

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 13, 2018**

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, November 13, 2018, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor
Clifton Smith, Commissioner
Chris Tamez, Commissioner
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner
Edward Gonzales, Commissioner
Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager
Delma Garza, Assistant City Secretary
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police
William Wepfer, City Attorney
Joel Soto, 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 OCTOBER 23, 2018

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the minutes for October 23, 2018. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

AUDIENCE

Jessica Gracida, Willacy County Community Development Specialist, approached the Board of Commissioners with a timeline for the 2020 Census Count.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Felecita Gutierrez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for October, 2018. Total collected for October, 2018 was \$26,564.50.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF NEW WEEDY LOT ORDINANCE NO. 1229 FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the first reading of new Weedy Lot Ordinance No. 1229 for the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE POLICE OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the authorization to hire police officer for the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT AND APPROVAL OF RETIREMENT PARTY FOR WAREHOUSE CLERK, ALBERT PEREZ

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the acceptance of retirement and approval of retirement party for Warehouse Clerk, Albert Perez. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM RAYMONDVILLE EDC RECEPTIONIST, JESSICA ROSAS

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to acceptance of resignation from Raymondville EDC Receptionist, Jessica Rosas. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE NEW EDC RECEPTIONIST

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the authorization to hire new EDC Receptionist, Samanda Cervantes. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATION PAY INCREASE FOR RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT ACO, EDDIE GONZALES

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the certification increase pay of \$1.00 an hour for Raymondville Police Department ACO, Eddie Gonzales. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF EXPENSES FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DINNER

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the expenses for the City of Raymondville's Employee Appreciation Dinner. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF NEW STREET SIGNS FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE STREETS

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the new street signs for the City of Raymondville Streets. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING OF PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES ON TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 2019-2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATION PROCESS AND APPOINTMENT OF SCORING REVIEW COMMITTEE

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the proposals for engineering services on Texas Department of Agriculture 2019-2020 Community Development Fund application process and appointment of scoring review committee which consist of Mayor Gonzales, Mr. Garcia, Joel Soto, Andy Chavez and Delma Garza. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING OF PROPOSALS FOR ADMINISTRATION SERVICES ON TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 2019-2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATION PROCESS AND APPOINTMENT OF SCORING REVIEW COMMITTEE

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve accept the proposals for Administration services on Texas Department of Agriculture 2019-2020 Community Development Fund application process and appointment of scoring review committee which consist of Mayor Gonzales, Mr. Garcia, Joel Soto, Andy Chavez and Delma Garza. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND THE WILLACY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 PERTAINING TO THE EXCHANGE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the Intergovernmental Exchange agreement between the City of Raymondville and the Willacy County Municipal Utility District No. 1 pertaining to the exchange of surplus property. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S NOMINATION TO THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY WALK OF FAME

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve Clifton Smith as the City of Raymondville's nomination to the Rio Grande Valley Walk of Fame. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 551.071. CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION OR SETTLEMENT OFFER (CLAIM)

The City Commissioners entered in Executive Session at approximately 5:39 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 6:12 p.m.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 13

Commissioner Smith moved to approve to a pay \$1,000.00 settlement to Erica Coleman for an animal control incident. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 551.072. DELIBERATION REGARDING THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, LEASE OR VALUE OR REAL PROPERTY (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve to donate land adjacent to the Rural Tech. Center on FM 3168 to STHS ER and to begin the tax abatement process. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzales, Alexandre, 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. David Gomez and Eleazar Garcia, Jr.-TDEC-Austin, TX-Dec. 6-7, 2018

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSOR'S/COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER, 2018

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor/Collector's monthly report for October, 2018.

Commissioner Gonzales 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 Smith, Tamez, Alexandre, Gonzales, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, reported to the Board of Commissioners an update on the paving project that should begin at the end of November. Mr. Garcia also updated the Board of Commissioners on the RO project.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that he would like to inform the citizens of the city if they are planning on going on vacation to stop by the PD and fill out a form for extra patrol in there area.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the street signs should be done in 2 weeks.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, had no reports.

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

David Gomez, Economic Development Coordinator, update the Board of Commissioners on the Tractor Supply project which should be opening on January 5, 2019.

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