

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF BAYVIEW, TEXAS
104 S. San Roman, Bayview, Texas
September 19, 2019**

Elected officials present: Mayor Paris, Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock, Alderman Lewis, Alderman Evans, 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.
- 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 Audit for 2018.* Mayor Paris introduce Carlos Cascos from the Cascos & Associates CPA Firm. Mr. Cascos reviewed the Audit for 2018 thoroughly and reported that the Town had earned an unmodified opinion which is a clean audit. He continued by stating it’s the most favorable opinion anyone can get and congratulated everyone. Alderman Lewis made the motion to approve the audit for 2018 as presented. Second: Alderman Heinz. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 2. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the Capital Asset Policy.* Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock made the motion to approve the Capital Asset Policy. Second: Alderman Lewis. Alderman Heinz abstained. All other in favor. Motion carried.

3. *Discussion and possible action on the Spectrum Contract monthly cost increase due to construction and installation reimbursement.* After a lengthy discussion was held, Alderman Heinz made the motion to continue to pay the bill as presented each month, provide Bayview Irrigation for the 50% of the bill and have are Mayor visit with legal review as to what options we may have. Second: Alderman Lewis. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the July 18, 2019 Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting minutes.* Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock made the motion to approve the July 18, 2019 Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes with the changes outlined by Mayor Paris. Second: Alderman Najera. Alderman Lewis abstained. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the July 22, 2019 Special Board of Aldermen Minutes.* Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock made the motion to approve the July 22, 2019 Special Board of Aldermen Minutes as presented. Second: Alderman Najera. Alderman Lewis abstained. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. *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 Evans. All in favor. Motion carried. Alderman Heinz made the motion to pay Town Secretary for this month which will be over budget. Second Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. *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 \$75 payment. Second: Alderman Najera. All in favor. Motion carried.
8. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the increase in Road Sign Project.* Alderman Lewis made the motion to approve the Road Sign Project for the amount of \$3,533.55. 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. *Discussion on Bayview Animal Support Group.* Alderman Evans recognized and praised Janis Silveri who has volunteered her services in providing home for stray animals in which she now has 12 cats. He also reported that the situation of homeless animals is becoming overwhelming. He had Janis present a “chip reader” which the price her \$65.00. She shared her experience with helping Cameron County with the 270 dogs and 1 cat that were seized in Los Fresnos. She explained all the situations, challenges, and experiences through getting those animals a home. She also reported that she is working with Alderman Evans in coming up with a support group here in Town. Mayor Paris approved to purchase the “chip reader”.
2. *Discussion on Update of new Website.* Alderman Lewis reported the different options, challenges and changes on the new website. She is working on going live on 10/1/2019 and get it published by 10/15/2019.
3. *Discussion on Delineators of speed bumps.* Mayor Paris reported the different obstacles that residents have been placing so that cars don't go around the speed bumps and dangers. Brief discussion was held on options for these bumps.
4. *Emergency Management update.* Alderman Lewis reported it's still Hurricane Season and that Alderman Najera has been attending the meetings since she's been under the weather. She did report that both Town of Bayview and Port Isabel have been making a lot of effort in changing these Flood Maps that FEMA published. She continued by stating that our Senators and officials in Texas have been on this because Texas has been hit hard with the Flood Plain Issues. She also reported that they are doing fly overs to determine the flood plains.
5. *Bayview Beautification Day.* Alderman Najera reported it would be held Saturday, September 28, 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 and make sure to bring weed eaters, mowers, bug spray and other equipment.
6. *Report from the Building and Standards Commission.* Co-Chairmen Fulton reported no new items.

Adjourn

At 8:00 p.m. Alderman Evans 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