

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR JUNE 8, 2021**

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, June 8, 2021, 5:15 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

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

ABSENT: Gilbert Gonzales, Mayor

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**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the absence of Mayor Gonzales due to medical reasons. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Temp Smith.

INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Mayor Pro Temp Smith.

AUDIENCE

Cyndie Cruz approached the Board of Commissioners and requested if the city could spray for mosquitos more often at the Sunny Glen New Day Resiliency Center due to many children taking physical education. Ms. Cruz is also requesting if the Willacy County Flag Football League could use the Veterans Park like in the past.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Belinda Villarreal, Municipal Court Clerk, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for May, 2021. Total collected for May, 2021 was \$17,157.96.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Gonzales

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDED OF BIDS FOR
THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S TWDB (DWSRF) PROJECT #62887, PROPOSED**

REHABILITATION OF THE EXISTING POTABLE WATER ELEVATED STORAGE TANKS

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to accept the bids and have the city engineer review them and make a recommendation at the next city meeting. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FROM THE CROSS CHURCH FOR THE WAIVING OF RENTAL FEES AT THE VETERAN’S PARK PAVILION IN ORDER TO HOLD A 3 ON 3 YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT FOR ALL RAYMONDVILLE AND WILLACY COUNTY YOUTH RESIDENTS ON JUNE 25, 2021

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the request from the Cross Church for the waiving of rental fees at the Veteran’s Park Pavilion in order to hold a 3 on 3 youth basketball tournament for all Raymondville and Willacy County youth residents on June 25, 2021. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

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

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APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

Commissioner Garcia approved and authorize payment of the City’s bills as presented. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

REPORTS

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

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, had no reports.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that there is a lot of weedy lots in the city and the crews are trying to catch up but two of the employees are out do to getting stung by bees.

Andy Chavez, Asst. Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the crew have been spraying for mosquitos but on certain days it is not possible due to the weather conditions. Mr. Chavez also mentioned an increase in price for the barrel of mosquito spray.

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

David Gomez, EDC Coordinator, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the EDC and the Raymondville Chamber of Commerce are planning for the 4th of July celebration that will include vendors, bands, bbq, movie night and other events.

ADJOURN

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

Gilbert Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Eleazar Garcia, Jr. City Manager