

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

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

Elected officials not present: Alderman Lewis

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 Cameron County Urban Program Resolution.* Mayor Paris explained the discussion held in a meeting he attended whereas Cameron County would receive the funds for this urban program and distribute to the cities in the County based on their population threshold and need to provide housing for low income residents. After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock made the motion to authorize Mayor Paris forward these documents to our Town attorney for his review and recommendation bringing it back to the Board for a decision on 9/5/2019 meeting. Second: Alderman Heinz. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the June 20, 2019 Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting minutes.* Alderman Heinz made the motion to approve the June 20, 2019 Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting minutes. Second: Alderman Najera. Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock abstained. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the current financial report with current projected balances.* Alderman Heinz made the motion to approve the current financial report with current projected balances. Second: Alderman Evans. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the current Building Inspector's Report including any payment due.* Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock made the motion to approve the current Building Inspector's Report of July 14, 2019 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.

Alderman Evans asked that a discussion item be added: Citizens Animal Rescue Group

Discussion Items

1. *Discussion on abandoned roads.* Lengthy discussion was held regarding several abandoned road focusing on an issue brought up for W. Railroad St. which has a gate at end of road.
2. *Discussion on 2019-2020 Budget Update.* Mayor Paris issued copy of the budget and asked that all aldermen review. Each alderman suggested changes to be made and Mayor Paris asked that they sent him any additional input by August 15, 2019.
3. *Discussion on Ordinance Update.* Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock passed out a summary of the changes. Mayor Paris asked that he bring up the firearm ordinance to review at this time. Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock stated that the ordinance right now reads, "discharge of a firearm is strictly prohibited in the Town of Bayview with the following exceptions: lawfully defending life or property, firing a shotgun on 10 acres or more, provided that you are 150 feet from a resident or an occupied building, or performing official duty requiring the discharge of a firearm." He

continued to review the changes outlined in the summary. Discussions and revisions were done throughout the presentation.

4. *Discussion on sign procurement.* Alderman Heinz reported he has sent out information for bids and have not received anything but will call for updates on this.
5. *Discussion on 2018 Audit Update.* Carmen reported they were sending their findings as they go, they found 28 items that were not invoiced but she printed invoices from online, they don't want us issuing checks without invoices, they inquired on those items that went over budget, and that they would be presenting the final Audit on the September meeting.
 - a) *Capitalization Policy:* Mayor Paris advised that he is working on a Capitalization Policy to be presented in the September meeting for review and approval because this was recommended in the audit response.
6. *Emergency Management update.* No updates.
7. *Bayview Beautification Day.* Alderman Najera reported it would be held Saturday, July 20, 2019 and that volunteers should meet here at the Town Hall at 8:00 a.m. He also asked that an email be sent out to the Town for more volunteers.
8. *Report from the Building and Standards Commission.* Mayor Paris reported that Carmen Amaya volunteered as their Secretary.

Adjourn

At 8:29 p.m. Alderman Najera made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Second: Alderman Heinz. All in favor. Motion carried.

Gary E. Paris

Gary E. Paris, Mayor

Carmen J. Amaya

Carmen I. Amaya, Town Secretary