

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF BAYVIEW, TEXAS
104 S. San Roman, Bayview, Texas
September 20, 2018**

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

Elected officials absent: None

Public Hearing

1. The Public Hearing and 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, then announced that we would be holding a public hearing on our 2018-2019 Proposed Town of Bayview Budget.
4. Mayor Paris thanked former Mayor Steenbock for putting this Town in a fiscal order. This week we had to pay \$45,000.00 to settle a lawsuit brought by FJW. He stated that the Town could have been potentially sued for \$400,000.00. The Town had the \$45,000.00 for the settlement this year simply because road projects were held back.

At this time, Mayor Paris reviewed in detail the Proposed Town of Bayview Budget for 2018-2019. On the Ad Valorem Account. Next year's projection of \$121,100.00 is based on the Cameron County Appraisal Report showing what the appraised values for our Town for next year minus the deductions for exemptions. On the status of operating funds, the Emergency Management Fund has \$40,000.00 from last year and we are budgeting -0- for next year. However, we do have a total of \$50,000.00 in our Emergency Management Savings Account. Mayor Paris reviewed operating funds, detailing the capital improvements for the Town Hall planned for next year to include a new air-condition unit, flag pole, sheet-rocking and some landscaping. He stated that on road repair and construction projecting \$94,300.00: three main projects need to be addressed next year (1) North Valencia re-paving, (2) Bayview Palms Road, and (3) East and West Repar. On the General Fund, he detailed each item with income totaling \$51,300.00 actual for this year and projecting \$67,920.00 for next year. He continued by going through each expense item and explaining the differences from actual to projected amounts.

5. The mayor stated that this is public comments specific to the Public Hearing: *This is an opportunity for citizens to address the Town Council on matters specifically relating to the Public Hearing that will be considered by the 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 and Aldermen may not engage in debate with speakers or among themselves or act on matters during the Public Hearing. Note: Speakers are required to state their name for the record and limit their comments to three minutes.*

James Fulton of 109 North San Roman questioned what the estimated increase was in the expenses from actual to projection. He also expressed that training is a very important part of a budget and most expensive for employees and he noticed there was no training for employees.

6. At this time, Mayor Pro Tem Mullendore made the motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Second: Alderman Najera. All in favor. Motion carried.

Regular Meeting

7. Mayor Paris called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.
8. *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

New Business

9. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the proposed Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Town of Bayview Budget.* After a lengthy discussion addressing some of the projections, Alderman Heinz made the motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Town of Bayview with the following changes: (a) on the Ad Valorem account reducing Office Capital Improvements to \$4,000.00 and increasing Road/Bridge-Maint, Repair & Construction by \$6,000.00 to total \$100,325.00, (b) the Mayor's Contingency fund will be reduced back to the \$500.00 which he had last year, (c) the \$250.00 reducing the amount transferred from Ad Valorem. Second: Alderman Steenbock. All in favor. Motion carried.

10. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the cancellation of use of "Go Daddy" as a website.* Alderman Steenbock made the motion to reject the cancellation of the use of "Go Daddy". Second: Alderman Najera. All in favor. Motion carried.
11. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting procurement of Board approved Road Signage.* Alderman Steenbock made the motion to reject the procurement of Board approved Road Signage. Second: Mayor Pro Tem Mullendore. All in favor. Motion carried.
12. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting Agenda Setting Policy.* A revised Agenda Setting Policy was discussed. Alderman Steenbock made the motion to reject the Agenda Setting Policy. Second: Alderman Lewis. All in favor. Motion carried.
13. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejection of suspension Bayview Beautification.* Alderman Najera made the motion to volunteer as the Bayview Beautification Lead and reject the suspension of Bayview Beautification. Second: Alderman Lewis. All in favor. Motion carried.
14. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the Employee Handbook.* Mayor Pro Tem Mullendore made the motion to table the Employee Handbook. Second: Alderman Najera. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the current financial report with current projected balances.* Alderman Lewis made the motion to approve the current financial report with current projected balances. Second: Mayor Pro Tem Mullendore. All in favor. Motion carried.
16. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the current Building Inspector's Report including any payment due.* Alderman Najera made the motion to approve the current Building Inspector's report. Second: Alderman Heinz. All in favor. Motion carried.
17. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the payment to Rentfro, Irwin & Irwin, PLLC for a total of \$233.31.* Mayor Pro Tem Mullendore made the motion to approve the payment to Rentfro, Irwin & Irwin PLLC for a total of \$233.31. Second: Alderman Lewis. 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 added a discussion of Texas Open Meetings Act to the regular October meeting.

Discussion Items

1. *Ordinance Review.* Alderman Steenbock reported that he would email the ordinances out to the aldermen to review and provide feedback to him.
2. *Long Range Road Repair Plan.* Mayor Pro Tem Mullendore will be reporting an update on the next regular meeting. Alderman Lewis reported that she received the FEMA assessment review that FEMA had done, and they estimated \$14,000.00 in damages to the millings on East and West Reparo including Calle Hermosa. She also reported there is a problem receiving funding because Cameron County had met its threshold for receiving public assistance including damage assessments to the irrigation districts, but FEMA rejected the claims because they felt the irrigation claims should be made under the USDA. Alderman Lewis stated that the Irrigation Districts are fully self-funding and receive no guidance or funding from the USDA or the federal government in any capacity. Currently, the Texas senators are attempting to correct this.
3. *Emergency Management update.* Alderman Lewis stated that we are still in hurricane season and there are two systems out there. She continued reporting there was a lot of work done during the last disturbance and thanked Alderman Najera, Asst. Emergency Management Coordinator, for assisting in all the calls as well as Carmen Amaya, Town Secretary, for coming in to send out emails.
4. *Bayview Beautification Day.* Alderman Najera reported Bayview Beautification Day will be held on Saturday, September 29, 2018, volunteers meeting here at the Town Hall at 8:00 a.m.
5. *Report from the Building and Standards Commission.* It was reported that Michelle Franke, Building and Standards Commission Chairmen, is working on one case.

Adjourn

At 8:09 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Mullendore made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Second: Alderman Najera. All in favor. Motion carried.

Gary E. Paris

Gary E. Paris, Mayor

Carmen J. Amaya

Carmen I. Amaya, Town Secretary