

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TOWN OF BAYVIEW, TEXAS  
104 S. San Roman, Bayview, Texas  
July 21, 2022**

**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. He thanked Mr. Bill Erickson for stepping in for the Town Secretary while she was gone and did a great job. He also thanked the following folks for helping out on Bayview Beautification Day: Roger Mantony, Hector and Rendi Gonzales, Richard Whipple, Puro and Veronika Agrawal, and Ismael Najera. He continued by stating it's hurricane season and he wants this building to be used as a center; however, Reliable Electric came in to put the switch on the generator and it was the wrong switch; they have ordered the one needed but once again it's in process; Reliable Electric will call when they receive it. He announced that next month we would be having a Public Hearing on the Town of Bayview 2022-2023 Budget and setting the property tax rate for 2023.

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." None

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. *Discussion and possible action approving reimbursement of building permit fee on 180 N. San Roman Rd. (Ernesto Salas).* At this time, Mr. Salas presented his view on the amount he felt should be refunded. After brief discussion, Alderman Evans made the motion to refund 50% of his original permit fee that would amount to \$1,020.00.

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock. Yay: Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock, Alderman Evans, and Alderman Heinz. Abstained: Alderman Lewis. Motion carried.

2. *Discussion and possible action approving the annexation of 39492 Palm Dr., Los Fresnos, Tx 78566 – 2.75 acre tract and being out of block 41, Bayview Citrus Grove Subdivision, Unit 2, Cameron County, Texas, county tax id # 73- 7420-0410-0201-00.* Mr. Alaniz, owner of the property, presented his request which was recommended from Cameron County because of the replat of the property he wanted to do. After a lengthy discussion, Alderman Heinz made the motion to deny the annexation of the 39492 Palm Dr., Los Fresnos, Texas 78566- 2.75 acre tract and being out of block 41, Bayview Citrus Grove Subdivision, Unit 2, Cameron County, Texas. Second: Alderman Lewis. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. *Discussion and possible action approving a variance for a fence across Ebony Street for block F, 2.91 acres (corner FM 510 & FM 2480) (Gina Hernandez.* At this time, Ms. Hernandez and her contractor presented their plans in setting the fence across the Ebony Street. After brief discussion, Alderman Lewis made the motion to deny the request of a variance for the fence across Ebony Street which would block the street entrance. Second: Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the June 16, 2022 Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes.* Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock made the motion to approve the June 16, 2022 Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes as presented. Second: Alderman Heinz. Yay: Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock, Alderman Evans and Alderman Heinz. Abstained: Alderman Lewis. Motion carried.
5. *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. Second: Alderman Evans. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the current Builder's Inspector's Report for the month of June 2022 including payment for 30% variance on contract in the amount of \$360.00.* Alderman Lewis made the motion to approve current Builder's Inspector's Report for the month of June 2022 including payment of \$360.00 as presented. Second: Mayor Pro Tem Steenbock. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. *Discussion and possible action approving or rejecting the current OSSF Inspector's Report for the month of June2022(negative report).* Mayor Paris reported OSSF Inspector is out of town but no actions were done in month of June 2022.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

8. *Commitment letter from Town Auditors.* Mayor Paris presented the commitment letter from Cascos & Associates for the Town audit for 2021-2022.
9. *Discussion and possible action approving road repair engineering consultant contract.* Mayor Paris presented a proposal from Brown, Leal & Associates providing services on maintenance of the roads. Discussion was held on roads needing repair, road repair plans done by the Road Committee led by Alderman Evans, expenditures of the road repairs and contractors working on roads. Mayor Paris reported that his discussion held with Mr. Brown included the company inspecting the roads in Bayview and having them tell us the conditions of the roads. Alderman Lewis made the motion to approve the proposal from Brown, Leal & Associates with a payment of \$2,500.00 for their services of a road survey. Second: Alderman Evans. All in favor. Motion carried.
10. *Discussion on existing contract with Spectrum and Star Link is installation.* Mayor Paris reported that the contract with Spectrum has terminated and they will disconnect on 8/2/2022. He also reported that Star Link equipment has been received and has been installed. Mayor Paris also reported that the Town attorney had sent the letter to Spectrum and nothing has been heard from them about our contract reimbursement.
11. *TCEQ Review of 114 South San Roman Rd. septic tank installation.* Mayor Paris reported that he met with the TCEQ inspector, gave him the files including a copy of our ordinance, walked him over to the property and he will be doing his inspection along with our OSSF Inspector, Gilbert Cisneros, tomorrow at 8:30 a.m. He continued by stating that the TCEQ inspector will let the Town know his findings.
12. *Discussion on Board of Adjustment meeting for 114 S. San Roman Rd.* Mayor Paris reported that Mr. Stull had received a letter from the Town stating that he either keeps the property as commercial or make adjustments to get a certificate of occupancy. He continued reporting that Mr. Stull would like to meet with the Board of Adjustments to plead his case. The Board of Adjustment will be meeting on August 20,2022 at 9:00 a.m.

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. *Discussion of draft 2022-2023 Town of Bayview Budget.* Mayor Paris reviewed the items on the budget and changes along with explanations.
2. *Bayview Land acquisition initiative funded by Texas General Land Office.* Mayor Paris reported attending a meeting where there is \$3 million dollars available for land for habitats: the Town has an opportunity to receive funds to purchase land for habitats, not parks; land that animals can use, racoons, rabbits, possums, etc. He continued that if the Town makes it to Tier 1, the Town will have a chance to get money to purchase this land.
3. *Road pothole repair.* Mayor Paris reported that he reviewed the repairs explaining how they done: Palma Lane, Resaca, San Roman, FM510 & San Roman; the cost of supplies have increased and that is why the cost were so much; based on the cost he stopped the remaining repair of potholes.
4. *Town Complaints.* Mayor Paris reported that Ms. Batko is a neighbor for 166 N. San Roman and is complaining of the gas tank which was installed many years ago. Discussion was held on over grown grass and management of right of ways.
5. *Emergency Management update:* Alderman Lewis addressed several emergency matters for us all to consider from now until the end of the year:  
HURRICANE SEASON – stock up on emergency supplies for you and your animals. Keep your vehicle fueled and batteries in stock. Consider a solar powered charger for your phone or other small devices.  
COVID 19 -we are still having weekly calls with the county. Last reported were nearly 3,400 hospitalized C19 cases in Texas. Cameron hospitals estimate that 2/3 cases are asymptomatic and are in the hospital primarily for other reasons such as cardiac issues, surgeries, etc. Also reports show that those hospitalized primarily FOR COVID are symptomatic and fully vaccinated.  
PAXLOVID - The Pfizer COVID19 pill “Paxlovid” has been reported to cause severe dehydration and rebound cases of COVID19 in some patients.  
STOCKING UP – Global supply chains are severely disrupted. Our primary source of goods and supplies are from China and shipments from that country are dwindling to near zero. American Manufacturing has not yet ramped up to meet the demand.  
FOOD PROCESSORS - Over 100 food processors have been destroyed since January 2021 further increasing food shortages and high prices. Farmers are being required in many areas to destroy their crops and milk production. Stock up as you can.  
EMERGENCY OIL RESERVES - oil reserves were utilized to reduce fuel prices, but much of those reserves were shipped to Europe and China. 1,200 Texas Refinery workers were laid off due to lack of oil. Prepare for fuel shortages this summer.

FARMING – California, a major source of American crops, is returning potable crop water back to the ocean as instructed by the government creating difficulties and adding to further food shortages. Please stock up on non-perishable items.

ELECTRICAL OUTAGES – electrical outages and possible rolling blackouts are expected this summer.

WATER SHORTAGES – please use water wisely. Water in the morning or late evening to reduce evaporation.

TERRORISM - There are threats of possible terrorist activity coming from China or Russia. New York is holding emergency exercises in the event these threats manifest.

6. *Bayview Beautification Day.* Alderman Heinz reported the day would be on July 30, 2022 meeting at the Town Hall at 8:00 a.m.

7. *Report from Building and Standards Commission.* No reports at this time.

## **ADJOURN**

Alderman Lewis made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Second: Alderman Evans. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Gary E. Paris, Mayor

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Carmen I. Amaya, Secretary