

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TOWN OF BAYVIEW, TEXAS  
104 S. San Roman, Bayview, Texas  
May 20, 2021**

**Elected officials present:** Mayor Paris, Alderman Lewis, Alderman Evans, Alderman Heinz and Alderman Najera.

**Elected officials absent:** Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock.

**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 that there is a possibility of tropical waves hitting our area this weekend bringing more water.

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.”

Richard Whipple, 123 Chachalaca : reported that his area was vandalized this weekend, tearing down the American flag, took his mailbox, and graffiti on the neighbor’s fence. He continued by reporting that he did call the Sheriff. He also commented on how nice it is that the resacas around the Town are full of water and hope residents are enjoying it.

David Travis, 119 Mockingbird Lane: He reported he spoke to the neighbor whose fence was filled with graffiti, they also broke and stole his front sign, and there was a lot of beer cans and trash left around there. He continued to report that the neighbor also had someone knocking on their front door late at night, called the Sheriff but by the time they got there the people were gone.

Mayor Paris reported that he has additional patrol going through Town and asked the Sheriff to continue this.

**Old Business**

1. *America Rescue Plan.* Alderman Heinz reported they have some preliminary permanent plans, with some points that may apply to the Town. He continued by stating that the key points are that the State still has to get the money, we still have to apply to get the funds, and we will need to have a spending plan. He also pointed out that any money we did not receive from the Care Fund Act, we could possibly apply and receive from this plan. He also reported that for those rural areas that receive 25 megabytes per second, they are encouraging to work with supplier to increase that to 100 megabytes; therefore these funds might be able to be used to pay for the quarter mile connection with Spectrum which residents are to pay out of their pocket. He also stated that there is a "shortfall" section in which if the Town budget did not get the usual funds because of COVID, taking a three year average, that you could apply for that as well using 4% average.

### **New Business**

2. *Oath of Office for: Mayor, Alderman Place 1, Alderman Place 4 and Alderman Place 5.* Mayor Gary E. Paris, Alderman Place 4 Ron Heinz, and Alderman Place 5 Gabriel Najera were sworn into office.
3. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the Hazard Mitigation Program and its cost.* Alderman Lewis explained the program, the cost of \$4,300.00 and specifically how it would impact the Town. After a lengthy discussion, Alderman Heinz made the motion to reject the Hazard Mitigation Program and consider this again in 4 years considering the cost at that time. Second: Alderman Najera. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the reimbursement for Town Parking lot millings.* After brief discussion on compacting, rolling the millings and continuing improvements on it to get us to ADA Compliance, Alderman Najera made the motion to approve \$2,500.00 to complete the parking lot and ensure ADA Compliance. Second: Alderman Heinz. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the April 1, 2021 Special Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes.* Alderman Heinz made the motion to approve the April 1, 2021 Special Board of Aldermen Meeting minutes as presented. Second: Alderman Evans. Abstained: Alderman Lewis. All in favor. Motion Carried.
6. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the April 22, 2021 Regular Board of Alderman Meeting Minutes.* Alderman Lewis made the motion to approve the April 22, 2021 Regular Board of Alderman Meeting minutes as presented. Second: Alderman Heinz. Abstained: Alderman Najera. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the current financial reports with current projected balances.* Alderman Lewis made the motion to approve the current

financial reports with current projected balances as presented and define the balance sheets. Second: Alderman Heinz. All in favor. Motion carried.

8. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the current Building Inspector's Report for April 2021.* Alderman Lewis made the motion to approve the Building Inspector's report for April 2021 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 Lewis: wants to place ADA Compliance on next meeting for parking lot.**

**Alderman Heinz: wants Attorney conflict update on legal issue for the contract with Spectrum.**

### **Discussion Items**

1. *Opportunity of Town owned property & possible revenue.* Item should not have been under discussion.
2. *Town Website.* Mayor Paris reported that there are some volunteers that are willing to help improve our websites, Marie Evans and Rendy Gonzales. Alderman Evans reported that both of these ladies are willing to help us at any time and have experience in working with Go Daddy. Alderman Lewis expressed her concern on the security of the website.
3. *Emergency Management update.* Alderman Lewis reported hurricane seasons starts June 1<sup>st</sup>. She also reported Texas is sending out a COVID infection data sheet regularly showing data of infections, recoveries from COVID, and vaccine updated data showing 51% of Cameron County residents have been vaccinated.
4. *Town of Bayview Mission Statement.* Alderman Evans passed out an example of a mission statement and asked that aldermen look at it and sent him their suggestions.
5. *Bayview "Meet and Greet".* It was agreed to reschedule the Meet and Greet for Saturday, September 18, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. so we can use setting up tables and chairs and set up some outside.

6. *Bayview Beautification Day.* Alderman Najera stated that the day would be this Saturday 5/29//2021 meeting here at 8:30 a.m. and asked that an email go out to Town residents.

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

**ADJOURN**

Alderman Heinz made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Second: Alderman Najera. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Gary E. Paris, Mayor

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Carmen I. Amaya, Secretary