT A FUNDRAISING EVENT TO ASSIST IN MEDICAL EXPENSES FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE LIFEGUARD, MARIO MORENO

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the request for the waiving of rental fees for the Veterans' Park Pavilion in order to conduct a fundraising event to assist in medical expenses for City of Raymondville Lifeguard, Mario Moreno. 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

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. Tommy Gomez and Denise Gomez-VICAP-Round Rock, Texas-9/16-17/19
2. Jacob Rodriguez-Making a difference in children-San Benito, Texas-9/27/19
3. Jacob Rodriguez-LRGVDC-Weslaco, TX-9/20/19
4. Andy Chavez-Flood Plain 101-EMS Raymondville, TX-9/18/19

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

Commissioner Smith 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

REPORTS

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

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, had no reports.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, had no reports.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, had no reports.

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

David Gomez, EDC Coordinator, gave the Board of Commissioner an update on the Wingstop

estimated date to open is before Thanksgiving.

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