

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TOWN OF BAYVIEW, TEXAS**

**Held at  
102 S. San Roman, Bayview, Texas**

**May 15, 2014**

**Regular Meeting**

1. The Regular Meeting of the Board of Alderman was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Mayor Rodino led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Mayor Rodino, Aldermen Lowder, Hooton, Mullendore, and Deason, and Konnie Hooton, acting Town Secretary. Alderman Stachowiak and Town Secretary Susan Heinz were not in attendance.
3. Mayor Rodino made an announcement concerning an upcoming workshop to be held in Weslaco for planning commissioners, elected officials and staff. Anyone interested could contact the office for details.
4. Mayor Rodino welcomed everyone and then invited public comments from those present.

Bonnie Gibbons announced that primary run-off voting was going to be starting Monday, and election day for the run-off's is May 27.

Jeneria Lewis stated that there was grass growing up in the asphalt on Red Crown Road. Alderman Lowder asked about the contract the town has for spraying, Mayor Rodino stated that he would have Susan call Joe Lee Bryant on Monday to spray the edges of the roads.

Janis Silveri asked if there was any interest in helping with stray cats, capturing them and taking them for spaying and neutering.

Bonnie Gibbons also mentioned that there was trash being dumped in the ditches. Mayor Rodino stated that if someone observed this, call the county and they will respond to the illegal dumping.

**Action Items:**

**Old Business (matters carried forward from a previous meeting or meetings):**

5. Mayor Rodino recapped that an offer was made to FJW in January and that we have not heard anything from them. After consulting with our Town attorney, a letter will be sent to FJW and Mr. Flores, their attorney, giving them one week from the time they receive the letter to make a decision on whether or not to accept our offer. Mayor Rodino asked for a motion to follow through with this course of action. Alderman Hooton made the motion, Alderman Mullendore seconded. All voted in favor, motion carried.

6. Discussion concerning the possible Zoning Ordinance Changes regarding the Cornerstone Church and School. Mr. Shah, the attorney working for the church, had offered to help draft a zoning ordinance, but did not get the information to the Board until Tuesday, May 13. The Board has not had time to review all of the information. Mayor Rodino suggested tabling any action at this time. Alderman Deason made a motion to table this issue, Alderman Mullendore seconded. All voted in favor, motion carried.

**New Business:**

7. Discussion concerning accepting the Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas proposal for future use of the Annex Building. Mayor Rodino announced that the Girl Scouts had agreed to our staying in the Annex Building until August 31, at which time we would need to vacate the premises. They made it clear that they will not repair anything should something break in the next few months. There was some discussion about entering into a use agreement with the Girl Scouts enabling the Town to use the Annex Building for Board meetings, B&SC meetings, etc. The Board stated that there should be a set fee amount in the use agreement before signing. Alderman Mullendore made a motion giving Mayor Rodino permission to accept the Girl Scout proposal for the use of the building, and to draft a letter to them. Alderman Hooton seconded. All voted in favor, motion carried.
8. Discussion and progress reports on developing the town property.
  - a. The revised site plan was received from Mejia & Rose on May 6, 2014. Mayor Rodino asked the Board to approve the revised site plan so that the plans could be sent to AEP and East Rio Hondo Water. Alderman Deason expressed concern about the cost of delivery of the caliche for the driveway and parking area. Even if the county donates the material, the cost of delivery is \$350/load, for a total cost of \$6,873. He is proposing that we cut the width of the driveway from 24 feet to 12 feet to save some money by cutting the number of loads delivered. There was more discussion concerning the size of the water meter and lines. The Town only needs the minimum size line.
  - b. Septic system installation – Alderman Deason asked if the Board needed to approve the cost of delivery of the septic tanks. Mayor Rodino thought that cost was included in the purchase price. Alderman Deason stated that it was not. The cost of delivering the tanks would be approximately \$200.00. We do not have a firm installation cost from Lupe Longoria, just the approximately \$800.00 figure. Mayor Rodino suggested that we send Lupe Longoria an electronic copy of the site plan and see if he can give us a firm bid. Alderman Deason stated he would give Mr. Longoria a call. Alderman Mullendore is going to call a septic installer from Los Fresnos for another bid. Mayor Rodino asked Alderman Mullendore to check on the status of the surplus buildings from BISD.
  - c. Electrical service and security lighting.
    1. Approval of Easement
    2. Approval of Construction Agreement and installation cost of \$1,316.45

Mayor Rodino asked for Board approval to execute both agreements and issue a check to AEP for installation of the electrical service. Alderman Deason made a motion to approve the agreements. Alderman Hooton seconded, all voted in favor, motion carried.

Alderman Deason will make a call this week trying to get a firm cost on the purchase and delivery of the caliche and limestone for the driveway and parking. He will also get in touch with Tex Dot regarding the cost of material.

Alderman Hooton asked if the only option the Town was considering at this time for a building was excess property from Brownsville ISD. Mayor Rodino stated that most of the other options have been exhausted. If we don't get a used building from the school building, then we will have to buy new, rent, or have constructed a small office building. It is hoped that the Town will have an answer from BISD by the first of June regarding a used building. Mayor Rodino also stated that the county will do the grading of the property for the Town when they are in the area doing work on Centerline Road.

9. Discussion and possible action for installing speed bumps on North San Roman. Roger Mantony was out of town, but had been consulted on what was needed to install the speed bumps ourselves. According to Roger's estimate, the Town would need 2 tons of hot mix for each speed bump. Alderman Deason stated that each speed bump would take a yard of material, and a small truck could haul about 13 yards of material. A volunteer crew would need to commit to installing 6 speed bumps in a day. Any and all equipment needed would have to be rented. Alderman Lowder asked if the Town had any bids for installing the speed bumps. There was much discussion among the Board members. It was the consensus that if enough help could be gathered, then the work could be done by the Town. Alderman Deason will work with Roger Mantony to develop a plan going forward.

10. **Approval of the Consent Agenda:**

- a. Minutes of Town Meeting of April 17, 2014
- b. Financial report for month ending April, 2014
- c. Building inspector report and fees in the amount of \$199.20
- d. Payment of the billing from Rentfro Law Firm in the amount of \$408.25
- e. Pro-rated payment to LRGVDC for Regional Communications System of \$4.77
- f. Payment to the GSGST for utilities for month of Feb in amount of \$91.00
- g. Payment to Los Fresnos News for B&SC Notices in the amount of \$168.00

Alderman Deason wanted item 10e pulled out of the consent agenda for further discussion. Mayor Rodino asked for a motion to approve Consent Agenda items a, b, c, d, f and g. Alderman Lowder so moved; Alderman Hooton seconded, all voted in favor, motion carried.

There was discussion about the pro-rated payment to LRGVDC for the Regional Communications System Maintenance in the amount of \$4.77. Mayor Rodino explained that the maintenance fee was for maintenance of emergency radios. Alderman Deason was against paying this amount. Alderman Lowder made a motion to approve the payment, Alderman Hooton seconded, Alderman Mullendore voted for, Alderman Deason voted against. Motion carried.

11. Discussion and possible action on having the Town letterhead printed taking the place of printing individual pages on our ink jet printer. The B&SC would then be able to use the letterhead as well. Jeneria Lewis pointed out that the B&SC created their own letterhead, Mayor Rodino would like for all correspondence from the Town to be on the same letterhead. There was some discussion about the need for color letterhead, or even a

color printer. Mayor Rodino stated that a color laser printer was quite expensive. Jeneria Lewis stated that the B&SC uses a black laser printer and stressed that it was quite inexpensive to use, and stated her support for having color letterhead printed. Mayor Rodino preferred having the printing done by Toucan Graphics, versus Alex Avalos, as the Town has had Toucan Graphics do printing in the past. He asked for a motion to approve the printing of the letterhead. Alderman Hooton made the motion to have Toucan Graphics print letterhead for us, Alderman Lowder seconded. Alderman Deason and Alderman Mullendore voted against. Mayor Rodino voted for and broke the tie. Motion carried.

12. Discussion and possible action of replacing the computer with a refurbished computer at a cost of \$450. Mayor Rodino explained that this computer would be coming from True Solutions and would have Windows 7 and MS Office. We would be keeping the old computer for future use. True Solutions would need to set it up. Mayor Rodino asked for a motion to approve the \$450 for the computer, plus installation cost not to exceed \$250.00. Alderman Lowder made a motion that we approve the purchase of the refurbished computer in the amount of \$450.00 and the installation not to exceed \$250.00. Alderman Hooton seconded, all voted in favor, motion carried.
13. Discussion and possible action on replacing the obsolete office printer/scanner/copier/fax with a black laser with a total cost not to exceed \$200. There was some discussion about whether or not we needed a color printer at all, Mayor Rodino pointed out that there were times when a color printer was advantageous. Alderman Lowder made a motion to replace the obsolete printer with a laser all-in-one printer, Alderman Hooton questioned what if the printer was \$205, would we be able to purchase it? Mayor Rodino amended the statement that the cost could be approximately \$200.00. Alderman Hooton then seconded the motion, all voted in favor, motion carried.

#### **Discussion Items:**

14. Discussion of needs and possible funding for road repairs on East and West Reparo Circle. Alderman Mullendore stated that this could not have come at a worse time, with the upcoming expenses of the Town, but made the case that something needed to be done about the potholes on these two roads. He feels that we need some type of patching material and then rent a roller to roll it out because the holes are very large. Alderman Mullendore will look into more patching options and a work day may be scheduled in the future.
15. Discussion and update relating to the Cornerstone Church and School. Mayor Rodino stated that at last month's meeting we had requested of Mr. Shah that they provide a warranty deed to the property. That still has not been done. There was a comment from the audience, Mayor Rodino stated that there was not going to be any discussion at this time.
16. Progress report on ordinance updating process. Nothing to report at this time.
17. Citizen complaints:
  - a. Loose dogs on N. San Roman acting threateningly, Mayor Rodino reported on this
  - b. Speeding vehicles on N. San Roman Road, a continuing problem. Alderman Hooton asked if anyone had seen the circles in the middle of the roads, or other means of slowing

traffic down than speed bumps..concern was expressed about liability, the Board feels the speed humps are the best solution.

18. Reports:

a. Building and Standards Commission. Jeneria reported that two people had paid their fine, except that Trinidad Capistran did not pay quite enough, so there were more letters sent to her asking for additional payment. Brownsville Anesthesia has not paid. Jeneria reported that she has had difficulty in getting the lien filed against Brownsville Anesthesia and stated that she wanted to email David Irwin, Town attorney, and ask for his help. Alderman Mullendore asked if there were building permits issued for the property on 2480, for the driveway extension, shed, etc. Konnie Hooton stated that yes they did in fact have building permits.

b. Emergency Management – flood mapping still in process

c. Citizen Corps/CERT program – No new reports

d. Cameron County Coastal Task Force – Nothing to report

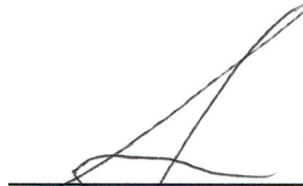
e. Regional Small Cities Coalition – Nothing to report

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. with a motion from Alderman Deason and a second from Alderman Mullendore.



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Tom Rodino, Mayor



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Susan Heinz, Town Secretary