

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF BAYVIEW, TEXAS
104 S. San Roman, Bayview, Texas
November 16, 2017**

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

Elected officials absent: None.

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 welcomed everyone in attendance. He stated that he had wanted to talk about security after the church shootings in Sutherland Springs, Texas. Last week he met with Alderman Heinz and Alderman Najera to discuss a security system for the Town Hall. Chief Daniels will join us in purchasing a security camera system. He stated that the cameras will be pointing to the front of the building as well as to the back toward the Fire House. He advised everyone that he had used the Mayor's Contingency fund to purchase the cameras.
4. *Public comments and announcements:* Mayor Paris stated, "this is now 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."

Tim Wells and Donna Wells, 109 Palm Lane: Mr. Wells expressed that they are new to the area and want to get involved. One of the things he is interested in is the volunteer fire department. At the present time, they come on weekends and live in Fort Worth during the week. He also expressed that he wanted to help out in road cleaning. Mrs. Wells had a question about a mattress that has been left on the side of Ted Hunt road if they were to pick it up, was there somewhere to dump it for free. Resident Susan Heinz responded by letting them know to call Cameron County to come get it and also advised them that if they take it to their property, and they have trash (brush service) sanitation will pick it up. Mr. Wells also expressed his concern about his neighbor keeping cars on the property, junk cars, old cars, etc. He continued by expressing it's the first thing you see when turning on their road. He would like the Town to help them by calling Cameron County. He was also concerned about Palm Lane Road stating that the road is a dirt, caliche road and asked if there is anything the Town could do to improve that road. Susan Heinz advised them to write a letter to the Town with all of the items they need help with and then the Town can put it on the agenda and respond with solutions.

Old Business

5. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the September 7, 2017 Public Hearing and Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting minutes.* Alderman Heinz made the motion to approve the September 7, 2017 Public Hearing and Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting minutes. Second: Alderman Lewis. Abstained: Alderman Steenbock. Aye: Mayor Pro Tem Mark Mullendore, Alderman Najera, Alderman Lewis, and Alderman Heinz. Motion carried.
6. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the September 29, 2017 Public Hearing and Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting Minutes.* Alderman Steenbock stated that it is not appropriate for Michelle Franke's application for Building and Standard Commission letter to be verbatim in the minutes when none of the other people's comments were verbatim. He continued by stating that other people spoke on their own behalf and did not get the verbatim transcript in the minutes. He also stated a spelling correction on item page 2 (commission), a spacing correction on item 2 in Executive Session where it states 6:30 p.m. and a spacing error on Discussion items before "Roger Mantony". Alderman Lewis made the motion to approve the minutes for the September 29, 2017 Public Hearing and Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting minutes with the corrections as stated by Alderman Steenbock. Second: Mayor Pro Tem Mark Mullendore. Abstained: Alderman Heinz and Alderman Najera. Aye: Alderman Steenbock, Alderman Lewis, Mayor Pro Tem Mark Mullendore. Motion carried.

New Business

7. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the October 19, 2017 Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting minutes.* Alderman Najera made the motion to approve the October 19, 2017 Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting minutes. Second: Alderman Heinz. Abstained: Alderman Steenbock. Aye: Alderman Lewis, Mayor Pro Tem Mark Mullendore, Alderman Heinz, and Alderman Najera. Motion carried.
8. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting current financial report with current projected balances.* Alderman Steenbock made the motion to approve the current financial report with current projected balances. Second: Alderman Lewis. Abstained: Alderman Heinz. Aye: Alderman Steenbock, Alderman Lewis, Mayor Pro Tem Mark Mullendore, and Alderman Najera. Motion carried.
9. *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 as written. Second: Mayor Pro Tem Mark Mullendore. All in Favor. Motion carried.
10. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the Rentfro Law bill for \$252.06.* Alderman Lewis made the motion to approve the Rentfro Law bill in the amount of \$252.06. Second: Alderman Heinz. All in favor. Motion carried.
11. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the Road Plan.* Mayor Pro Tem Mark Mullendore presented the Road Plan and costs assembled by the Road Committee. After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Paris tabled this for next month's meeting.

12. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the Cameron County Building Proposal.* Mayor Paris presented the proposal sent by Cameron County. After a brief discussion, Alderman Najera made the motion to reject the Cameron County Building Proposal. Second: Mayor Pro Tem Mark 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.

Alderman Steenbock added the approval or rejection of a confirmation letter from the auditor for our annual audit for next meeting.

Discussion Items

1. *Emergency management update.* Alderman Lewis reported that there are no emergency concerns at this time. Hurricane season, which is the primary emergency concern in our area, ends on November 30.
2. *Time Warner/Spectrum Service.* Alderman Lewis is in discussions with the government division of Spectrum (formerly, Time Warner) regarding the installation of fiber optic cable for the Town of Bayview Town Hall, possibly including Bayview Irrigation, who had expressed interest historically. Due to the communication, reporting, safety and Emergency Management needs of the town, the government division of Spectrum is willing to conduct a site and build-out survey for the Town Hall and, if requested, for Bayview Irrigation. Previous attempts with the Residential and Business divisions of Spectrum to bring cable/internet/phone to Bayview residents have not been fruitful because of the high build-out costs due to our winding roads, resacas and deep inset homes. Currently, fiber optic lines run through Bayview along 510, near the Town Hall, however, there is no existing node from which the cable could be pulled, further adding to the installation cost. To receive services, the Town would enter into a contract with Spectrum at this time for some unknown period at some unknown price which will be based on the build-out costs. Mayor Paris will be contacting Spectrum with a formal request for a site survey and contract terms. Alderman Lewis expressed some hope that, since a node will be installed to provide service to the Town Hall, that some residents will then be able to contract with the Residential or Business divisions for private service, but there is no guarantee.
3. *Bayview Beautification Day.* ~MM Mayor Pro Tem Mark Mullendore cancelled the Beautification Day for this month due to Thanksgiving.
4. *Report from the Building and Standards Commission.* – Michelle Franke BSC Chair Michell Franke was not present and no report was given.

Adjourn

At 6:43 p.m. a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mullendore to adjourn the meeting. Second: Alderman Heinz. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Gary E. Paris
Gary Paris, Mayor

Carmen I. Amaya
Carmen I. Amaya, Town Secretary