

**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
November 4, 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. Revision of Town Ordinance regarding the permitting of structures other than residential buildings.

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.”

David Travis, 119 Mockingbird Lane: He explained that as the Town Building Inspector the work on this Ordinance has been in process since 2015. He continued by stating that the Town Aldermen have been working and changing the Ordinances for example additional structures used to required foundations and now they don't. He stated he has brought these items to the Board multiple times this year because he has seen pergolas that have very little wind resistance and these require a building permit that asked for 120 mph wind resistance; there are chicken coupes, dog houses that look like big storage

sheds and green houses. So he concluded by stating that there are a lot of reasons for bringing this up and reconsidering changes or a more detailed explanation, He also stated that he is receiving a lot of calls about this.

Sabrina Padilla, 140 W Resaca: She expressed her concern about the engineering process on pergolas, chicken coupes or storage sheds. She stated that having them require an engineering process becomes the expense for this becomes more than the actual item being bought from Lohse or Home Depo. She continued by stating if there was anyway it could be changed to not require this if purchasing them even if the city required for them to be anchored in some way.

Rolando Padilla, 140 W Resaca: He expressed his concern of having these buildings tied down if the home owners have their own home owner insurance.

Richard Whipple, 129 Chachalaca: He expressed his concern of not requiring the wind resistance for this additional buildings because during a hurricane or windstorm he would not want anyone else's items damaging his house or property. He continued by stating he was a civil engineer and windstorm engineer who believes anything that is built should having a windstorm requirement so it does not blow away.

Ruben Griess, 128 Madelyn Rose: He stated that in his area residents have to go through the association to get approved for additional structures and then come to the Town for the permit. He expressed that he reached out to the engineers who did their windstorm for their residents asking if he wanted to build a garden storage shed what the expense would be for having it windstorm certified. The response he received from that company was that it would cost \$850 to \$1050. He stated that is extremely more expensive than the garden storage shed that he is trying to purchase. He continued by stating that maybe if the Town would require some kind of "tie downs" instead of the engineering portion of it, the expense wouldn't be as great.

Marie Evans, 104 W Toronja: She stated she grew up in Pensacola where it is like the bullseye of hurricanes and storms. She experienced many storms but expressed that there wasn't as much strictness on properties as there is here in Bayview. She continued by stating that she does want everyone to be safe, however there is going to be wind storms and hurricanes throughout our lives. She believes Bayview has too many strict requirements that could be changed.

Miguel Garcia, W Resaca: He expressed his concern in building a fence on his property and having to have the posts actually be inspected before they continue to build the fence. He stated it was unheard of for having the holes be inspected before putting the posts in. He continues by saying that everyone around here has 1 to 3 acres of property and the concern of a hurricane 3 category would cause this place to be evacuated.

Abraham Elizondo, 137 N San Roman Rd.: He stated that he recently had purchased a storage shed from a professional builder but having it engineer certified with the windstorm would bring his expense to an additional amount adding another half price to the original price of the shed. He expressed that maybe changing the requirements to consider the size maybe of the shed and changing the engineering requirement.

Caroline Aquino, W. Toronja property: Mrs. Aquino expressed her interest in having the high tunnel green houses approved for growing vegetables. She continues that living in this area which seems like farm area, we should be able to having goats, chickens and grow our own vegetables and foods. She stated that the food we buy at the grocery stores are being brought from other countries like China, Asia and so forth. She also stated that they have plans of producing home grown foods that can be produced here in our country and that it is important for us to have green houses. She expressed that the government had already approved in helping them and would hope that the city here would also make the changes to approve this.

Mayor Paris asked Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock to show the current Town Ordinance on the screen and go through the current status and some of the changes that would be considered. Mayor Paris also encouraged the residents here to express their concerns or changes they would like to see.

F. Alderman Lewis made the motion to adjourn the Public Hearing Meeting. Second: Alderman Heinz. All in favor. Motion carried.

SPECIAL MEETING

G. Mayor Paris called the Special Board Meeting to order at 7:09 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."

David Travis, 119 Mockingbird: He announced that anyone having children that would be interested in having them join the Boys & Girls Scouts, there would be a round-up at the Port Isabel Dairy Queen next week. Anyone interested should contact him.

Carmen Amaya, 100 W Cotton Gin: She stated that she found out this week that for anyone that finds animals dropped off around their property that the Cameron County Animal Control Center charges \$10 a day per animal to keep them at their facility until

they are adopted or \$60 per animal to have them put down. They require the Town to write a letter and the charge is made to the Town.

Mary Evans, 104 W Toronja: she expressed the importance of getting a whole house “power surge protector” from apple for when your electricity goes off.

Sabrina Padilla, 140 W Resaca: she expressed her concern of not having Spectrum extend their connections to the south side of Town.

New Business

1. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the revision of Town Ordinance regarding the permitting of structures other than residential buildings.* After reviewing the current ordinance and listening to our residents, Mayor Paris tables this item to be brought for discussion on the November 18, 2021 Regular meeting and then be brought for approval of revisions in the December 16, 2021 Regular Meeting.
2. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the expenditures for Emergency Management on some emergency supplies from the Emergency Management account.* Alderman Lewis presented the supplies being considered for purchasing and the reasons behind them. Alderman Lewis made the motion to approve up to \$2,500.00 for purchasing the supplies with the understanding that if it is less the amount would stay in the Emergency Management account. Second: Alderman Heinz. All in favor. Motion approved.

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

ADJOURN

Alderman Evans made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Second: Alderman Heinz. All in favor. Motion carried.

_____ Gary E. Paris _____

Gary E. Paris, Mayor

_____ Carmen I. Amaya _____

Carmen I. Amaya, Secretary

