

**CITY OF NATALIA
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2078 STATE HWY 132 NORTH, NATALIA, TEXAS
APRIL 15, 2013
6:00 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 Mike Fernandez led the pledge of allegiance and Alderman Sam Bluemel Jr. the invocation.

Citizens to be heard

Presentation by Juan Soulas of the San Antonio Water System (SAWS) on water conservation to include plant selection, planting times, mulching/soil preparation, planning ahead of restrictions, protecting house foundations and avoiding common homeowner mistakes.

City Council Comments – Alderman Ortiz thanked Chief Morgan for officers doing a good job.

Alderman Fernandez requested that City Administrator Passailaigue write a thank you letter to Robert Puente from SAWS for having Juan Soulas come and give presentation.

Alderman Gomez wanted to give his thoughts and prayers to the people of Boston.

Presentation of the City of Natalia’s 2013 Bluebonnet King and Queen and presentation of donations from them to the Natalia Library.

Mayor Vera presented the City of Natalia’s 2013 Bluebonnet King and Queen. Mayor Vera also presented the Natalia Library a check for \$370.00 that was raised by the Bluebonnet King and Queen.

Presentation by Mayor Vera of a proclamation declaring the month of April 2013 as “Fair Housing Month”.

Mayor Vera presented proclamation declaring the month of April 2013 as "Fair Housing Month."

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

- a. Approval of the City Council Minutes from:
March 07, 2013 Special Meeting
March 18, 2013 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**

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

Presentation by Emergency Management Director, Keith Lutz on the AACOG i-INFO information management solution followed by discussion and possible action.

No action taken.

Discuss and consider possible action on the purchase of the alleyway directly behind his home at 508 5th Street (between 4th Street and 5th Street and Cresson and St. John Bosco Catholic Church) as requested by Mr. Domingo Campos, Jr.

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 the request by Mr. Domingo Campos, Jr. for the purchase of the alleyway directly behind his home at 508 5th Street (between 4th Street and 5th Street and Cresson and St. John Bosco Catholic Church. The motion carried.

Discuss and consider possible action on a request from Ruben Loza to have a fireworks display at the Natalia High School for graduation.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Sam Smith and a second made by Alderman Mike Fernandez, the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the request from Ruben Loza to have a fireworks display at the Natalia High School for graduation. City Council requested that the Natalia Volunteer Fire Department be on stand-by during fireworks display. The motion carried.

Presentation of the six month financial report followed by discussion and possible action.

Council and Finance Administrator, Beth Leonesio, discussed the suggested changes to revenue and expenses as presented. Alderman Jaime Gomez questioned whether or not funds could be transferred from the General Fund to the Utility Fund if needed for equipment purchases. Ms. Leonesio stated she was certain they could be but would verify with Wayne Beyer and report back. After a line by line consideration of the changes, the motion to approve the reallocation of the 2012/2013 budget was made by Alderman Mike Fernandez and a second by Alderman Tommy Ortiz, the City Council voted five (5) and none (0) opposed to approve the reallocation of the 2012/2013 Budget. Ms. Leonesio told Council she would make the changes and the reallocated budgets would be given to the City Administrator for distribution to Council prior to the May Meeting. The Mayor reminded the Council that since we are not sure of what all the increases in revenue will be due to the Love's activity; Council will be free to make changes on a monthly basis if required with budget adjustments according to policy. The motion carried.

Discuss and consider action on the approval of the new Natalia Police Department Reserve Officers.

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 the hiring of the new Natalia Police Department Reserve Officers, Franz Rickhoff, J.D. May and Tanya Dehoyos. The motion carried.

Discuss and consider possible action on the City Administrator's recommendation for the codification of the City of Natalia's ordinances.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Sam Bluemel Jr. and a second made by Alderman Tommy Ortiz, the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the City Administrator's recommendation (Muni-Code) for the codification of the City of Natalia's ordinances. The motion carried.

Discuss and consider possible action on the City Administrator's request to Council to create a work group consisting of two Council members and the City Administrator to review the City of Natalia's current subdivision ordinance and bring back a draft amendment for City Council's consideration.

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 Alderman Tommy Ortiz and Alderman Sam Bluemel Jr. and the City Administrator to review the City of

Natalia's current subdivision ordinance and bring back a draft amendment for City Council's consideration. The motion carried.

Mayor's Report

- a) Update on the April 6th Blue Bonnet Festival**
- b) Update on the West Texas Gas Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**
- c) Update on TxDOT project on 471/IH35**
- d) Quarterly Elected Officials Meeting to be hosted by the City of Natalia on April 18, 2013 at the City offices.**
- e) Street Lights on FM 471**
- f) County Commissioners Court of Medina County's temporary lift on the burn ban – effective April 8, 2013 and expiring on April 22, 2013**

Mayor Vera reported the following: (a) the Mayor gave an update on the April 6th Bluebonnet Parade. Mayor Vera stated that committee will be meeting in two months to plan for next year's Bluebonnet Parade/Festival; (b) the Mayor gave an update on the West Texas Gas Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (c) TxDOT project on 471/IH-35 will be in three stages, stage I to start as early as this week (d) Mayor advised City Council that the City of Natalia will host the Quarterly Elected Officials Meeting on April 18, 2013 at the City offices. (e) Mayor Vera asked Chief Morgan to research where on FM 471 we can place five (5) street lights. (f) Mayor Vera informed City Council that the County Commissioners Court of Medina County's temporary lift on the burn ban effective April 8, 2013 and expiring on April 22, 2013.

City Administrator's Report:

- a) Staff Update**
- b) "No Parking" Signs at the Little League Field**
- c) Family Movie Night - April 19th at 6:00 p.m.**

City Administrator, Sandra Passailaigue reported the following: a) Ms. Passailaigue informed the Council that the staff that is currently out on leave were doing well and hoping to return to work as soon as possible; b) that the "No Parking" signs that Council asked be replaced at the Little League Field have been ordered and will be installed as soon as we get them in; and c) that the Library will be hosting Family Movie Night in Council Chambers on Friday, April 19th at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Edge, Librarian is hoping to have this event monthly. There will be no admission fee but there will be candy, popcorn and beverages available for purchase. All proceeds will go to the Library Fund.

The City Council shall meet in Executive Session under Texas Government Code § 551.071 Consultation with Attorney to discuss the following:

- a) Discussion with the City Attorney regarding legal issues associated with the City's Towing Program.**

The City Council went into Executive Session at 8:46 p.m.

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

The City Council reconvened into Regular Session at 10:00 p.m.

No action taken.

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Alderman Sam Bluemel Jr., and a second by Alderman Jaime Gomez, the City Council voted five (5) and none (0) to adjourn the Special City Council meeting at 10:28 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 2013. The motion carried.

The minutes approved on the 20th of May, 2013.

A P P R O V E D

RUBERTA C. VERA
MAYOR

Attest: _____
MELANIE A. GARZA
Administrative Assistant