

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**

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 8, 2020, 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
Delma Garza, Assistant City Secretary
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police
Joel Soto, Public Works Director
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 AUGUST 25, 2020 AND AUGUST 27, 2020

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the minutes for August 25, 2020 and August 27, 2020. 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

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 August, 2020. Total collected for August, 2020 was \$4,371.12.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the Municipal Court monthly report for August, 2020. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:18 p.m.

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:19 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1243, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO.'S 1023, 1057, 1067, 1075, 1088, 1092, 1107, 1115, 1126, 1138, 1144, 1154 AND 1235; 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 OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS; PROVIDING THAT OTHER PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 'S 1023, 1057, 1067, 1075, 1088, 1092, 1107, 1115, 1126, 1138, 1144, 1154 AND 1235 NOT AMENDED, SHALL REMAIN THE SAME; AND DECLARING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ON OCTOBER 1, 2020

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 1243, an ordinance no. 1243, an ordinance amending Ordinance No.'s 1023, 1057, 1067, 1075, 1088, 1092, 1107, 1115, 1126, 1138, 1144, 1154 and 1235; 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 providing that other provisions of Ordinance No.'s 1023, 1057, 1067, 1075, 1088, 1092, 1107, 1115, 1126, 1138, 1144, 1154 and 1235 not amended, shall remain the same; and declaring that this ordinance shall be in full force and effect on October 1, 2020. Commissioner Garcia 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

DICUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1244, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO.'S 1102, 1113, 1133, 1161, 1169 AND 1234, TO SET NEW SERVICE FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL COMMERCIAL UNITS AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 1244, an ordinance of the City of Raymondville, Texas amending Ordinance No.'s 1102, 1113, 1133, 1161, 1169 and 1234, to set new service fees for residential and small commercial units and setting an effective date. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY REGIONAL 911 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the resolution by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Raymondville, Texas authorizing the creation of the Rio Grande Valley Regional 911 Emergency Communications District. 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE/TRANSFER FOR TWO (2) STREET DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES AND ONE (1) WATER CLERK/SECRETARY POSITION

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the authorization to hire/transfer for two (2) Street Department employees and one (1) Water Clerk/Secretary position. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES:

- a) Payroll/HR/Permit Clerk, Kasandra Romo
- b) Street Department employee, Jesus Gallardo

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from Kasandra Romo and Jesus Gallardo. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER WATER CLERK/SECRETARY, JASMINE MARTINEZ TO THE PAYROLL/HR/PERMIT CLERK POSITION WITH PAY ADJUSTMENT

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the authorization to transfer Water Clerk/Secretary, Jasmine Martinez to the Payroll/HR/Permit Clerk position with pay adjustment. 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE RECEPTIONIST FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE HOTEL/MOTEL REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the authorization to hire receptionist for the City of Raymondville Hotel/Motel Revenue Department. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDING OF BIDS FOR THE REMODEL OF THE RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S AIR CONDITION SYSTEM

Commissioner Smith moved to accept the bid from Bougambillias Construction, LLC. and to review by Joe Munoz, City Engineer. A recommendation will be made at the next city meeting. 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO PERFORM THE NECESSARY PROCEDURES AND NEGOTIATE THE PURCHASE OF THE L.E. FRANKS TOURIST CENTER FROM THE WILLACY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the authorization to perform the necessary procedures and negotiate the purchase of the L.E. Franks Tourist Center from the Willacy County Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DICUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING BUDGET WORKSHOP ON 2020-21 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Mr. Garcia, City Manager, presented to the Board of Commissioner the budget for 2020-21 Fiscal Year with group health insurance rates and a 2.5% raise included.

No action taken.

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

No travel and training was presented at this meeting.

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 Smith, Tamez, 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, mentioned to the Board of Commissioners that the officers are enforcing the curfew due to the Coronavirus.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, mentioned to the Board of Commissioners that there are currently two positions opened in the public works department.

Andy Chavez, Assistant Public Works Director, updated the Board of Commissioners on the Hurricane Hanna brush pick up.

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

David Gomez, EDC Coordinator, 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.

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Eleazar Garcia, Jr. City Manager/Secretary