

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF BAYVIEW, TEXAS
104 S. San Roman, Bayview, Texas
April 18, 2019**

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

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 and announced that we have Cameron County Clerk Sylvia G. Perez here to talk about the 2020 Census. He stated that in going to the census meetings he's learned that "everyone counts".
- 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."

Richard Whipple: 123 Chachalaca Dr. reported that by the walking bridge there is a long pile of brush that has not been picked up for quite a while.

Old Business: None

New Business

- 1. *2020 Census Overview by Cameron County Judge Eddie Trevino and County Clerk Sylvia G. Perez.* Ms. Perez stated that the new census will start on March 23, 2020 and will end on July 24, 2020. The difference on this census coming up is that it will be technology driven and you will not receive any census paperwork at your home; people will have to go online to complete the census or call in to complete the census. She continued by stating that the census brings a lot of federal funding

to this area. Cameron County has joined Starr, Hidalgo and Willacy counties in working together on the census since the impact of it may have Rio Grande Valley losing about 675 billion dollars. She explained that for a household of 6 members, (mother, father and 4 children for example) they pay \$1,578, which equates to \$9, 468 and over a ten-year period it would be \$94,680 for one household if they don't respond to the census. She reported that there are monthly meetings now for the census on planning how to reach the communities, providing tablets, cell phones, and reaching out to those that don't have internet to make sure they call in or sign in to complete the census. She also said that 2020 CENSUS is hiring right now if you go to census2020.gov. They are looking to hire people from the individual communities that can get a better response from the people. They will be hiring people through August 2019. She also stated that anyone that is in your home needs to be counted, regardless of their citizenship. If they are living in your home, going to our schools, riding school busses, or they use our hospitals, our clinics, they need to be counted. She reminded everyone that the money from federal funds is used for healthcare programs and educational programs so we need to make sure everyone is counted.

2. *Voting on the nominees for the Board of Adjustment.* The following members were appointed for a 2 year term as our Board of Adjustment: Gary Lowder, Robert Steenbock, Grady Deaton, Richard Whipple and James Fulton as the Board with alternates as: Jim Wells and Jeneria Lewis.

3. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the variance for 104 W. Toronja.* A presentation was made by the owner, David Evans, and his attorney, William Franke. After a lengthy discussion, Alderman Steenbock made the motion to reject the variance for 104 W. Toronja based on the testimony presented tonight, both the Town's attorney email guidance to the Mayor Paris and Mr. Franke's letter and the Reciprocal Easement Agreement of Mr. and Mrs. Evans with their neighbors which re-establishes the property line and boundary. Second: Alderman Najera. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting sending 104 W. Toronja case to the Board of Adjustment.* Mayor Paris tabled this item.

5. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the March 21, 2019 Regular Board of Aldermen minutes.* Alderman Steenbock made the motion to approve the March 21, 2019 Regular Board of Aldermen minutes with corrections of: changing line 1 from Mayor Pair to Mayor Paris, under Public comments changing that " Mayor Paris stated", and on discussion item #5 adding "the" before "cause" on last line. Second: Alderman Lewis. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the current financial report with current projected balances.* Mayor Pro Tem Mullendore made the motion to approve the current financial report with current projected balances as presented. Second: Alderman Lewis. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. *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 Building Inspector's report with payment of \$50.00. Second: Alderman Heinz. All in favor. Motion carried.
8. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the reimbursement to Alderman Heinz on \$400.00 expense of his tractor used for Town cleanup.* The board discussed paying for the repairs to Alderman Heinz's tractor for damage inflicted while helping the Town of Bayview. Alderman Najera made the motion to reimburse Alderman Heinz \$400.00 expense of his tractor. Second: Mayor Pro Tem 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.

None

Discussion Items

1. *Early elections start on Monday 4/22/2019.* Mayor Paris reported early election starts Monday 4/22/2019. He reported the early voting schedule of Monday 4/22/19 through Wednesday 4/24/2019 from 7AM to 1PM and Thursday 4/25/2019 From 7AM to 7PM. Then the following week, Monday 4/29/2019 from 7AM to 1PM and Tuesday, 4/30/2019, LAST day of early voting from 7AM to 7PM.
2. *Discussion on status of Spectrum connections.* It was reported that they have already started to connect the fiber optic lines to the town hall and they are due back on Monday to install the box. Mayor Paris and Alderman Lewis will meet with the Spectrum representative on Monday. The connection was made from HWY 510 instead of HWY 510 instead of HWY 100 as presented originally from Spectrum. At the time, the fiber optics are only for the Bayview town hall and Bayview Irrigation.

3. *Discussion on purchase of flagpole & flags.* Alderman Najera reported the price for one pole installed was \$800 and everyone agreed to purchase two poles: one for a US Flag and the other for a Texas flag. The budget allowed for one flagpole, but double the price.
4. *Discussion on purchase of cold patch material.* Alderman Heinz suggested to order a whole load of cold patch and work on the many holes in different areas of Town.
5. *Discussion on speed bumps on San Roman Rd.* Alderman Najera reported that Los Fresnos EMS is complaining about the time it takes to go over the speed bumps. He suggested that the Town make a gradual incline so that it doesn't affect the vehicles. After brief discussion, it was decided to bring in some options to shape them up or other options so a decision can be made.
6. *Discussion on website initiation.* Alderman Lewis reported that she and David Travis were going to work on a flow chart for the FEMA Letters of Map Amendment to put on the website to help our residents who have been mapped incorrectly into a higher risk flood zone. She also reported GoDaddy had sent her an updated link for new website, but did not see the changes on them that she had requested. She is going to have the new website coincide with the installation of the new fiber optics for the office, July 1.
7. *Emergency Management update.* Alderman Lewis reported hurricane season will be coming up in June 1, 2019 and there is nothing else to update.
8. *Bayview Beautification Day.* Alderman Najera designated the day as Saturday 4/27/2019 and everyone is to meet at Town Hall at 8 AM. We will be working on cleaning the walking bridge area.
9. *Report from the Building and Standards Commission.* Chairman Mullendore reported that there was nothing new going on. Mayor Paris asked that they have a meeting and approve the minutes as well as getting a secretary for the commission.

Adjourn

At 7:28 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