

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF BAYVIEW, TEXAS
PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING
104 S. San Roman, Bayview, Texas
SEPTEMBER 26, 2016**

Elected officials present: Mayor Steenbock, Aldermen Lowder, Lewis, Mullendore, and Deason.

Elected officials absent: Mayor Pro Tem Scott Stachowiak

PUBLIC MEETING

1. The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Steenbock at 6:30 p.m.
2. Mayor Steenbock led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Mayor Steenbock welcomed and thanked everyone in attendance and stated that we were looking at adopting the tax rate and adopting the budget for next year.
4. The Town of Bayview is conducting a Public Hearing to receive input from voters and residents on:
 - a. The proposed Budget for the Town of Bayview FYE September 30, 2017.
5. *Public Comments and announcements: This is an opportunity for citizens to address the Town Council on matters specifically related to this public Hearing that will be considered by the Town Council in this or subsequent meetings. Town Officials may make presentations and provide information to the public during the course of the hearing; however the Mayor/Aldermen may not engage in debate with speakers or among themselves nor act on matters during the Public Hearing. Note: Speakers are required to state their names for the record and to limit their comments to three minutes.*

Ron Heinz stated "First off I appreciate the fact the budget was well thought out at a relatively long and apparently deep thought process that went into it and in general pretty strong. In addition to that, I like the fact that we have an emergency fund of \$10,000.00 I don't think the \$50,000 that we're hoping to get to before we have to use it is going to be enough, but I don't think we can go any faster than \$10,000 a year, so I think that was a good input. I'm happy to see that there's budget for improvement on the Town's web page. I think it's something the Board has wanted to do for a few years or longer, so finally we got that on the budget and I think that was a good change. Something to consider, or maybe I should shoot this to the regular meeting public comments but you can write it down. It was brought to our attention more than a year ago that we have the option in a town like ours to charge \$.02 sales tax instead of \$.01 if we just do it. While we don't get a lot of sales tax revenue, it could give us something like \$500 to \$1,000 more a year. So that's something, we might want to dig into that would help our revenue side. Now on the risks, I was shocked at the last meeting and to see it in the budget form it proves why I should've been shocked that the Building Inspector's compensation now

exceeds the likely revenue from 100% Building permits issued and it exceeds it by about \$2,300.00. So we changed from a revenue generating activity to a revenue consuming activity and I would challenge the Board's thinking in revising this pay package to go back to something that is more reasonable and within our budget. I really don't think that's in our budget. I would recommend as it has been discussed here once or twice a very clear- needs based road plan with priorities showing the plan maintenance and/or repair of each road by estimated year. Not that it's locked in but at least it's a plan that covers the entire Town and also show the growth service plan long range. So if you plan to have a road that's always going to be caliche, state it, and if you plan to change it, state that as part of the plan so that citizens would have an opportunity to look at the plan and say my road is going to be this and if I don't like it I've gotta speak up. But at least we'd know that the plan is out there. I would also suggest that at least two citizens, none board members, be involved in whatever committee that is that would put the plan together to get additional input beyond the Board. I was kinda hopeful that we would have a small at least contingency fund that was discussed in our last meeting in our budget. When we found \$2,000.00 out there or formula error, I thought that would be a nice way to pop the contingency fund in there. A couple of thousand in a budget of hundred thousand a year roughly that's pretty good flexibility to have for emergency or those kinda things. And finally, I think the budget for fines and fees on the income side might be too high. We had \$2,000 last year, \$2,000 and change. This year's budget is \$2,000 even. If we get good cooperation from the citizens, fines and fees should be far less. We had a startup year, David, changes in our policy things like that caused some problems. That might be a hair high. I don't know. Anyway those are my thoughts on the budget."

Gary Paris- stated "You've got \$75,000 in next year's budget for a road plan and you don't have a road plan. You know I've sat here for 20 months listening to two mayors talk about a five year road plan, long range road plan, you talked about Reparo being fixed, talked about the bridge by Ron's house being fixed. I drove by that bridge yesterday. That's an accident waiting to happen. If we're going to have priorities, that should be the number one before somebody falls in there with their vehicle. Kids that drive up at night, its dark down there, there are no signs that tell them it's a narrow bridge, there's nothing on the sides to keep them from falling in the water or a school bus falls in the water. It's funny it slides in there, it's an accident waiting to happen. We need to have a plan before the 75,000 nickel want to spent we need to have a plan. Without that plan, you know we'd like to know, the citizens want to know like Ron said, what's going to happen in front of his house, my house and the citizen's house."

Tina Weiser-stated "What is the total income that we are working with?" Mayor Steenbock answered "We have two budgets and two sources of income that are different. Predominately for the ad valorem budget its ad valorem taxes. And for the general fund, it's a mix of advalorem taxes that are transferred from the ad valorem fund and fees that are collected by the City, and some taxes the city collects. Ad valorem taxes estimated for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017 \$117,942. That number comes from Cameron County. For the general fund, like I said, there's mixture of incomes that make that up. We have general fund expenses of \$50,250. What is not made up by the building permit fees, inspection fees, taxes, is taken from the ad valorem fund to meet that need."

6. *Adjourn the Public Hearing.* Alderman Lewis made the motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:41 p.m. Second: Alderman Mullendore. All in favor. Motion carried.

REGULAR MEETING

7. Mayor Steenbock reconvened and called the regular meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.
8. Public Comments and Announcements: *This is an opportunity for citizens to address the Town Council on matters relating to Town business, issues, concerns or interests, including items on the agenda. Speakers are required to state their names for the record and to limit their comments to three minutes. Note: State law does not permit the Mayor/Aldermen to discuss, debate or act on items that are not on the agenda. Persons making comments and announcements may be referred to Town Staff for follow up or to have items placed on the agenda for a future Town meeting.*

Tina Weiser-suggested that we have some kind of social event or get together informal to get to meet everybody. If anyone wanted to help her put it together please let her know.

Ron Heinz- wants to ensure that his comments on the budget meeting goes into the minutes that it's irresponsible of the Board to ask for the compensation plan for the Building Inspector to be 40% greater than the revenue generated where it used to be half the revenue generated.

Gary Paris-asked if the \$10,000 being placed in the Emergency Fund would be in an interest bearing account.

ACTION ITEMS

New Business

9. *Discussion and possible action on adopting tax rate of \$0.25/\$100 valuation FYE September 30, 2017.*-RS Alderman Deason made the motion to adopt the tax rate of \$0.25 per \$100 valuation ending fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. Second: Alderman Mullendore . All in favor. Motion carried.
10. *Discussion and possible action on adopting the proposed Budget for the Town of Bayview FYE September 30, 2017.* -RS Discussion was held by aldermen on the \$75,000 set for road repair plan, how this should be spent, and all agree that we should have a road plan done to use as a guide on spending the money. The next discussion was held on the Emergency Management Fund. Alderman Deason stated that he would like to see this money taken out at the end of the year, that it should be in an interest bearing account, and there should be guidelines on how this money is spent. Alderman Lewis stated that it is nice to have a plan that defines an emergency however you can't define an emergency that's why it is an emergency fund. Mayor Steenbock concluded that the state may have guidelines that will help come up with one or two pages of some kind parameters to use,

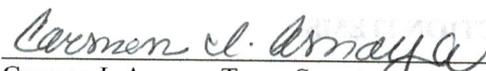
however it does not mean we cannot cross those boundaries on certain situations using an earthquake as an example. He further stated that it could be defined to a reasonable degree of accuracy. Alderman Lowder wanted to thank Mayor Steenbock, Alderman Lewis, Gary Paris and everyone that came up with the budget. He further stated that the clarity and situations placed into it takes us one step forward. Alderman Lowder made the motion to adopt the proposed General Fund and Ad Valorem budget for the Town of Bayview for fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. Second: Alderman Mullendore. All in favor. Motion carried.

Future Agenda Items - Any current member of the Board, in good standing, may add one agenda item to the agenda of a future meeting specified by that alderman. No agenda item added by an alderman may be removed, altered or modified without the written consent of the alderman adding the agenda item unless the language or content of the agenda item conflicts with state or local laws. No items were added.

Adjourn

At 7:07 p.m., Alderman Lowder made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Second: Alderman Deason. All in Favor. Motion carried.


Robert A. Steenbock, Mayor


Carmen I. Amaya, Town Secretary