

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TOWN OF BAYVIEW, TEXAS  
Held at  
104 S. San Roman, Bayview, Texas**

**February 19, 2015**

**General**

1. The Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Rodino. Those present were Mayor Rodino, Aldermen Lowder, Hooton, Mullendore, Stachowiak and Deason; as well as Town Secretary, Susan Heinz
2. Mayor Rodino led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Mayor Rodino announced that there would be no Executive Session. Mayor Rodino informed those present of the death of a long-time resident and former Alderman of Bayview. He reminded the public of the upcoming election and the dead-line to file, which is February 26 at 5:00 p.m., stating that the office would be open until that time on Thursday. He also announced the bicycle ride coming through town on Saturday. He then asked if there were any public comments.

Bonnie Gibbons stated she would like to see the public officials abide by the rules set up for a public hearing pertaining to the length of time of comments.

**Action Items**

**Old Business (matters carried forward from a previous meeting or meetings): None**

**New Business:**

4. Mayor Rodino introduced Chief Gene Daniel from the Los Fresnos Fire Department. Chief Daniel and his crew were at the meeting representing the Los Fresnos Fire Department and presenting a plan for locating some response equipment on the Town property. Chief Daniel stated that the department was started in 1948 and is a 100% volunteer department. He stated that the department would like to invest in the Town of Bayview and build a station on the town property to house two pieces of equipment, a pumper and a brush truck. The building would be a 40 x 40 metal building. He stated that the building could also be used as a distribution center in the event of a hurricane. He also stated that if there were people in the Town willing to learn how to operate the equipment the department would train them and then they could get the equipment on the scene of a fire and start pumping water while waiting for the actual firefighters to arrive. Mayor Rodino pointed out that if the fire department were to locate here in Bayview it would improve homeowner fire insurance ratings. There was some discussion from the Board, citing the need to look at a site plan and determine a location

for the building on the Town property. Alderman Hooton thanked Chief Daniel and his crew for coming out to make their presentation to the Town.

5. Discussion and possible approval of Building Inspector, Cliff Rowell's contract with the Town for the next year and possible payment of a per mile fee for travel to participate in Town Council meetings. There was discussion among the Board members. Alderman Deason stated that one of the reasons this was carried over from the previous month is because once the ordinance on permits and buildings was passed, he wants to incorporate part of that into the contract. Mayor Rodino expressed that he wants to go ahead and get the contract in place as the contract states that the fee is half of the permit fee, whatever is charged. Alderman Deason stated that the fee is not the issue, but he feels that some of the things stated in the new ordinance need to be stated into the new contract.

Alderman Deason suggested extending the contract for six (6) months. There was more discussion among the Board. Mayor Rodino stressed that the immediate need was to get a contract in place. Clifford Rowell stated that he loved the community of Bayview and that if he had a problem with his fees, he would let the Board know. Alderman Hooton agrees that the contract needs to be executed and referred to the inspection fees as just being placeholders, nothing has been decided as yet.

Alderman Lowder made a motion to extend Cliff Rowell's contract for six (6) months. Alderman Hooton seconded, all voted in favor. Motion carried. The Building Inspector contract will be extended until August, 2015.

Mayor Rodino then brought up the payment of a per-mile fee for the building inspector to attend the monthly meetings. This topic had been discussed before and the position of the Board was that they wanted Clifford to participate in the meetings, and Clifford's response was that he wanted a per-mile fee, the going rate is \$.56 per mile. Alderman Deason stated that the current building inspection report is very good and as long as that report is concise and accurate then it will not be necessary for the building inspector to be here. But, if the Board feels he needs to be here, the Board will call him and reimburse him for mileage.

6. Approval of the Consent Agenda:
  - a. Minutes of the Special Town Meeting of February 5, 2015
  - b. Financial reports for month ending January 2015
  - c. Building Inspection Report and payment in the amount of \$142.00
  - d. Payment to the Rentfro Law Firm in the amount of \$2,290.20
  - e. Payment to Los Fresnos News for election announcement in the amount of \$147.00
  - f. Payment to LRGVDC in the amount of \$4.80
  - g. Lease Agreement with the County for Election Equipment in the amount of \$540.00



Mayor Rodino stated that the items in the consent agenda would be discussed individually.

Minutes of the Town Meeting of February 5, 2015. Alderman Lowder made a motion to approve the minutes, Alderman Deason seconded, all voted in favor, motion carried.

Financial reports for the month ending January, 2015. There was some discussion concerning the cash projection for the coming month and the financial situation of the Town. Mayor Rodino stated that the town is estimating approximately \$1250.00 to be paid out next month for the election, and \$540.00 which will need to be paid to the County when we pick up the voting machine. The money spent on legal bills so far this year was discussed, as was money spent on stamps and office supplies in the last month. Secretary Susan Heinz stated that nothing was being purchased that wasn't absolutely necessary. After much discussion, Alderman Mullendore made a motion to approve the financials for the month ending January, 2015. Alderman Hooton seconded, all voted in favor, motion carried.

Building Inspection report and payment. Alderman Hooton made a motion to approve new inspection report and the payment in the amount of \$142.00 to the building inspector. Alderman Lowder seconded, all voted in favor, motion carried.

Payment to Rentfro Law Firm in the amount of \$2,290.20. Mayor Rodino suggested that we defer this payment, he has spoken with them and the firm is ok with this. There was some discussion among the Board members. Alderman Lowder made the motion to defer this payment. So moved.

Alderman Hooton made a motion to pay the Los Fresnos News \$147.00 for the election notice. Alderman Mullendore seconded. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Alderman Mullendore made a motion to pay LRGVDC the amount of \$4.80. Alderman Hooton seconded. Aldermen Mullendore, Hooton, Lowder and Stachowiak voted in favor. Alderman Deason opposed. Motion carried.

The lease agreement with the county for election equipment will be tabled until March.

#### **Discussion:**

1. Update on roadwork on FM 2480 and Town Office parking lot. Mayor Rodino reported that the last date he heard for completion of the road work was June. The culvert has been installed at the town driveway. He also announced that Sunday, Feb. 22 would be a work day at the Town office to mow and clean up the property. There was more discussion about a site plan, location of the fire department, and the parking lot.
2. Update on proposed San Roman Wind Farm project. There were residents from Laguna Vista present at the meeting to hear the outcome of the wind farm project. There was much discussion, both for and against the wind farm, but the project will not be located in

Bayview proper, it will be on South San Roman down to Hwy 100, approximately 4,000 acres. During construction we are anticipating traffic problems on FM 2480 and possibly San Roman.

3. Changing terms of office for elected officials from four years to two years. Mayor Rodino asked that the Board consider changing the terms, explaining some of the advantages to having two year terms, versus four year terms. If we have two year terms, alderman can be elected by plurality vote rather than majority vote, which would cut down the possibility of a run-off election; and if an alderman resigns, the Board can appoint someone to fill the unexpired term without having to conduct an election. There was some discussion and Mayor Rodino asked the Board to think about the possibility.
4. Citizen Complaints:
  - a. Speeding vehicles on North San Roman. Alderman Lowder asked the Board if the residents are N. San Roman could go forward with the process of seeking private funding for speed humps by sending out letters. He stated that they felt they needed a minimum of eight humps. Alderman Lowder also asked if they could put up two more speed limit signs and also wondered if the County would consider a stop sign at the northwest corner of N. San Roman and Centerline.
  - b. Madison Grove pond – stagnant water and mosquitoes. Mayor Rodino stated that he informed the Madison Grove HOA that they needed to contact property owners and start the process of getting the pond cleaned up.
5. Reports:
  - a. Building and Standards Commission – no report
  - b. Emergency Management – Mayor Rodino reported on the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Town would have the option to drop out if the cost of participation was too high. The proposed cost to the town would be \$169.95
  - c. Citizen Corp – no report
  - d. Cameron County Coastal Task Force – Mayor Rodino reported regarding cleaning up the resacas in Brownsville. The main need for our area would be erosion control along our resacas
  - e. Regional Small Cities Coalition – no report

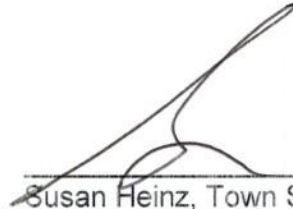
**Adjourn:**

Alderman Hooton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Alderman Mullendore seconded. All voted in favor, motion carried, meeting adjourned.



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Thomas B. Rodino, Mayor



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Susan Heinz, Town Secretary