

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

MINUTES

Roll Call

Honorable Ruby Vera, Mayor – present	Alderman Sam Smith – absent
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

Mike B. Walker - 601 Miller Natalia, Texas – Mr. Mike B. Walker requested to temporarily place and occupy a fifth-wheel recreational vehicle on his mother' s residential lot. (Item #7)

City Council Comments

None

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

- a. Approval of the City Council Minutes from:
February 18, 2013 Regular Meeting
February 25, 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 Mike Fernandez and a second made by Alderman Sam Bluemel Jr., the City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried.

An item affirming the City Administrator's selection of Mr. Gary Davis as the City's Public Health Officer.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Sam Bluemel Jr. and a second made by Alderman Mike Fernandez the City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to affirm Gary Davis as the City's Public Health Officer. The motion carried.

Presentation by Mr. Keith Lutz, Medina County Emergency Management Coordinator regarding the October 5, 2013 State required Public Health Emergency Preparedness Exercise followed by discussion and possible action.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Sam Bluemel Jr. and a second made by Alderman Mike Fernandez the City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to approve of the City of Natalia's participation in the Medina County Emergency Management October 5, 2013 Emergency Preparedness Exercise. The motion carried.

Discuss and consider a request by Mr. Mike B. Walker to place and occupy a fifth-wheel recreational vehicle on a residential lot.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Mike Fernandez and a second made by Alderman Tommy Ortiz, the City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to grant a variance to allow Mr. Mike B. Walker to temporarily place and occupy a fifth-wheel recreational vehicle on a residential lot for six (6) months; adding that a six (6) month extension to the variance could be obtained if needed upon Council's approval. The motion carried.

Presentation by Mr. Donald Kolle regarding an incident at Natalia High School on October 26, 2009.

Mr. Donald Kolle voiced his concerns with the lack of response on the disposition of the investigation of an incident that occurred at Natalia High School on October 26, 2009. The City Council directed the Chief of Police to send a letter to Mr. Kolle regards to the final disposition of the incident at Natalia High School on October 26, 2009. Mayor Vera asked the Chief to provide the letter to her for review before it is mailed to Mr. Kolle.

Presentation by Ms. Debi Sansom representative of Town & Country Mobile Home Park regarding a request for speed bumps followed by discussion and possible action.

Ms. Debi Sansom was not present at the City Council Meeting. Ms. Mary Sanders, a resident of Town & Country Mobile Home Park did speak to council regarding the request for speed bumps.

The City Council directed Chief Wayne Morgan and City Administrator Passailaigue to get together to see what safety measures can be taken to assist with Ms. Sansom's complaint about speeding within their community.

Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 13-0318-1, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Natalia to create a Records Management Program to include a retention schedule and associated fees; and establishing an effective date.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Sam Bluemel Jr. and a second made by Alderman Jaime Gomez the City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to adopt Ordinance No. 13-0318-1 as captioned and presented. The motion carried.

Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 13-0318-2, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Natalia, Texas establishing regulations governing dilapidated, dangerous and unsafe buildings and structures, declaring conditions in violation of this ordinance to be a public nuisance and providing for abatement; repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; providing a savings clause; and establishing an effective date.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Tommy Ortiz and a second made by Alderman Sam Bluemel Jr., the City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to adopt Ordinance No. 13-0318-2 as captioned and presented. The motion carried.

Discuss and consider action on Resolution No. 13-04, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Natalia, Texas to enter into a contractual agreement between CodeRED© Emergency Communications Network and the City of Natalia, Texas.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Mike Fernandez and a second made by Alderman Tommy Ortiz the City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to postpone consideration of Resolution No. 13-04 until the May 20, 2013 City Council Meeting. The motion carried.

Discuss and consider Stage III Water Restrictions.

Mayor Vera and City Council discussed the possibility of Stage III Water Restrictions if we do not get any rain soon. No action was taken.

Discuss and consider action on setting the date for the next Natalia Police Department auction.

No action taken.

Mayor's Report

- a) Update on the Bluebonnet Festival**
- b) Update of the March 11th meeting in Austin, Texas with Senator Uresti**
- c) Calvin Finch – Water Leaks**
- d) Natalia Park Clean-up**

Mayor Vera reported the following: a) the Mayor stated that Parade entry forms are still being accepted and can also be obtained at City Hall; b) the May 11th meeting with Senator Uresti.....c) the Mayor and City Administrator meet with Calvin Finch, Director of Texas Water Resource Institute and he will be providing information on leak detection programs, water conservation and other water saving tips. More to come in the near future on this; and d) the Mayor updated the Council on park clean-up

City Administrator's Report

- a) Mobile Home Ordinance Amendment**
- b) City's Website**
- c) Mixed Beverage Tax**
- d) Brush pick up**
- e) SAWS Juan Soulas presentation April 15th**
- f) Codification**

City Administrator Passailaigue reported the following: a) the proposed ordinance amending the City's current mobile home ordinance is nearing completion and should be on the Regular April Council agenda for consideration; b) the newly revised City website is also in the final stages with more information being loaded up. Ms. Passailaigue reminded members of City Council to send in their biographies for the site; c) the mixed beverage tax will need to be proposed to the citizens as a Special Election item on the November 2013 ballot if the Council still wants that to be considered; d) bulky item pick up went well and a lot of citizens really worked hard to clean up their property and Ms. Passailaigue expressed her appreciation for that effort. The brush pick up begins today, March 18th and will last as long as it takes to pick it all up; e) Juan Soulas of San Antonio Water System (SAWS) will give a presentation at 6:00 p.m. on water conservation and landscaping with drought resistant plants. This presentation is at no cost to the City and is open to all citizens and guests who are interested; and f) the third and final bid for codification has come in and Ms. Passailaigue will make a

recommendation to the City Council on that project at the Regular April Council meeting.

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Alderman Mike Fernandez and a second by Alderman Sam Bluemel Jr., the City Council voted four (4) and one (0) to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting at 8:58 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2013. The motion carried.

The minutes approved on the 15th of April, 2013.

A P P R O V E D

RUBERTA C. VERA
MAYOR

Attest: _____
MELANIE A. GARZA
Administrative Assistant