

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF BAYVIEW, TEXAS
104 S. San Roman, Bayview, Texas
February 20, 2020**

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

Elected officials absent: none

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 reported attending the last Census 2020 meeting where they will be mailing out a number to each resident starting 3/12/2020 which will be used to call in and complete your census, use it to complete is on line, use it to request a hard copy through email or by calling in. The Census will begin on 4/1/2020 and end on 7/31/2020. It is important for everyone to complete theirs and lastly, he stated "everyone counts". He also advised that if you fail to complete your Census, someone will be coming by your house and knocking at your front door around June 2020. He continued by offering residents the use of the Town Hall and our high speed internet service to complete your Census.
- 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."

Barbara Creighton, 108 Madelyn Rose: expressed her concerns on the Housing Act and how Bayview needs to allow Hud housing and follow the law. She also expressed her interest in having the Board reconsider adding the language to the revised Ordinances on having smaller lots approved and side yards adjusted as was discussed and approved by Bayview residents on the 1/11/2020 Public Meeting. She expressed her excitement being in the Planning Committee set by the Town to set future goals for the Town.

Brenda Fernandez, 103 Mockingbird Lane: expressed her concerns in changing the Ordinance to allow smaller lots and how important it is to keep Bayview as it is. She also expressed her concerns on allowing Hud into the City and how it would affect the Town.

Roger Mantony, 147 N San Roman: expressed his gratitude to Ron Heinz, Gabriel Najera and the Los Fresnos Volunteer Fire Dept. as well as the Town of Bayview for all the help during his recent fire at his home. He said “ some people might say you guys are not good, but I think you all are Great!”

Richard Whipple, 123 Chachalaca: expressed his concern on changing the Ordinance and want setbacks and lots to remain as is.

Tina Weiser, 107 Calle Conejo: expressed her interest in having both keeping Bayview big lots and having smaller lots at other ETJ areas.

James Fulton, 109 N San Roman: expressed his concerns on under minding the Town Aldermen that were elected by residents and would like to keep Bayview as is.

Marie Evans, 104 W Toronja: expressed that she believed there is a misunderstanding of the changes to the Ordinance that residents wanted because it had to do with lots that are already plotted less or equal to an acre and have been bought years ago. The setbacks rules on the Ordinances don't allow these new houses enough room to build their large homes.

Grady Deaton, 102 N San Roman: expressed his experience in trying to build his dream house in his triangular lot which he bought years ago. He also stated he found a way to resolve his issues with his house but still upset about not being able to build what he wanted.

Bonnie Gibbons, 107 Mockingbird Lane: stated she is against changing the ordinances and the Cameron County Consortium Agreement.

USDA: Three representatives from USDA made a presentation on the Mexican fruit fly and the quarantine areas affected in Bayview. They brought maps showing the areas affected, stated what products are being used, and passed out information for the residents. (956)421-4041 is the number they gave everyone to use for information and any questions residents may have.

Ruben Fernandez, 103 Mockingbird Lane: he was interested to know if the Town had anything in place for cleaning out the brush on the resacas.

OLD BUSINESS

1. *Discussion update on Spectrum*. Brief discussion was held on the expense issue incurred by the Town. It was decided to have the Town attorney refer this to the Public Utility Commission and FCC.

2. *Discussion and update on Bayview Vision Statement/Committee.* Alderman Evans reported that first meeting was held this past Monday and the next meeting would be on Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:00 PM if anyone wanted to join they were welcomed. Mayor Paris expressed that many towns have vision statements however this statement is not policy it's just stating what we want the town to look like. He continued by stating that the committing will be putting out a draft statement in May to send to the Town which will be brought to the Board to adopt.
3. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting requesting for bids on paving of North Valencia.* Alderman Evans made the motion to request bids for the paving of North Valencia in the newspaper. Second: Alderman Lewis. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. *Update on website.* Mayor Paris thanked Alderman Lewis for all the work she has done to complete the new website. Alderman Lewis reported the website is ready to go but we have not sent it out to the Town because there are forms and links that when they are filled out should go directly to the Secretary in the new email address. She informed everyone to look at it the address is: bayviewtexas.us. She encouraged everyone to look at it and give us feedback.

NEW BUSINESS

5. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the variance.* After brief discussion, Alderman Heinz made the motion to approve the variance at 129 Chachalaca. Second: Alderman Najera. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the withdrawal of the Cameron County Consortium Agreement.* Alderman Lewis made the motion to reject the Cameron County Consortium Agreement and sent letter to County as well as the Hud Office. Second: Alderman Najera. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting reconsideration of the revisions of the Town of Bayview Ordinances as approved (side yards/setbacks).* Alderman Heinz made the motion to reject the reconsideration of the revisions of the Town of Bayview Ordinances. Second: Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock. Yay: Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock, Alderman Lewis, Alderman Heinz, and Alderman Najera. Nay: Alderman Evans. Motion carried.
8. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the January 16, 2020 Regular Board of Aldermen minutes.* Alderman Evans made the motion to approve the January 16, 2020 Regular Board of Alderman minutes. Second: Alderman Heinz. All in favor. Abstained: Alderman Najera. Motion carried.

9. *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 as presented. Second: Alderman Evans. All in favor. Motion carried.
10. *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 including the payment of \$125.00. 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.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. *TCQ Compliance on septic tank OSSF installations.* Carmen, Secretary of Town, reported there is new reporting required for all OSSF installations during the past 3 years to the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality Control. Each installation will be costing the Town \$10 per installation.
2. *Emergency management update.* Alderman Lewis reported she is on a Corona Virus conference call daily. There are 75,000 cases now worldwide , 2500 deaths, and 99% of those deaths are in China. There are 900 people being examined in San Antonio, and 600 from the Princess Cruise and one person tested positive. There is no population now that has an immunity to it.
3. *Bayview Beautification Day.* Alderman Najera reported the Bayview Beautification day is Saturday, February 22, 2020 and requested an email sent out to the Town.
4. *Water line connection to Fire House.* Alderman Najera reported the line from the Town will be extended to the Fire House and the Los Fresnos Chief committed to paying anything over our normal bill.
5. *Report from the Building and Standards Commission.* Co-Chairman James Fulton reported there was nothing new.

ADJOURN

Alderman Heinz made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. Second: Alderman Evans. All in favor. Motion carried.

Gary E. Paris, Mayor

Carmen I. Amaya, Secretary

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