

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF BAYVIEW, TEXAS
104 S. San Roman, Bayview, Texas
October 17, 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.”

Ernesto Martinez, 104 Chachalaca: He expressed his concerns on reducing the square footage on property lot size from 65,000 square feet which has been important this is to the Town of Bayview because the Town is unique with its large lots since he was on the Board of Aldermen in the 1990’s. He continued that he is a big supporter of not changing this.

Gina Brown, 116 Trails End: She expressed her concerns on all of the necessary documents and too much “red tape” required from the Town on her landscaping permit, and other things she wants to do around her home. She continued by stating she understood everything when building her home but now there are too many requirements that the Town asks for when dealing with landscaping, water sprinklers, etc. She also wanted everyone to know its extra expenses to the residents. She expressed that the Board needs to make it easier.

Sabrina Padilla, 140 W. Resaca: She expressed her concerns in agreeing with Gina Brown about requesting so many documents and expenses. She continued by stating she had bought a \$1500

shed for her horse and found out she needed engineering plans which were going to cost her \$800 or more. She also stated the town was requiring too much for animal shelters and residents could not afford, engineering plans are too expensive. Something simple becomes too complex.

Discussion Items:

1. *Discussion on 65,000 square feet minimum on lot size.* The Town attorney, David Irwin, presented the importance of taking into consideration the Town map showing platting of several areas to be considered when re-evaluating the minimum square footage of lots. He also expressed that in revising the ordinance and accepting the lots as they are on the map it does not mean they cannot be held to the ordinance requirement if those lots are replatted. He expressed it was important to make sure to put everything in the ordinance. Lengthy discussion was held amongst Aldermen and citizens resulting in having the ordinances review and wording revised in a public hearing within the next few months.
2. *Discussion on Spectrum Contract.* Mayor Paris stated that the Town's attorney had advised that we go forward and sent a letter to Spectrum requesting the cost of the installation of the fiber-optics system and how come the price was changed. After getting an answer from Spectrum, we will go into an Executive Session to make a decision on this contract. The Town attorney, David Irwin, stated that they need to prove the cost of the installation and why you are bound to pay the contract on the amount increased. Several aldermen challenged the installation charges as the charges were not presented in the original contract by the original Spectrum representative, nor included in any communications, nor were the possibility of additional charges presented to the Board of Aldermen at any time by Spectrum.
3. *Discussion on Town Hall opening for Halloween (5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.).* Mayor Paris reported that the Town Hall would give out candy on Thursday 10/31/2019 for Halloween from 5 to 6:30 pm.
4. *Discussion on Ordinance update review for November meeting.* Mayor Paris reported that if any other changes need to be considered to make sure to sent them to Bob so a Public Hearing can be set for November. A brief discussion was held about the different changes needed. Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock reported that he would email the original and the one with the changes to everyone to review before the public hearing and requested that if anyone has any changes or ideas make sure to send them to him.
5. *Emergency Management update.* Alderman Lewis reported a Tropical Cyclone off Tampico and the only effect we should have a tidal runup run on the beach and maybe some rain.
6. *Bayview Beautification Date.*

a. *Possible contracting out Bridge Maintenance and Town Hall grass cutting.*

Mayor Paris reported only having aldermen showing up to the Beautification Day and reported that he talked to his yardman who agreed to keep up with the Town grounds and bridges for \$100 per month. Alderman Najera reported that he was not in favor of contracting the grounds out and he suggested to have an “adopt program” for the bridge maintenance. Alderman Lewis felt it was not a good use of funds at this time as the amount represents approximately 1% of our annual budget and we have the possibility of increased legal expenses.

7. *Report from the Building and Standards Commission.* Co-Chair James Fulton reported there was nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS : None

NEW BUSINESS

1. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the September 5, 2019 Public Meeting and Special Board of Aldermen minutes.* Alderman Heinz made the motion to approve the September 5, 2019 Public Meeting and Special Board of Aldermen minutes as presented. Second: Alderman Evans. Abstained: Alderman Steenbock and Alderman Najera. Yea: Alderman Lewis, Alderman Heinz and Alderman Evans. Motion carried.
2. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the September 19, 2019 Regular Board of Aldermen minutes.* Alderman Heinz made the motion to approve the September 19, 2019 Regular Board of Alderman minutes as presented. Second: Alderman Lewis. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the current financial report with current projected balances.* Alderman Najera made the motion to table the current financial report with current projected balances until questions on several of the items are answered by Bookkeeper. 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.* Alderman Najera made the motion to approve the Building Inspector’s Report as presented. Second: Alderman Heinz. 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. Aldermen Steenbock stated that he would like an executive session to discuss the legal aspects of the 1979 platted map versus 65,000 square foot minimum prior to the Public Hearing.

Adjourn

At 7:48 p.m. Alderman Lewis 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