

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING AND  
THE REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TOWN OF BAYVIEW, TEXAS  
104 S. San Roman,  
Bayview, Texas  
August 19, 2021**

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

**Elected officials absent: None**

**Public Hearing 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 .
- D. Mayor Paris stated that the Public Hearing is being conducted to receive input from residents on:
  - 1. Town of Bayview 2021-2022 Budget/
  - 2. Town of Bayview Property Tax Rate setting.
- E. *Public Comments Specific to Public Hearing:* Mayor Paris stated, “ This is an opportunity for citizens to address the Town Council on matters specifically relating to the Public Hearing that will be considered by the Council in this or subsequent meetings. Town Officials may make presentations and provide information to the Public during the course of the hearing; however, the Mayor and Aldermen may not engage in debate with speakers or among themselves or act on matters during the Public Hearing. Note: Speakers are required to state their name for the record and limit their comments to three minutes. Any speakers needing a translator are required to state their name for the record and limit their comments to six minutes.” No comments at this time.

The Mayor proceeded by going through the 2021-2022 Town of Bayview Budget indicating and focusing on changes including explanations for the changes.
- F. Alderman Lewis made the motion to adjourn the Public Hearing Meeting. Second: Alderman Heinz. All in favor. Motion carried.

## REGULAR MEETING

G. Mayor Paris called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:41 P.M.

H. *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.”

Bob Steenbock, 113 S. San Roman Rd. announced that there will be an air show at the Port Isabel Cameron County Airport on October 1, 2021, October 2, 2021 and October 3, 2021. He and his wife, Cindy, will be feeding all the participants for the air show on Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> and will provide the food. He asked if the Town residents would be interested in joining them on that Friday (Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>), they could certainly use helping hands in serving the performers. He asked that he or Cindy be contacted if you are interested.

## Old Business

1. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting a new Spectrum contract.* Mayor Paris explained the situation we have incurred through the past two years and had two representatives present what Spectrum would offer at this time to renew into a new contract and start fresh. After a lengthy discussion on the past situation and future outcomes, Alderman Lewis made the motion to table this until an executive session can be held with the Town Attorney about the legal consequences. Second: Alderman Najera. Nay: Alderman Evans and Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock Yay: Alderman Lewis, Alderman Heinz and Alderman Najera. Motion carried.

## New Business

2. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the audit review from Cascos & Associates, PC as presented.* Alderman Heinz made the motion to approve the audit review as presented by Cascos & Associates, PC. Second: Alderman Najera. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the Town of Bayview Property Tax Rate of \$0.25 per \$100 of value as presented.* Alderman Lewis made the motion to approve the Town of Bayview Tax Rate of \$0.25 per \$100 of value as presented. Second: Alderman Najera. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the Town of Bayview Budget for 2021-2022 as presented.* Alderman Lewis made the motion to approve the Town of Bayview Budget 2021-2022 with the following changes: (a) decreasing the Emergency

Management from \$25,000 to \$5,000; (b) increasing the Road & Bridge Maintenance to \$325,750; (c) reducing the fax cost to -0-; (d) reducing office supplies to \$2,500; (e) an edit correction for variable salary from \$25,000 to \$13,000; (f) moving the \$100 and \$2,500 to Road & Bridge Maintenance in Ad Valorem. Second: Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the approval of ordinance and signs on all bridges, "NO FISHING ON BRIDGES".* After a brief discussion, Alderman Najera made the motion to reject the approval of ordinance and signs on all bridges, "NO FISHING ON BRIDGES". Second: Alderman Evan. Nay: Alderman Lewis. Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock, Alderman Evans, Alderman Heinz and Alderman Najera. Motion carried.
6. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the hiring of a new Septic Tank Inspector to start on 10/1/2021.* Alderman Heinz made the motion to have Mayor Paris start the process of negotiating a contract with a new Septic Tank Inspector starting on October 1, 2021. Second: Alderman Evans. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the July 15, 2021 Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes.* Alderman Heinz made the motion to approve the July 15, 2021 Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes as presented. Second: Alderman Najera. All in favor. Motion carried.
8. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting to have the Cares Covid 19 Account remain open through the 2021 CLFRF process by transferring \$20.00 from the Emergency Fund Account. The account was voted to close in June 24, 2021 meeting, the funds were transferred to the Emergency Fund Account, however the bank paid \$0.29 interest on it so is still open.* Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock made the motion to approve the transfer of \$20.00 from Emergency Fund to the Cares Covid 19 Account. Second: Alderman Najera. All in favor. Motion carried.
9. *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 with the payment of the variable salary amount of \$596.71 to be paid to the Building Inspector. Second: Alderman Najera. All in favor. Motion carried.
10. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the current Building Inspector's Report for July 2021.* Alderman Najera made the motion to approve the current Building Inspectors Report for July 2021. Second: Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock. 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. *Spectrum for residential use.* Mayor Paris reported that they have been done for now and reported that by the end of the month we should be able to call in for personal service which he will be doing. Alderman Lewis reported that she had contacted Spectrum on wiring the south side of the Town since the North is done and have not done any on South side.
2. *Display of permit/address on new construction.* Mayor Paris reported that in order to do this we would have to change the ordinance to be able to enforce it. After brief discussion, it was decided to revisit this when revising ordinances.
3. *Application for State and Federal Surplus.* Mayor Paris presented an application where the Town could be part of the State and Federal Surplus. He continued by stating that they have a local warehouse in San Antonio where we as a government entity could get furniture, equipment and other supplies through this warehouse where they collect items from other government entities that either have been closed out or offices have changed. He asked that alderman sign the application to proceed.
4. *Discussion on Meeting & Greeting set for 9/18/2021.* It was decided to sent out the email to the Town and go forward with it.
5. *Discussion on 2022 road repair projects.* Mayor Paris reported that he wants to set up a list of projects on the roads for the October meeting so he can sent this to the engineers and see how much this will cost to do the chip sealing on the roads. Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock asked that a list of road projects be sent out to everyone so they can be looked at. Alderman Evans reported that he will sent out his listings. After brief discussion, it was decided to place it on October meeting.
6. *Emergency Management update:* Alderman Lewis reported that in the meeting they discussed Hurricane Grace which was not coming towards us and the meeting was held to practice for hurricane. She also reported she attended a Flood Plain Management meeting which she will discuss with our Flood Plain Manager, David Travis. David Travis reported he has been working with them providing information on each property at a time reviewing and answering questions on each individual

property. He also reported that they are working on setting a base of elevation which does not help at all.

7. *Bayview Beautification Day.* Aldermen Najera reported the date would be 8/28/2021, Saturday meeting at 8:30 a.m. here in Town Hall.

8. *Report from Building and Standards Commission.* None

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 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