

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TOWN OF BAYVIEW, TEXAS  
104 S. San Roman, Bayview, Texas  
September 16, 2021**

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

**Elected officials absent: Alderman Evans.**

**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 mentioned there would be an Executive Session during this meeting.

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.”

Gabriel Najera, 105 E Cotton Gin Lane: He expressed his concern about trying to get volunteers to help out with the Bayview Beautification Day when the word out in the Town is that the Town wants to hire someone to work it which discourages participation from our residents in volunteering. He expressed his appreciation in stopping this so that residents will volunteer.

Robert Steenbock, 114 S. San Roman Rd.: He announced that there would be a Cameron County Airshow on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at Cameron County Airport. He also asked if anyone wanted to volunteer in helping serve the performers on October 1<sup>st</sup> or help out in making some rice and beans.

**Old Business**

1. *Update on Spectrum:* Mayor Paris stated the options giving to the Town by Spectrum in renewing and continuing their service with us. After brief discussion, it was decided to have the Town Attorney attend the next meeting to hold an executive session and hear his recommendations as well as answer any questions from the Board.

2. *Adjourn Regular Meeting and go into Executive Session:* Alderman Lewis made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting to go into Executive session. Second: Alderman Najera. All in favor. Motion carried

### **Executive Session**

Mayor Paris opened the Executive Session to discuss the following:

- a.) Discussion on variable compensation for Town employee contracts for 2021-2022 year.
- b.) Adjourn the Executive Session and go to Regular Meeting.

Alderman Lewis made the motion to end the Executive Session and return to the Regular Meeting. Second: Alderman Najera. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Regular Meeting**

Mayor Paris re-opened the Regular Meeting to order.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

3. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the town employee contracts for 2021-2022 year:*

Town Secretary Contract: Alderman Lewis made the motion to approve the Town Secretary contract as presented. Second: Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bookkeeper Contract: Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock made the motion to approve the Bookkeeper contract as presented. Second: Alderman Najera. All in favor. Motion carried.

Building Inspector Contract: Alderman Lewis made the motion to approve the Building Inspector contract as presented. Second: Alderman Najera. Nay: Alderman Heinz. Yay: Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock, Alderman Lewis and Alderman Najera. Motion carried.

Flood Plains Administrator Contract: Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock made the motion to approve the Flood Plains Administrator contract/amendment with the correction of including the salary compensation. Second: Alderman Lewis. All in favor. Motion carried.

OSSF Inspector Contract: Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock made the motion to approve the OSSF Inspector contract as presented hiring Gilbert Cisneros as the new

inspector. Second: Alderman Lewis. Nay: Alderman Heinz and Alderman Najera. Yay: Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock, Alderman Lewis, and Mayor Pari. Motion carried.

4. *Voting for the residents interested in the Building and Standards Commission Board and approving or rejecting on totals to establish the Building and Standards Commission Board:* After taking totals on the voting ballots, Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock made the motion to approve the Building and Standards Commission Board : Pedro Ballesteros, Grady Deaton, Susan Heinz, Roger Mantony, Richard Whipple and alternates: Scott Forbes and Janice Kelley. Second: Alderman Lewis. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the August 19, 2021 Public Hearing and Regular Board of Alderman Meeting Minutes.* Alderman Heinz made the motion to approve the August 19, 2021 Public Hearing and Regular Board of Alderman Meeting minutes as presented. Second: Alderman Najera. Abstained: Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. *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. Second: Alderman Lewis. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the current Building Inspector's Report for August 2021.* Alderman Heinz made the motion to approve the Building Inspector's report for August 2021 as presented. Second: Alderman Najera. 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 would like to hold an executive session on the next meeting with Town attorney.

## **Discussion Items**

1. *Discussion on 2022 road repair projects.* Mayor Paris presented a letter from Cameron County where they are giving the responsibility of several roads to the Town to maintain. After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock volunteered to look up the legality of that responsibility and suggested maybe having a meeting with Cameron County Commission.

2. *Discussion on greenhouses being requested.* Brief discussion was held on the various requests of different structures being considered. It was decided that this would be reviewed upon the revisions of the ordinances.
3. *Discussion on Town EOC readiness:* Mayor Paris stated that he would take the responsibility of making sure the electrical and gas connections are completed for emergency purposes.
4. *Discussion on Meet & Greet Gathering for Saturday 9/18/2021.* Mayor Paris expressed his concerns in having the gathering. After short discussion, it was decided to proceed with this since residents had already been advised of it and were probably ready.
5. *Emergency Management update.* Alderman Lewis reported Hurricane Nicholas passed us and we received some rain but not nearly what they predicted.
6. *Bayview Beautification Day.* Alderman Najera reported the day would be September 25, 2021, Saturday, meeting here at 8:00 a.m.
7. *Report from Building and Standards Commission.* Mayor Paris reported that there would be a meeting in October 2021.

## **ADJOURN**

Alderman Najera made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Second: Alderman Heinz. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Gary E. Paris, Mayor

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Carmen I. Amaya, Secretary