

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF BAYVIEW, TEXAS
104 S. San Roman, Bayview,
Texas
February 25, 2021**

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

Elected officials absent: 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 and gave “kudos” to Alderman Lewis in obtaining water for the residents and meeting the demands. He also thanked the Cameron County for having delivered the water to the town hall. Alderman Lewis stated that it really came from the State. Mayor Paris also stated that in driving around the Town there is a lot of damage to the citrus trees and he is not sure they will make a comeback. Discussion was held about FEMA assistance and it is definitely only for those needing to replace the trees but not the fruit itself. Alderman Lewis also stated there is FEMA individual assistance which you need to go on line and review.

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.”

Janis Silveri, 114 W Toronja: She expressed her interest in the Animal Control Ordinance and volunteered to rewrite it.

Frank, Dora & Crucita Pina, 106 W Toronja: He and his wife introduced themselves as new residents and expressed their interest in donating books and setting up a public library for the community. He also expressed his interest in storage sheds.

Arthur Turner, 116 N San Roman: He just wanted to meet new residents and introduce himself.

Old Business

1. *Discussion update on Spectrum.* Mayor Paris reported that the new representative, John Watson, was not coming through with any new communication. After brief discussion, it was decided to move forward with the attorney's recommendation that had been approved before. Alderman Lewis reported that the Town has been added to the "bill list" for residential Spectrum connections and not other news has come in.
2. *COVID-19 Expenditure update.* Mayor Paris reported the steps that have been taken including repetitive steps in submitting all expenditures.
3. *Update on Status of 175 North Valencia fence.* Mayor Paris reported that a fence permit application and survey has been obtained. David Travis reported that the fence is not in the public right- of- way and it does not have to be removed. He continued by reporting that the insurance has been obtained which was the last document needed for the permit.
4. *Status of Poco Parte crossing project.* Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock updated everyone on the work that has been done and adding additional security for the crossing.
5. *Road Repair discussion.* Mayor Paris reported that the Town's engineer was going to drive around and give us an estimate on repairs needed, but has not heard anything yet.
6. *Update on action with Commissioner Garza on speed bumps and signs on North San Roman Cameron County road side.* Mayor Paris reported that Commissioner Garza had been turned over to the Cameron County Public Works and have not heard anymore.

New Business

7. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the Engagement Letter for Cascos & Associates, PC, Certified Public Accountants in completing audit for year ending 9/30/2020.* Alderman Heinz made the motion to approve the Engagement Letter for Cascos & Associates, PC to complete audit for year ending 9/30/2020. Second: Alderman Evans. All in favor. Motion carried.
8. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the annexation request from Valle Hermoso Ranch (Ernesto Martinez) of approximately 221.8 acres: Bayview Citrus Groves Unit 4 Section 11, block 38 & 42 thru 45 and Unit 4 Section 17 blocks 28 thru 45.* Alderman Lewis made the motion to approve the annexation request from Valle Hermoso Ranch (Ernesto Martinez) of approximately 221.8 : Bayview citrus

Groves Unite 4 Section 11, block 38 & 42 thru 45 and Unit 4 Section 17 blocks 28 thru 45. Second: Alderman Heinz. All in favor. Motion carried.

9. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the Mayoral Proclamation for Tombari Plaque donation for the March Beautification Day.* Alderman Evans made the motion to make the Mayoral Proclamation for Tombari Plaque donation for the March Beautification Day. Second: Alderman Heinz. All in favor. Motion carried.
10. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the approval of increasing the insurance value of the Town Hall.* Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock made the motion to negotiate and increase the insurance value of the Town Hall. Second: Alderman Heinz. All in favor. Motion carried.
11. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the appointment of Susan Heinz to the Building and Standards Commission Board.* Alderman Evans made the motion to appoint Susan Heinz to the Building and Standards Commission Board. Second: Alderman Lewis. Alderman Heinz abstained. Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock, Alderman Lewis, and Alderman Evans: "Yay". Motion carried.
12. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the January 17, 2021 Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes.* Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock made the motion to approve the January 27, 2021 Board of Aldermen Meeting minutes as presented. Second: Alderman Lewis. Alderman Evans and Alderman Heinz abstained. Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock, Alderman Lewis: "Yay". Motion Carried.
13. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the current financial reports with current projected balances.* Alderman Heinz made the motion to approve the current financial reports with current projected balances as presented. Second: Alderman Lewis. All in favor. Motion carried.
14. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the current Building Inspector's Report for January 2021.* Alderman Heinz suggested to put in a line in the permits that the permit must be closed or something stating that they must contact for inspection when project is completed. David Travis discussed the new online permit program which will help this a lot. Alderman Lewis made the motion to approve the Building Inspector's report for January 2021 with letter being sent to 115 Madelyn Rose 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.

Alderman Evans would like to have the Mission Statement discussion on next meeting agenda.

Discussion Items

1. *Emergency Management Update.* Alderman Lewis reported no updates other than individual FEMA assistance can be obtained online. Mayor Paris reported that the County is concentrating on doing the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccination and have not started a new dose plan yet.
2. *Animal abuse/neglect-Animal Ordinance.* Mayor Paris reported that both this item and the next (3) will be discussed in the next meeting holding off till elections are over. He asked Janis to go ahead a draw up a draft.
3. *Revision of Town Ordinances.* Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock reported doing some research on solar panels and found out that some communities have a visual provision and some don't. It appears it's a 50/50 split on having communities with ordinances and some that don't. Mayor Paris did research on green houses and there is a manual on regulating these. Discussion was held on what we are going to regulate. Alderman Lewis passed out an animal treatment violations she obtained from State of Texas.
4. *Bayview Beautification Day.* Alderman Heinz reported the beautification day would be Saturday, 2/27/2021 meeting here at 8:30 a.m.
5. *Report from Building and Standards Commission.* Mayor Paris nothing to report.

ADJOURN

Alderman Lewis made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Second: Alderman Heinz. All in favor. Motion carried.

Gary E Paris

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Gary E. Paris, Mayor

Carmen I. Amaya, Secretary