

**CITY OF NATALIA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2078 STATE HWY 132 NORTH, NATALIA, TEXAS
FEBRUARY 18, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

Roll Call

Honorable Ruby Vera, Mayor – present	Alderman Sam Smith – present
Alderman Jaime Gomez – present	Alderman Sam Bluemel Jr. - present
Alderman Tommy Ortiz - 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 Jaime Gomez led the Pledge of Allegiance and Sam Bluemel Jr. the invocation.

Citizens to be heard

Don Kolle – 206 Red Quill Nest San Antonio, TX – discussed his concerns on an investigation of alleged poisoning that happened in 2009 at the Natalia High School.

City Council Comments

Mayor Vera did respond to Mr. Kolle’s concerns with brief and factual comments.

Alderman Mike Fernandez stated he had a few complaints from citizens about 5th and Palfrey Street being dusty.

Alderman Sam Bluemel Jr. stated that once the weather is consistently hot the tar will stick better and dust on 5th and Palfrey would be settled.

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

- a. Approval of the City Council Minutes from:
January 21, 2013 Regular Meeting
January 28, 2013 Special 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**

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 approve the consent agenda with the exception of item "4c" as presented. The motion carried.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Mike Fernandez and a second made by Alderman Sam Bluemel Jr., the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve "4c" of the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried.

Discuss and consider action on a presentation from Michael Burton of Emergency Communications Network Inc. (ECN) regarding their emergency notification system CodeRED; to be considered as a possible service to the City of Natalia.

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Upon a motion made by Alderman Sam Bluemel Jr. and a second made by Alderman Mike Fernandez, the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to table possible action on the presentation from Michael Burton of Emergency Communications Network Inc. (ECN) regarding their emergency notification system CodeRED until the March Regular City Council meeting to have time to review. The motion carried.

Discuss and consider action on a presentation from Kate Williams of Texas Disposal Systems (TDS) to outline services they currently provide to the City of Natalia and proposed changes as the contract between the City and TDS nears expiration.

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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 table possible action on the presentation made by Kate Williams of Texas Disposal Systems (TDS) until contract is closer to expiration date. The motion carried.

Discuss and consider action on a presentation from Charles Talbert and Moab Construction for a proposed townhomes to be built on Bennett St.

Charles Talbert was not present. Beth Leonesio of Moab Construction spoke to City Council regarding the proposed townhomes to be built on the Bennett St.

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 table possible action on a presentation from Charles Talbert and Moab Construction for a proposed townhomes to be built on Bennett St., until a special meeting is held to discuss further. Special meeting will be held on February 25, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. The motion carried.

Discuss and consider action on Resolution No. 13-02, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Natalia, Texas authorizing the Natalia Police Department (NPD) to participate in Governor Perry's Criminal Justice Division's (CJD) Program.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Sam Smith and a second made by Alderman Sam Bluemel Jr., the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to table possible action on Resolution No. 13-02 until a special meeting that will be held on February 25, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. City Council asked Chief Wayne Morgan to provide them with a copy of the grant application so it could be reviewed further. The motion carried.

Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 13-0218-1, an ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 00-84-1 and adopting a new ordinance regulating solicitors of services, funds, or property for commercial and non-profit purposes; providing for an application for a permit to solicit and requiring identification badges; establishing a bonding requirement for solicitors; penalties for non-compliance; providing for revocation of permits; and providing for an appeal of revocation.

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 approve Ordinance No. 13-0218-1 as captioned and presented. The motion carried.

Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 13-0218-2, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Natalia, Texas establishing a health and sanitation program within the City of Natalia, Texas and enforcement of its provisions; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Sam Bluemel Jr. and a second made by Alderman Mike Fernandez, the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve Ordinance No. 13-0218-2 as captioned and presented. The motion carried.

Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 13-0218-3, an ordinance adopting a purchasing policy; providing for severability and an effective date.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Sam Smith and a second made by Alderman Tommy Ortiz, the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve Ordinance No. 13-0218-3 as captioned and presented. The motion carried.

Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 13-0218-4, an ordinance authorizing the Chief of Police to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the District Attorney's Office to cover all forfeiture action in accordance with Chapter 59 C.C.P.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Sam Bluemel Jr. and a second made by Alderman Mike Fernandez, the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve Ordinance No. 13-0218-4 with corrections of the Interlocal Agreement being two (2) years and not four (4) years and making the Agreement between the District Attorney's Office of the 38th Judicial District of Texas and the City Council of the City of Natalia and not with the City of Natalia Police Department. The motion carried.

Mayor's Report

- a) Update on the Bluebonnet Festival**
- b) Update/Reminder of the February 28th meeting in Austin, Texas with Senator Uresti**

Mayor Vera reported the following:

- a) Mayor Vera stated that the Natalia Bluebonnet Festival Committee announced that the event would be on April 6, 2013 starting with a Parade at 11 a.m. vendors and entertainment until 6 p.m. Natalia Bluebonnet King and Queen would be determined by the number of money raised, a penny a vote.
- b) Mayor Vera reminded City Council of the February 28th meeting in Austin, Texas with Senator Uresti

City Administrator's Report:

- a) Employee Update**
- b) Mobile Home Ordinance Amendment**
- c) City's Website**
- d) Impound Auction scheduled for March 16, 2013**
- e) Natalia Library Improvements**
- f) Newsletter**
- g) Update on walls, doors and windows at City Hall**
- h) Mixed Beverage Tax**

City Administrator reported the following:

- a) Employee Update: Ms. Passailaigue reported that Jose Soto, Utility Department Field Operator attended a waste water course and would be testing later this month for his "D License."
- b) Mobile Home Ordinance Amendment: Ms. Passailaigue reported that Mobile Home Ordinance Amendment is still being researched by attorney's office.
- c) City's Website: Sneak peak of the new City's website is ready for City Council to view. Ms. Passailaigue advised City Council to submit a bio that could be included on the new City's website.
- d) Impound Auction scheduled for March 16, 2013: Pending
- e) Natalia Library Improvements: Ms. Passailaigue thanks Love's travel center and the Utility department for the improvements made to the Natalia Library. Love's donated left over insulation and the Utility department for installing the insulation in the Library.

- f) Newsletter: Ms. Passailaigue advised City Council that Spring Newsletter deadline was on February 15, 2013. Ms. Passailaigue did let City Council know if they would like to add something to Newsletter to let her know. Next deadline for Newsletter will be on May 15, 2013.
- g) Update on walls, doors and windows at City Hall: Ms. Passailaigue advised City Council that walls and doors have been installed in City Hall. Prices for shattered proof glass windows are still being priced.
- h) Mixed Beverage Tax: Ms. Passailaigue informed the City Council that at their request, she is now working with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) on what is needed for a mixed beverage tax for the City. There will be an update on this at the March meeting.

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

a) Performance evaluation of Chief of Police.

The City Council went into Executive Session at 8:49 p.m.

The City council reconvened into Regular Session at 10:21 p.m.

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

No action taken.

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Alderman Sam Bluemel Jr. and a second by Alderman Tommy Ortiz, the City Council voted five (5) and one (0) to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting at 10:21 p.m. on Monday, February 18, 2013. The motion carried.

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

A P P R O V E D

RUBERTA C. VERA
MAYOR

Attest: _____
MELANIE A. GARZA
Administrative Assistant