

**CITY OF NATALIA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2078 STATE HWY 132 NORTH, NATALIA, TEXAS
JANUARY 21, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

Roll Call

Honorable Ruby Vera, Mayor – present
Alderman Jaime Gomez – present
Alderman Tommy Ortiz – present

Alderman Sam Smith – present
Alderman Sam Bluemel Jr. – present
Alderman Mike Fernandez – present

Call to order

Mayor Ruby Vera called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Notice was posted as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act (Chapter 551, Texas Government Code). Alderman Sam Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Ruby Vera the Invocation.

Citizens to be heard

- Emilio Flores – 502 6th Street – discussed city streets in need of repair, sales tax rate increased, water shut offs, and city hiring a city financial administrator.

City Council Comments

The City Council members responded to Mr. Flores with brief and factual comments.

Discuss and consider approval of the consent agenda as presented or amended.

- a. **Approval of the City Council Minutes from:
December 11, 2012 Special Meeting
December 17, 2012 Regular Meeting**
- b. **Acceptance of the Financial Activity Report**
- c. **Acceptance of the Utility Activity Report**
- d. **Acceptance of the Municipal Court Activity Report**
- e. **Acceptance of the Animal Control Activity Report**
- f. **Acceptance of the Police Department Activity Report**

Mayor Vera requested to pull items "b" and "c" of the consent agenda.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Sam Smith and a second made by Alderman Jaime Gomez, the City Council voted (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Items "b" and "c" as presented . The motion carried.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Sam Smith and a second made by Alderman Jaime Gomez, the City Council voted (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve Items "b" and "c" of the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried.

Discuss and consider possible action on the sale of 3 acre-feet of water to Charles Talbert.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Sam Bluemel, Jr. and a second by Alderman Tommy Ortiz, the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to authorize the sale of 3 acre-feet of water to Charles Tolbert contingent upon the possible need for Mr. Talbert to obtain a Class D Water License in order to re-sale the water; and counsel's opinion on the liability on the City. The motion carried.

Discuss and consider possible action on Resolution No. 13-01, a resolution of the City council of the City of Natalia, Texas designating authorized signers of all accounts for the City of Natalia, Texas with Security State Bank.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Mike Fernandez and a second made by Sam Bluemel, Jr., the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to adopt Resolution No. 13-01 as presented. The motion carried.

Discuss and consider possible action on the placement of a mobile home located at 100 Heather Hollow in the Hunters Oak Subdivision in Natalia, TX.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Mike Fernandez and a second made by Sam Smith, the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the placement of a mobile home located at 100 Heather Hollow in the Hunters Oak Subdivision in Natalia, TX. with the provision that if the mobile home is removed from the property it will not be allowed to move back onto the property or replaced by another. The motion carried.

Discuss and consider possible action on the review of Ordinance No. 0-84-1, an ordinance regulating door-to-door soliciting/peddling within the corporate limits of Natalia.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Sam Smith and a second made by Mike Fernandez, the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to direct City Administrator Sandra Passailaigue to bring back a draft revision of Ordinance No. 0-84-1 at the next Regular City Council meeting. The motion carried.

Discuss and consider possible action on the review of Ordinance No. 00-621, an ordinance of the City of Natalia, State of Texas, to require the vacation, relocation of occupants, securing, repair, removal or demolition of buildings that are dilapidated, substandard or unfit for human habitation and that are hazards to the public health, safety and welfare within said City.

Upon direction from City Council, City Administrator will get a draft from the City Attorney's office that covers Ordinance No. 00-621 and Ordinance No. 00-0920 to present at the next Regular City Council meeting.

Discuss and consider possible action on the review of Ordinance No. 00-0920, an ordinance of the city of Natalia amending Ordinance No. 00-621, the hazardous building ordinance, establishing an inspection committee.

Upon direction from City Council, City Administrator will get a draft from the City Attorney's office that covers Ordinance No. 00-621 and Ordinance No. 00-0920 to present at the next Regular City Council meeting.

Discuss and consider possible action on Ordinance No. 13-0121, an ordinance amending the City of Natalia Personnel Policy Manual, Chapter 5, providing for a repealer, severability and an effective date.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Sam Bluemel Jr., and a second made by Alderman Sam Smith, the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to adopt Ordinance No. 13-0121 as captioned and presented. The motion carried.

City Administrator Passailaigue suggested that the Council meet in Executive Session in the near future to discuss the compensatory time already accrued by staff and how to move forward.

Mayor's Report

- a. County Commissioners Court of Medina County's December 31, 2012 declaration of a ninety (90) day ban on all outdoor burning**
- b. Park Committee establishment**
- c. Bluebonnet Festival**
- d. History Book Information**
- e. Centennial Cook Book**
- f. Warm Hearts Warm Homes Heater Assistance Program - AACOG**

Mayor Vera reported the following:

- a. County Commissioners Court of Medina County's December 31, 2012 declaration of a ninety (90) day ban on all outdoor burning: No burning allowed county wide and no burning in a barrel allowed in the City limits of Natalia.
- b. Park Committee Establishment: Mayor Vera is establishing a Park Committee. Total proceeds raised from the Centennial are \$5,500.00 to go towards the Park.
- c. Bluebonnet Festival: Bluebonnet Festival is on April 6, 2013. The first Bluebonnet Festival Committee meeting will be on January 28th at 6 p.m. at City Hall.
- d. History Book Information: Mayor Vera stated that she is still looking to gather family history for Natalia.
- e. Centennial Cook Book: Mayor Vera is still looking for recipes to reenergize Centennial Cook Book.

- f. Warm Hearts Warm Homes Heater Assistance Program – AACOG: Medina County residents are encouraged to apply for assistance in the Warm Hearts Homes Heater Assistance Program-AACOG.

City Administrator’s Report:

- a. **Codification**
- b. **Med Clinic**
- c. **Love’s Station**
- d. **Municipal Development District – MDD**
- e. **City Website**

City Administrator Sandra Passailaigue reported the following:

- a. Codification: Ms. Passailaigue reported that she is in the process of gathering quotes to bring back to Council to codify the City’s ordinances.
- b. Med Clinic: Beth Leonesio stated that Med Clinic has decided the floor plan layout and now Moab Construction will submit floor plan and appraisal to the bank to get final approval.
- c. Love’s Station: Had a delay in opening in January due to rain but will open mid-February.
- d. Municipal Development District – MDD: Paperwork is being finalized and will be sent out to Texas State Comptroller’s office.
- e. City Website: Meeting with Sam Alaniz on January 29th to discuss the City of Natalia’s website.

The City Council shall meet in Executive Session under Texas Government Code § 551.074 *Personnel Matters* to discuss the following:

- a) **To discuss the employment agreement for the City Administrator**
- b) **To discuss the employment agreement for the Financial Administrator**

The City Council went into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

The City Council reconvened into Regular Session at 8:42 p.m.

Reconvene into Regular Session and take action on issues discussed in Executive Session if necessary.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Mike Fernandez and a second made by Alderman Tommy Ortiz, the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to the employment agreement for the City Administrator and the employment agreement for the Financial Administrator. The motion carried.

Discuss and consider action to renew water lease agreement with Richard Vogt for 40 acre feet of water for calendar year 2013.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Mike Fernandez and a second made by Sam Smith, the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to renew the water lease agreement with Richard Vogt for 40 acre feet of water for calendar year 2013. The motion carried.

Discuss and consider action on denial of West Texas Gas, Inc. proposed increase in rates submitted to the City on or about September 27, 2012.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Sam Smith and a second made by Sam Bluemel Jr., the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed on the denial of proposed rate increase by West Texas's Gas, Inc. submitted to the City on or about September 27, 2012. The motion carried.

Discuss and consider action to set a date for a goal setting workshop for the City Council and City Administrator.

A Goal Setting Workshop was set for Monday, January 28, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. immediately following the 6:00 p.m. Bluebonnet Festival Committee meeting.

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Mike Fernandez and a second made by Sam Bluemel Jr., the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting at 8:49 p.m. on Monday, January 21, 2013. The motion carried.

The minutes approved on the 18th of February, 2013.

A P P R O V E D

RUBERTA C. VERA
MAYOR

Attest: _____
MELANIE A. GARZA
Administrative Assistant