

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN TOWN OF
BAYVIEW, TEXAS 104 S. San Roman, Bayview, Texas
July 20, 2017

Elected officials present: Mayor Paris, Alderman Steenbock, Alderman Lewis, Mayor Pro Tem Mullendore, Alderman Heinz and Alderman Najera.

Regular Meeting

General

1. The Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen was called to order by Mayor Paris at 6:30 p.m.
2. Mayor Paris led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Mayor Paris thanked everyone in attendance and with special thanks to Alderman Steenbock for the new audio/visual equipment he brought for presentation.

Alderman Steenbock made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting to go into Executive Session at 6:31 P.M. Second: Mayor Pro Tem Mullendore. All in favor. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. The Executive Session was called to order by Mayor Paris at 6:32 p.m. where the Town Council is authorized by Subchapter D Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney, of the Texas Open Meetings Act for the purpose of:
 - a. Discussion regarding possible Disannexation of the Recio Property.

Alderman Steenbock made the motion to adjourn the Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. Second: Mayor Pro Tem Mullendore. All in favor. Motion carried.

REGULAR MEETING

2. Mayor Paris called to order and resumed the Regular Meeting at 6:41 p.m.
3. Public comments and announcements: Mayor Paris stated "this is now is the opportunity for our citizens to address the Town Council on matters relating to Town business, issues, concerns or interests, including any items that are 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."

Dana Gregory from 155 North Valencia stated that he just wanted everyone to know he was missing some information for the permits that were required for the fence and shed. He wanted everyone to know he wanted to do the right thing.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Discussion and possible action regarding the Disannexation of the Recio Property: Upon recommendation and advice from Town Attorney David Irwin, Alderman Najera made the motion to deny the disannexation of the Recio property given that they receive the same services as the rest of the Town of Bayview residents which does not satisfy the petition statutory requirements. Second: Alderman Heinz. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business

None

New Business

5. Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the June 15, 2017 Public Hearing and Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting minutes. Alderman Steenbock made the motion to approve the June 15, 2017 Public Hearing and Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Second: Alderman Lewis. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting current financial report with current projected balances. Mayor Paris stated that he and Connie Travis made changes to simplify the reporting and make it more self explanatory. He explained that the previous data is there, just in a different format. Alderman Steenbock made a suggestion to review the General Fund and look at the OSSF inspections fee line because there was an annual budget set for \$450 and it currently reflects zero. Bookkeeper Connie Travis stated it would be corrected. Alderman Lewis expressed her appreciation on the full month reporting. Mayor Pro Tem Mullendore expressed his appreciation for the new format and thanked Connie for the great job she was doing. Alderman Heinz stated that it showed a lot more useful information on fewer pages and proposed that reports be sent to the town e-mail every quarter to have residents know where the money was being spent. Mayor Pro Tem Mullendore made the motion to approve the current financial reports with current projected balances. Second: Alderman Lewis. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. Discussion and possible action approving or rejection of the Building Inspector's Report including any payment due. Alderman Steenbock made the motion to approve the Building Inspector's report from June 11, 2017 to July 15, 2017 including \$25 due to David Travis. Second: Mayor Pro Tem Mullendore. All in favor. Motion carried.
8. Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting Rentfro Law billing dated 06/10/2017 for \$13 70.42. Mayor Pro Tem Mullendore made the motion to approve the Rentfro Law bill in the amount of \$1,370.42 Second: Alderman Heinz . All in favor. Motion carried.
9. Discussion and presentation of ETJ Resolution with the City of Brownsville. Mayor Paris reported that he received an email from the Texas Municipal League and it appears that State Legislation is coming after small towns with a vengeance and changing all the rules. There was a resolution suggested by the City of Brownsville for small towns here in South Texas. He continued stating "Bayview and Brownsville have expressed a willingness to opt-out of ETJ calculations provided

by the previous enacted Texas Government Code 42.035(a), pursuant to newly-amended and enacted 42.0235 (a) and (d), and continue to calculate their ETJ using the same scheme employed in the rest of the State, as voluntarily modified by those interlocal agreements attached as exhibits A and B." He explained that if we had not signed the resolution with Brownsville the State would have dictated our ETJ extensions and by doing this we have the ability to do our own extensions. Alderman Lewis explained and pointed out our ETJ right now using the Town map. She also indicated how important it was for our ordinances to control what is being built around us that could affect our property values. Alderman Steenbock made the motion to accept the ETJ Resolution of the Town of Bayview. Second: Alderman Heinz. All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Discussion and presentation of Resolution for Town of Bayview Approval of Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mayor Paris reported that this was a time sensitive issue that Cameron County brought to our attention that the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) required communities to adopt a hazard mitigation action plan to be eligible for the full range of pre-disaster and post-disaster federal funding for mitigation purposes. Alderman Lewis stated that FEMA requires us to have a five year hazard mitigation action plan every five years or we cannot participate in any federal grant funding or low cost loans to help us recover from disasters. Alderman Lewis made the motion to accept the Resolution for the Town of Bayview Approval of Hazard Mitigation and sending the Resolution to the residents. Second: Mayor Pro Tem Mullendore. All in favor. Motion carried.
11. Discussion on and review of progress on Revision on Article X. Alderman Steenbock presented a visual showing the actual versus recommended changes to Article X. A lengthy discussion was held for each item and the aldermen agreed to continue and bring the changes to a Public Hearing.
12. Discussion and possible action on designating time and project for June 2017 "Bayview Beautification Day. " Discussion was held on working on both bridges and moving the date because of the Dedication of the Los Fresnos Volunteer Fire Dept. Building on July 29th . Mayor Pro Tem Mullendore made the motion to move the date to Saturday, August 5th , 2017, to meet here at the Town Hall at 6:00 a.m. Second: Alderman Heinz. 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.

Alderman Lewis suggested placing for approval the Official Elected and Appointed Officials Handbook and Code policy to approve or deny at the next meeting.


Alderman Heinz suggested placing approval for financials to be sent out to Town's residents through email for their review.

Discussion Items

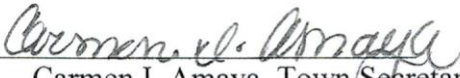
1. Emergency management update-JL/GN . Alderman Lewis reported that as hot as it has been don't forget water and shade for your pets. She also stated that if you see a neglected or abused animal as you are driving around, to call the Sheriffs office at (956)544-0860. Alderman Lewis also reported that the letters to residents who apply for post recovery activity for the Town of Bayview during an Emergency Evacuation and are approved by the Mayor will be sent out shortly. She stated that first the interested residents have to apply for volunteer duties, the Mayor will approve the applications, and then applicants will receive the letter from the Town along with a "Hold Harmless Agreement" to be signed. She also advised everyone that we are expecting a "spike" in hurricane activity beginning in the month of August. Mayor Paris reported that he had attended a National Weather Briefing where they stated that most of the tropical storm activity is projected to come towards us. He also stated that they reported there would be a system change sometime in August which means we have the opportunity for storms to enter the Gulf of Mexico. Sometime in August, "El Nino" will be coming on board which will change the high to move further to the north and open up the Gulf.
2. Propane Tank Installations in accordance with Texas Railroad Commission requirements. After a brief discussion and review on the requirements of the propane tank installations, stop work orders, and Texas Railroad Commission requirements, the aldermen determined that the Town of Bayview can require a permit for the installation of propane tanks along with the site plans for the tanks, and perform inspections of the installations. Mayor Paris and Alderman Steenbock will visit with property owners that have already installed a propane tank and discuss the requirements.
3. Regional Small Cities coalition (RSCØ. Alderman Heinz reported that Small Cities Coalition is for towns and cities much larger than Bayview. He continued that the Lower Rio Grande Development Council is celebrating 50 years and have all officials invited to the celebration on August 2nd with hot dogs, etc. He also let everyone know there is a workshop coming up for Building Blocks for Economic Development for Practitioners and City Leaders. This workshop is a series of which the last one was on Type A and Type B cities which we needed to go to. The Plan is to have six sessions with different topics. The next workshop is July 26th from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the LRGDC center in Weslaco which will be on the Building Blocks. Alderman Heinz also reported that the LRGDC will be having another tire collection since the first one was so successful and residents are limit to four tires per collection. However, if there is a group driving around or collecting tires on a trailer (for example: Girlscout Troop) they waive the four tire limit. He continued to report that there is a government organization called "Rio Net Resource Center for Aging and Disability." These people try to bring together those that are in need of services with those that provide the services and they have a website if you know of anybody needing services. Alderman Lewis suggested sending a Town email explaining about this organization along with the website.
4. Report from the Building and Standards Commission. Roger Mantony There is no Building and Standard Commission activity at this time.

Adjourn

At 8:50 p.m. a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mullendore to adjourn the meeting. Second: Alderman Heinz All in Favor. Motion carried.



Gary Paris, Mayor



Carmen I. Amaya, Town Secretary