

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR AUGUST 8, 2017**

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 8, 2017, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor
Clifton Smith, Commissioner
Chris Tamez, Commissioner
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner
Eziquiel Cavazos, Commissioner
Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager
Delma Garza, Assistant City Secretary
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police
William Wepfer, City Attorney
Joel Sotot, 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 25, 2017

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for July 25, 2017. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Felcita Gutierrez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for July, 2017. Total collected for July, 2017 was \$13,823.94.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the Municipal Court Report for the month of July, 2017. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THIRD AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1212, NEW ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE REGULATING THE KEEPING OF DOGS, CATS, LIVESTOCK AND ALL OTHER ANIMALS IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 1212, New Animal Control Ordinance for the City of Raymondville regulating the keeping of dogs, cats, livestock and all other animals in the City of Raymondville, Texas. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CERTIFIED 2017 NET TAXABLE VALUE FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AS PREPARED BY WILLACY COUNTY CHIEF APPRAISER, AGUSTIN LOPEZ

No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR'S BONDS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- a) JAS Electric Inc.
- b) APEX Air Electric Services

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the JAS Electric Inc. contractor's bond. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the APEX Air Electric Services contractor's bond. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ON 2017 CDBG DISASTER RECOVERY GRANT FUND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- a) Engineering
- b) Administration

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the bid to Ambiotec for the Engineering for the 2017 CDBG Disaster Recovery Grant Fund. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the bid to Grantworks for the Administration for the 2017 CDBG Disaster Recovery Grant Fund. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM WATER DISTRIBUTION EMPLOYEE, MARCOS CAVAZOS

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from Water Distribution employee, Marcos Cavazos. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the

following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Cavazos, Tamez, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE NEW WATER DISTRIBUTION EMPLOYEE

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the authorization to hire new Water Distribution employee.

Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Alexandre, Cavazos, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM THE RAYMONDVILLE HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR CLASS FOR THE USE AND WAIVING OF PARK FEES FOR THE VETERAN'S PARK BASEBALL FIELDS IN ORDER TO CONDUCT A KICKBALL TOURNAMENT ON AUGUST 12 AND 13, 2017

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the request from the Raymondville High School Senior Class for the use and waiving of park fees for the Veteran's Park baseball fields in order to conduct a kickball tournament on August 12 and 13, 2017. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Cavazos, Tamez, Smith 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. Leroy Gomez-Waste Water Treatment Plant Course-Harlingen, TX-Aug. 29-31, 2017
2. Judge Gutierrez-Legislative Update Session-Austin, TX-Aug. 17th, 2017

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSOR'S/COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR JUNE, 2017

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor/Collector's monthly report for July, 2017.

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the monthly Tax Assessor/Collector's report as presented. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Tamez, Cavazos, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

Commissioner Alexandre approved and authorize payment of the City's bills as presented.

Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Tamez, Alexandre, Smith 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, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the National Night Out would be August 19, 2017 from 6-10 p.m. at the Veterans' Park.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the FEMA project would be begin on Monday to repair the intersections.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, had no reports.

RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ

REPORTS

Oscar Gutierrez, Fire Chief, was absent and had no reports.

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Gilbert Gonzales, EDC President, updated the Board of Commissioners.

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