

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TOWN OF BAYVIEW, TEXAS  
104 S. San Roman, Bayview, Texas  
July 19, 2018**

**Elected officials present:** Mayor Paris, Alderman Steenbock, Alderman Lewis, Mayor Pro Tem Mark 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. He announced that he had signed a Disaster Declaration based on the amount of rain that we received. A letter went to the Governor and Cameron County Emergency Management did assist us with this. The Cameron County Management team came out and based on their view of the Town, we had over two million dollars of damages to our roads. Currently, whether FEMA is going to help us, we don't know. He stated that at least the damage has been identified and we may get some help in the future. He continued by letting everyone know we received 14 surveys on the "How Goes It" Town survey that we sent out and would review results during this meeting. However, the biggest issue on the results was Town appearance. He recognized Hamilton Musser in the audience who is the Pastor for Cornerstone Church and said the church has been very responsive in helping the Town to the point that they have taken ownership of cleaning up the north bridge. He also mentioned that when everyone was doing the road work on North Valencia, they not only cleaned up the north bridge, they also cleaned up the South Bridge. At this time, Mayor Paris presented Hamilton Musser an appreciation certificate on behalf of the Town and asked that he share that will all the members of the church that come help. Mayor Paris stated that there would also be a discussion on the 2019 budget and he had just received a letter from Cameron County Appraisal District stating that our property values increased. The net taxable value for our Town as stated is \$52,786,412.00. He checked with TML and Texas Comptroller Office, the most a Town our size can charge for taxes is \$0.25 per \$100 so therefore our taxes will remain the same.
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.” There were no Comments.

### **Old Business None**

5. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting referring 112 W. Toronja -George Samano and Roberta Dahl to the Building and Standards Commission on animal control.* Mayor Paris explained the danger of these animals that get out, they killed chickens, cats and other residents' animals. He continued by stating that they have not been able to keep control. After a lengthy discussion amongst Aldermen and residents present, Alderman Steenbock made the motion to refer this to the Building and Standards Commission on the Animal Control Ordinance violation. Second: Alderman Najera. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the June 21, 2018 Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting minutes.* Alderman Heinz stated that the minutes should reflect an excused absence for those aldermen working as volunteer Fireman and a correction on item 3 line 5 changing “road” to “drove. Alderman Lewis made the motion to approve the June 21, 2018 Regular board of Aldermen Meeting minutes with changes as stated. Second: Mayor Pro Tem Mullendore. Alderman Heinz abstained. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the June 29, 2018 Special Board of Aldermen Meeting minutes.* Alderman Steenbock made the motion to approve the June 29, 2018 Special Board of Alderman Meeting minutes as presented. Second: Alderman Najera. All in favor. Motion carried.
8. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the current financial report with current projected balances.* Mayor Paris stated that on the budget \$12,250 on the Ad Valorem account was set aside to be transferred to the General Fund in case the account became short of funds. He noted that this amount will not be needed for the General Fund. However, in the legal and professional fees, we were already at 80% of budget and had not finished with the lawsuit. He mentioned that we had a bill outstanding over \$3,000 and would probably reach close to \$10,000 before yearend which the Board would have to address at that time. He stated that the Audit for the Town is being finished and we have not received the bill yet. He noted that the budget for this was \$6,000, however we would need an additional \$1,500 when we did get billed. Mayor Pro Tem Mullendore made the motion to approve the current financial report with current projected balances. Second: Alderman Heinz. All in favor. Motion carried.
9. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejection of the Building Inspector's Report including any payment due.* Alderman Heinz made the motion to approve the Building Inspector's Report as presented. Second: Alderman Najera. 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.

None

## **Discussion Items**

1. *Review of "How Goes It Survey" results.* Mayor Paris reported that the results were: (1) on Aldermen providing leadership 90% showed we were in good shape (2) on customer service results showed we were doing pretty good (3) on Town's appearance not so happy, we had quite a few negative results (4) feeling safe living in Bayview, everyone felt safe living in Bayview. He paid close attention to the following comments: Repeal Firearms & Fireworks Ordinance which will be addressed with the ordinances, signs for the roads will be worked on but need to have that on before end of year, someone wanted restrict trucks or no through traffic signs which will be looked into, a newsletter for the town which will be worked on for the future, a big issue is clean up property and right of ways, and speed hump complaints. He also mentioned one that was important was that if a resident has a tree that blocks view they should trim or cut it to avoid any accidents and being a good neighbor.
2. *Spectrum revisit/Microwave Tower.* Alderman Lewis reported that Spectrum Government is willing to come into the Town of Bayview and provide fiber optic service. They are willing to absorb build out cost which is \$15,000, we won't be billed for it. It will cost us \$415.00 per month, however Bayview Irrigation wants some service as well. She reported that in talking to them they are willing to share this cost with us, which would reduce our cost to \$215.00 per month for three years. At the end of the three years, we can stop this and get a cheaper service if we want. She continued stating that all we need to do is buy an ethernet cable and Bayview Irrigation is willing to run it. She also mentioned the importance of having a good internet service specially during an emergency because as of now, as the Emergency Management Coordinator, she must stand outside or in the car to order sand bags or get help. The current service really does not work, and everything now is being done through internet. Alderman Steenbock talked briefly on the microwave tower, however the gentleman has not gotten back with us. He stated he currently has microwave internet and did not have a problem during the recent rain.
3. *FYI 2019 Budget.* Mayor Paris reported he had sent all the Aldermen a preliminary budget that he has worked on and asked that by mid-August all the Aldermen should report what they need included in this new budget. This preliminary budget is an average of what has happened in the last three years. He proposed to have an executive session at the end of August and a Public Hearing

in September to finalize it. Each alderman expressed their wish list and Mayor Paris responded by asking to bring in some numbers.

4. *Ordinance Review.* Mayor Paris reported that Alderman Steenbock is taking the lead on this. He continued by stating that his guidance is to reduce the requirements in the ordinances without impacting life safety. He discussed his findings on the restrictions of firearms both from TML and the State of Texas.
5. *Emergency Management Update.* Alderman Lewis reported that with the rain we had just gotten Cameron County asked that she assess the damages at \$500,000 per mile for replacement cost and she has estimated \$4.8 million in damages. Cameron County came out to review the work and decided that FEMA would not be replacing our roads with city roads but would examine them at \$2 million. She also reported that Cameron County and FEMA came out and did an assessment asking that we provide them with all road expenses incurred in the last three years. She expressed that we are in “hurricane season” at this time and they again said this is the year.
6. *Bayview Beautification Day Elimination.* Mayor Paris reported that participation is needed. The last beautification day only 3 persons showed up and all were over 65. He continued stating that most of the time it’s been the Mayor and the aldermen for the most part. The church has really come in to help and the volunteers that come from the church are from Laguna Vista and Port Isabel not even from our own Town. After a lengthy discussion, everyone agreed it will not be eliminated. It was agreed that having someone take charge in the community and have them organize it. It may not have to be on Saturday maybe spread it out. It was suggested to include this in a newsletter and mail out because a lot of people don’t get email. Mayor Pro Tem Mullendore reported that the next beautification day would be July 28<sup>th</sup>.
7. *Report from the Building and Standards Commission.* Nothing to report currently.

### **Adjourn**

At 8:15 p.m. a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mullendore to adjourn the meeting. Second: Alderman Najera. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Gary E. Paris, Mayor

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Carmen I. Amaya, Town Secretary