

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR JULY 11, 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, July 11, 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 JUNE 27, 2017

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for June 27, 2017. Commissioner Alexandre 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

Judge Gutierrez approached the Board of Commissioners with a concern.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Felecita Gutierrez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for June, 2017. Total collected for June, 2017 was \$14,429.52.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the Municipal Court Report for the month of June, 2017. 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 BIDS ON THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S FEMA STREET REPAIR AND PAVING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AS RECOMMENDED BY CITY ENGINEER

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the bid to Diamond 8 Industries on the City of Raymondville's FEMA Street repair and paving improvements project as recommended by city engineer. 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 REQUEST FROM BOYS SCOUTS TO USE MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL FOR TRAINING AND WAIVING OF FEES

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the request from Boys Scouts to use Municipal Swimming Pool for training and waving of fees. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM WASTEWATER COLLECTION DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, ROBERT ELIZONDO

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from Wastewater Collection Department employee, Robert Elizondo. 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/ADVERTISE/TRANSFER FOR THE WASTEWATER COLLECTION DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the authorization to hire/advertise/transfer for the Wastewater Collection Department. 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 AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE/TRANSFER/ADVERTISE FOR COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER POSITION

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the authorization to hire/transfer/advertise for Communications Officer Position. 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

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

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

1. Rudy Torres-Customer Service Inspector-Alton, TX-July 25 and 26, 2017
2. Mayor, City Commissioners, City Manager, Chief Zamora-TML Conference-Houston, TX-October 3-5th, 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 June, 2017.

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the monthly Tax Assessor/Collector's report as presented. Commissioner Alexandre 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 Smith 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, reported to the Board of Commissioners the water meter project would be coming up with a press release. Mr. Garcia also mentioned the paving project that would consist on 8 intersections.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the 4th of July event went very smoothly.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, had no reports.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, updated the Board of Commissioners on the demolishing projects.

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