

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF BAYVIEW, TEXAS
104 S. San Roman, Bayview, Texas
October 21, 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 mentioned we have started a new fiscal year. He also stated that the Town had given out candy during Halloween in the past, however this year we would not be doing this because of COVID situation. He continued advising that we would be having an Executive Session with the Town Attorney concerning the Spectrum contract. He also explained that the meetings from now on would be following the Robert's Rules of Order.

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."

Carolina Aquino, W. Toronja property: She expressed her plans in constructing High Tunnels in their property for growing plants/vegetables/fruits. She explained the steps they have taken, approvals that have been made and wanted the Town to consider approving these types of green houses. She also expressed her concern because these have already been paid for.

Richard Whipple, 129 Chachalaca: he expressed his concern on emails he had sent about 10 months ago regarding those residents that are not following Town Ordinances and wanted to know what the Town was doing about it.

Alderman Evans made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting and go into the Executive Session. Second: Alderman Heinz. All in favor. Motion carried.

Executive Session

Mayor Paris opened the Executive Session to discuss the following:

- (a) Discussion with Town Attorney, David Irwin, on Spectrum Contract update.

Alderman Heinz made the motion to adjourn the Executive Session and return to the Regular Meeting. Second: Alderman Evans. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Regular Meeting

Mayor Paris re-opened the Regular Meeting to order

Old Business

1. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting update on Spectrum Contract after discussion with Town attorney.* After lengthy discussion concerning the conference with the Town Attorney, Alderman Heinz made the motion to: (a) alert the State Representative of our filing a Federal Communication Complaint (FCC), (b) for the Town to complete the current contract in existence as written, (c) to consider signing a new contract with Spectrum in November after current contract expires and (d) to complete an FCC complaint forwarding a copy to Senator John Cornyn and Senator Ted Cruz. Second: Alderman Lewis. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. *High tower green houses.* After brief discussion, Mayor Paris tabled this item until the November meeting when the Town Ordinances will be reviewed and voted on the changes to be made.
3. *Generator hookup update.* Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock reported he had ordered the “transfer switch” and it will take about 1 to 4 weeks before receiving it depending on the availability of it.

NEW BUSINESS

4. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting road repair 2021-2022 project.* Mayor Paris tabled this item until the November meeting.

5. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the Cameron County Resolution.* After brief discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock made the motion to reject the Cameron County Resolution. Second: Alderman Evans. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the September 16, 2021 Regular Board of Alderman Meeting Minutes.* Alderman Evans made the motion to approve the September 16, 2021 Regular Board of Alderman Meeting Minutes as presented. Second: Alderman Lewis. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the current financial reports with current projected balances.*
8. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the current Building Inspector's Report for September 2021.* Alderman Lewis made the motion to approve the Building Inspector's report for September 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.*

Alderman Lewis would like to have an approval for additional Emergency Management expenditures on the next meeting.

Discussion Items

1. *Discussion on disposable items for the Town of Bayview.* Carmen, Town Secretary, explained the cleaning process and items found that have not been used in over 5 years. It was decided to donate these items to the Goodwill.
2. *Emergency Management update.* Alderman Lewis reviewed the Coastal Flooding that occurred and discussed the Emergency Management Disaster Recovery Team encouraging residents to sign up for it. She explained the duties of helping during an Emergency Evacuation needing people to work helping the Town to get back up.
3. *Bayview Beautification Day.* Alderman Heinz reported the day would be October 30, 2021, Saturday, meeting here at 8:00 a.m. and reminded to sent out email with the 8:00 a.m. timeframe.

4. *Report from Building and Standards Commission.* Mayor Paris reported that there would be a meeting Monday October 25.

ADJOURN

Alderman Heinz made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Second: Alderman Evans. All in favor. Motion carried.

_____*Gary E. Paris*_____
 Gary E. Paris, Mayor

_____*Carmen I. Amaya*_____
 Carmen I. Amaya, Secretary