

**CITY OF NATALIA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
2078 STATE HWY 132 NORTH, NATALIA, TEXAS  
MAY 20, 2013  
7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Roll Call**

Honorable Ruberta 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 Ruberta Vera called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:01 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 Ruberta Vera the invocation.

**Citizens to be heard**

None

**Public Hearing – Request for a replat by Juan Camacho, Jr. on behalf of Deonna Tripline owner of White Star Subdivision located off of FM 471 in the City of Natalia, legal description is Block D Lot 14, a 2.82 acre lot. The request is to subdivide Lot 14 into two lots renaming them as Lot 14A, a 2.12 acre lot and Lot 14B, a 0.64 acre lot.**

Mayor Vera opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Mr. Juan Camacho presented the item on behalf of Ms. Deonna Tripline.

There being no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed at 7:08 p.m.

**City Council Comments**

- Mayor Vera announced that the burn ban had been temporarily lifted by Medina County and the City follows the County. Any person who plans to burn within the City limits will need to notify the Natalia Volunteer Fire Department. Mayor Vera also said that the first phase of the improvement project to IH 35 and FM 471 have been completed with signage and ripple bars in place.

- Alderman Mike Fernandez asked that the Mayor speak with TxDOT regarding the possible placement of a “dead-end sign” at the access road at Love’s. Alderman Fernandez also thanked everyone that came out and supported the Villarreal family at the benefit barbeque for Oscar Villarreal.
- Alderman Sam Bluemel, Jr. thanked Mr. Richard Morales and his crew for the clean-up they have done in the City.

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

- Approval of the City Council Minutes from:  
April 15, 2013 Special Meeting**
- Acceptance of the Financial Activity Report**
- Acceptance of the Utility Activity Report**
- Acceptance of the Municipal Court Activity Report**
- Acceptance of the Animal Control Activity Report**
- 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 accept the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried.

**Discuss and consider action on the replat of White Star Subdivision located off of FM 471 in the City of Natalia, legal description is Block D Lot 14, a 2.82 acre lot. To subdivide Lot 14 into two lots renaming them as Lot 14A, a 2.12 acre lot and Lot 14B, a 0.64 acre lot.**

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 replat as captioned. The motion carried.

**Discuss and consider action to accept the City Administrator’s recommendation to approve the placement of a mobile home at Town & Country Mobile Home Park Lot #33 in accordance with the City of Natalia Ordinance No. 99-149.**

City Administrator, Sandra Passailaigue informed the Council that the mobile home had been inspected by the Building Inspector and approved with the recommendation that the bars be removed from the windows and doors before placement. Ms. Passailaigue also informed the Council that the mobile home was in compliance with the City ordinances.

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 the request for placement of the mobile home as presented with the removal of security bars from doors and windows. The motion carried.

**Discuss and consider action to accept Resolution No. 13-05, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Natalia, Texas approving the terms of agreement between Bruce C. Bealor and the City of Natalia for employment as the City Plumbing Inspector; specifying job duties; the rate of compensation and hours of work; providing for severability; and setting an effective date.**

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 accept Resolution No. 13-05 as presented. The motion carried.

**Discuss and consider possible action on the acceptance of the proposed new City website and discontinuation of the current City website.**

Upon a motion made by Alderman Tommy Ortiz and a second made by Alderman Sam Smith, the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to move forward and go live on July 1, 2013 with the new website as presented. The motion carried.

**Discuss and consider action on the Chief of Police, Wayne Morgan's request to transfer the NPD cellular air cards from AT&T to Verizon Wireless as the service provider.**

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 authorize the Chief of Police to transfer the cellular air cards from AT&T to Verizon Wireless as requested. The motion carried.

**Discuss and consider action on the Chief of Police, Wayne Morgan's proposal for traffic improvements within Town & Country Mobile Home Park.**

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 authorize the Chief of Police to implement the traffic improvements he has recommended as presented. The motion carried.

**Discuss and consider action to authorize the City Administrator to enter into negotiations for the SRO Memorandum of Understanding for School Year 2013-2014.**

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 authorize the City Administrator, with the assistance of the Chief of Police and the Finance Administrator to enter into negotiations for the SRO Memorandum of Understanding for School Year 2013-2014. The motion carried.

**Discuss and consider action on the extension of Ms. Beth Leonesio, Finance Administrator's contract.**

Mayor Vera pulled this item from the agenda until a future agenda.

**Discuss and consider action to authorize the City Administer to begin negotiations for solid waste services for the City of Natalia.**

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 authorize the City Administrator to begin negotiations for solid waste services for the City of Natalia. The motion carried.

**Discuss and consider possible action on the preliminary draft of the amended NPD Towing Program & Policy.**

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 move forward with the drafting of the Towing Program & Policy and to bring it back for final approval at the next Regular City Council meeting. The motion carried.

**Mayor's Report**

- a) Evaluation packet and criteria for the City Administrator's evaluation**
- b) Memorial Day Ceremony**
- c) Tet Offensive Ceremony**
- d) Blood Drive – June 29, 2013**
- e) TXCDBG Grant Award**
- f) Meeting with Love's Travel Center Representative**

Mayor Vera reported on the following: a) Mayor Vera distributed the evaluation packet for the City Administrator's six month evaluation which will be conducted in June. Mayor Vera asked that they return them to her by June 1<sup>st</sup>; Mayor Vera also invited everyone to the May 27<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day ceremony at 11:00 a.m. The American Legion Post 371 will be hosting the event; there will be a County wide Tet Offensive Ceremony hosted by the City of Natalia on Flag Day which is June 14<sup>th</sup>; Mayor Vera also announced that there will be a blood drive in honor of Oscar Villarreal on June 29, 2013 during the Kid & Pet Parade; Mayor Vera informed the Council and guests that the City of Natalia came in first for the TXCDBG Grant Award which is for \$275,000 to be used to upgrade the sewer plant; and lastly the Mayor informed everyone that on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> she will accompany the City Administrator and the Finance Administrator to a meeting with Mr. Bill Gleason of Love's to discuss future plans for the property owned by Love's.

**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 Regular City Council meeting at 8:18 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2013. The motion carried.

**The minutes approved on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June, 2013.**

**A P P R O V E D**

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**RUBERTA C. VERA**  
MAYOR

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**SAUNDRA PASSAILAIGUE, TRMC**  
City Administrator