

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF BAYVIEW, TEXAS
104 S. San Roman, Bayview, Texas
April 22, 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 advised everyone of grant funds available at the 2018/2019 Disasters Homeowner Assistance and Reimbursement Program (HARP) for residents to recover money from losses from severe flooding in 2018 and 2019 due to Tropical Storms. He also announced that during the Emergency Management calls they did claim that there is a problem getting everyone vaccinated for COVID-19, however the good news is that in the 65 and older range we have a 71% vaccination completion.

They also reported that the bad news is that all the vaccinations being received from the State are going bad because they only have a certain amount of time to use them and people are not getting the vaccinations. He asked that we get the word out that for those that want the vaccinations, they are available now. He continued by stating that the mission statement for the Town would be passed out later for everyone to 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.”

Jessie Garcia, FM 2480 : He let everyone know that he just bought some land on 2480 and wanted to make sure they were in the Town of Bayview. He also wanted to volunteer to help the Town.

Old Business

1. *Discussion update on Spectrum.* Alderman Lewis reported that she received notice that they have a big project coming into Town that Spectrum is working on. Mayor Paris also reported that the attorney had been out of town and did not have update on the legal aspect of Spectrum Government Services.
2. *COVID-19 Expenditure update.* Alderman Lewis reported that \$9,488.04 was reported received from the grant reimbursement, but TDEM is still reviewing the purchase of the A/C, the generator, and propane tank for approval. She will continue to work with them but these could be disallowed.

New Business

3. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the abandonment of 40 feet wide row/easement along the following blocks approximately 2,539 feet in the : Bayview Citrus Groves Unit 4 Section 11, block 38 & 42 thru 45 and Unit 4 Section 17 blocks 28 thru 45.* The owner of the property requested the abandonment per the annexation agreement with the Town of Bayview. Alderman Lewis made the motion to approve the abandonment of the 40 feet wide row/easement along the following blocks approximately 2,539 feet in the Bayview Citrus Groves Unit 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.
4. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the appointment of the Building and Standards Commission.* After brief discussion, and there being no immediate cases for the Building and Standards Commission, Alderman Lewis made the motion to table this item until September 2021 meeting to appoint a 2 year term. Second: Alderman Evans. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the appointment of the Planning and Zoning Commission.* Alderman Heinz made the motion to approve the five members: Charlotte Paris, Jesus Hernandez, Jesus Amaya, Robert Steenbock, and David Evans for a 1 -1/2 year term and to seek for 2 alternates. Second: Alderman Evans. All in favor. Motion carried.

Alderman Lewis made the motion to revisit item #5 based on new information obtained from a government site. Second: Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock. All in favor. Motion carried.

Alderman Lewis made the motion to reject the appointment of the Planning and Zoning Commission based on information obtained from Section 11 of the 211 Government Code. Second: Alderman Heinz. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the letter for Bayview Irrigation District.* Alderman Lewis made the motion to approve the letter thanking the Bayview Irrigation District as presented. Second: Alderman Heinz. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the March 18, 2021 Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes.* Alderman Evans made the motion to approve the March 18, 2021 Board of Aldermen Meeting minutes as presented. Second: Alderman Heinz. All in favor. Motion Carried.
8. *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 Evans. All in favor. Motion carried.
9. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the current Building Inspector's Report for March 2021.* Alderman Heinz made the motion to approve the Building Inspector's report for March 2021 as presented. Second: Alderman Evans. 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. *Opportunity of Town owned property & possible revenue.* Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock presented the possibility of placing fencing on the acreage and letting someone rent it for cattle. Discussion was also held at making it a park. Alderman Lewis reminded everyone of liability, costs and maintenance including policing and litter control for having parks.
2. *Bayview participation in "Road to Recycling for Tires" on May 8, 2021.* Alderman Heinz reported that the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council would be having a recycling of tires on May 8, 2021 and the Town will be one of the drop off stations for tires. The limit is 4 tires per resident. He stated that a trailer would be placed at the Town Hall for these tires.

3. *America Rescue Plan (COVID 19 Relief Package Bayview allocation)*. Alderman Heinz reported that the bill that passed for the \$1400 payment on the relief package in January 2021 also includes money specifically dedicated for states, larger cities, smaller cities and Indian tribes. He proceeded to state that Bayview has been allocated \$84,817 and there is a very short list of items that qualify and most of it requires low income areas. However, one of the items you can use it for is water, sewer, or broadband. Alderman Lewis suggested to read what the town requirements and obligations would be before going forth with this. Alderman Heinz reported he was only giving the information out now and that rules were being written right now.

4. *Emergency Management update*. Alderman Lewis reported that Hurricane Season starts June 1, 2021 and ends November 30, 2021 and reminded everyone to examine their insurance. She also reported that right now Cameron County is having declining interest for the COVID 19 vaccine and the turnout for the 2nd vaccine is declining. She continued reporting that the Johnson and Johnson vaccine has been pulled because of side effects but the others had not been pulled at this time. Alderman Heinz reported that at the Los Fresnos EMC on Saturday there had been close to 5,000 vaccines given out. Alderman Lewis reported that we are in need of Post Disaster Recovery Volunteers for anyone interested. This group returns post mandatory evaluation ordered by the County Judge to help monitor and restore the town.

5. *Town of Bayview Mission Statement*. Discussion and review of statements from Laguna Vista and Mayor Paris asked that the Board give him comments on these statements for the next regular meeting.

6. *Town Newsletter*. Carmen passed out the Newsletter created and asked that everyone turn in comments. She also let everyone know most of it could go on the website.

7. *Bayview "Meet and Greet"*. It was agreed to reschedule the Meet and Greet for Saturday, June 5, 2021.

8. *Bayview Beautification Day*. It was decided that the day would be this Saturday 4/24/2021 meeting here at 8:30 a.m.

9. *Report from Building and Standards Commission*. At this time there are no cases.

ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.
Second: Alderman Evans. All in favor. Motion carried.

Gary E. Paris, Mayor

Carmen I. Amaya, Secretary