

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

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

Elected officials absent: 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. He stated that he wanted everyone to know that in the next Board Meeting there would be a review of all of the changes to the current ordinance that are being proposed, then there would be a Public Meeting and a final approval of these changes. He also reported that Alderman Evans would be heading a Bayview Development Plan group consisting of residents in the area that would help develop a future Bayview plan along with a Bayview Vision Statement as to what we want Bayview to do about growth.
- 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."

Eric Resendez: He is the builder for Gary and Nichol Solomon at Trails End and presented the fact that they are in need of 18 ½ ft. variance 9 on each side since the property is 400 ft long but only 100 ft. wide.

Gary Solomon: owner of property on Trails End expressed his concern by comparing the plat of 1928 to the ordinance of 1960 which did not include those type of platted lots. He continued by expressing his concern on the lot being 100 ft. wide and regulation requiring the 25 ft. set back on

each side would not give enough room for their country home or any country home. He stated that his house plans call for 68 feet wide which would not be set on the property if the 25 ft. set back on each side is required. He continued by stating that the house takes up 70% of the property and they don't want to break any rules just want some consideration by letting them have a variance of the 18 ½ ft.

Gary Lowder: 148 N. San Roman expressed his agreement with the Solomon's and Mr. Resendez in giving the variance on the property so they can start building.

OLD BUSINESS :

1. *Discussion update on Road Signs.* Alderman Heinz reported that he met with Cameron County to be able to use their Sign installation personnel and truck in placing all the signs around town. He also stated that the request is going before the Cameron County Commissioners on Tuesday of next week. He continued that we would move forward in contracting the installation of these signs as soon as they approve it.
2. *Discussion update on Website.* After brief discussion, it was decided to appoint Carmen Amaya to follow up and ensure that "Go Daddy" comes on by 1/1/2020 or new website.
3. *Discussion update on the Spectrum Contract.* Mayor Paris reported that Town's attorney had already sent a letter and read the letter that was submitted to them. The attorney asked that all communication be directly sent to him explaining why the cost was increased and how they are holding the Town responsible for new cost.
4. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the end of year 9/30/2019 financial report with projected balances.* A brief explanation was given by Connie Travis on the changes being requested by our auditor and the fact that changes are still taking place for their approvals. Based on these explanations, Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock made the motion to table the approval until auditors have finished and approved the changes. Second: Alderman Evans. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

5. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the variance request from Gay and Nichol Solomon on property for the building of their home on Trails End.* After a presentation by the Solomon family and a lengthy discussion, Alderman Heinz made the motion to deny the variance at this time. Second: Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock. Yay: Alderman Heinz, Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock, and Aldermen Najera. Nay: Alderman Evans. Motion carried.

6. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the October 17, 2019 Regular Board of Aldermen minutes.* Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock made the motion to approve the October 17, 2019 Regular Board of Aldermen Minutes with amendments as stated. Second: Aldermen Heinz. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the November 1, 2019 Special Board of Aldermen minutes.* Alderman Evans made the motion to approve the November 1, 2019 Special Board of Aldermen minutes with amendments as stated. Second: Aldermen Najera. All in favor. Motion carried.
8. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the current financial report with current projected balances.* Since the 9/30/2019 reporting was not finalized, Alderman Najera made the motion to table the approval of October 2019 financials until September 2019 were finalized and approve both of them. Second: Alderman Heinz. All in favor. Motion carried.
9. *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 \$75.00. 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 permit fees for residential construction.* A discussion was held on the fact that we changed the permit fee on new construction so that additional permits do not have an additional fee which has created an issue that once the house permit is issued others like electricians, plumbers, etc. do not come get their permit but want to schedule an inspection. It was suggested to have a penalty fee defined during the update of ordinances.
2. *Emergency Management update.* None reported at this time.
3. *Bayview Beautification Date.* Alderman Najera reported that the day would be November 30, 2019 Saturday to meet at 8 a.m. at Town Hall.

4. *Report from the Building and Standards Commission.* No report.

Adjourn

At 7:58 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