

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF BAYVIEW, TEXAS
104 S. San Roman, Bayview, Texas
March 21, 2019**

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

Elected officials absent: Mayor Pro Tem Mullendore

Regular Meeting

- A. Mayor Paris called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.
- B. Mayor Paris led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Mayor Paris welcomed everyone.
- D. *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." NONE

Old Business: None

New Business

- 1. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the February 21, 2019 Regular Board of Aldermen minutes.* Alderman Lewis made the motion to approve the February 21, 2019 Regular Board of Aldermen minutes as presented. Second: Alderman Heinz. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 2. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the current financial report with current projected balances.* Alderman Najera made the motion to approve the current financial report with current projected balances. Second: Alderman Heinz. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the current Building Inspector's Report including any payment due.* Alderman Heinz made the motion to approve the current Building Inspector's Report with the payment of \$25.00. Second: Alderman Najera. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the permit for 104 W Toronja.* After brief discussion on different options and legal standing, Alderman Lewis made the motion to take this item to the Board of Adjustment and have the Town's attorney's review. Second: Alderman Steenbock. Abstained: Alderman Heinz and Alderman Najera. Mayor Paris voted yay. 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. *Discussion collection of past due property taxes.* Alderman Lewis discussed the various past due properties in the Town of Bayview and these residents continue to use our roads/ live in our Town. After brief discussion, the Town Secretary was directed to obtain a past due report from the Cameron County and forward to Aldermen as soon as it is received.
2. *Discussion on internet tax revenue collection.* Alderman Heinz reported that the Supreme Court has stated that it's legal to collect sales tax for the Town on Internet Sales. He continued by reporting that State of Texas is now actively working on it but the concern is that those companies, like Amazon which is not locally in our state, are collecting and distributing the taxes to the particular states, however are we actually receiving that money. He searched by calling the State and was able through internet get the monthly reports which showed that the Town's tax revenue had gone up significantly in the last four years.
3. *Discussion on helpers for Election 2019.* Carmen reported that the elections start with 4/22/2019 at 7AM. The first week we are open 4 days, Monday to Wednesday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Thursday 4/25/2019 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Then on the next week, Monday 4/29/2019 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Tuesday 4/30/2019 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. with this day being the last Early Voting Day. Election Day is May 4, 2019 (Saturday) from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

4. *Emergency Management update.* Alderman Lewis reported hurricane season starts June 1, 2019. She also invited everyone to join the Emergency Management Recovery Team, no one under 18 is allowed, and reviewed several different duties that can be worked during an emergency evacuation situation.

5. *Bayview Beautification Day.* Alderman Najera reported it would be on last day of March which is Saturday, March 30th, and will be working on N Valencia Rd. He will be having cold patch delivered and machine rented to work. He continued by thanking Alderman Steenbock and Alderman Heinz for working with him in cleaning up the entrance of North Valencia where they picked up trash, tires, wires, and various items left on side of road. Alderman Heinz stated to invite neighbors, kin, and anyone that is willing to come and help out the cause more man power will be useful.

6. *Report from the Building and Standards Commission.* No report at this time.

Adjourn

At 7:18 p.m. Alderman Lewis made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Second: Alderman Heinz. All in favor. Motion carried.

Gary E. Paris

Gary E. Paris, Mayor

Carmen I. Amaya

Carmen I. Amaya, Town Secretary