

**CITY OF NATALIA
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2078 STATE HWY 132 NORTH, NATALIA, TEXAS
JUNE 03, 2013
6:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

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 – absent

Call to order

Mayor Ruberta Vera called the Special City Council meeting to order at 6:00 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 Alderman Sam Bluemel, Jr. the invocation.

Citizens to be heard

None

Discuss and consider action to give staff direction regarding the City's IRS debt repayment.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Sam Smith and a second made by Alderman Sam Bluemel, Jr., the City Council voted four (4) and none (0) opposed to giving direction to staff to rescind the expired power of attorney; pay to the IRS the balance owed on the Offer in Compromise with a down payment if necessary; and to allow the Mayor to negotiate with the IRS advocate a possible reduction of the debt. The motion carried.

Discuss and consider possible action for the approval of the percentage of uncollectible for the following: utilities receivable; taxes receivable; GASB 34 receivable; and the fixed asset methodology.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Sam Smith and a second made by Alderman Sam Bluemel, Jr., the City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to approve of the percentage of uncollectible utilities receivables; taxes receivable; GASB 34 receivables and the fixed asset methodology as presented. The motion carried.

Discuss and consider possible action on Ordinance No. 13-0603-1, an ordinance of the City of Natalia, Texas approving a City operated towing program to be managed by the Police Department; establishing fees for nonconsent towing and storage of vehicles; providing for the repeal of conflicting ordinances; severability and an effective date.

There was a consensus among the Council members to set impound fees for the Natalia Police Department Impound at the following rates: tow fee - \$200, notification fee - \$50.00, release fee - \$50.00, daily storage fee - \$20.00, auction fee - \$30.00 and drop fee – no charge. It was also agreed **that no cash payments** will be accepted for payment of impound fees. It was also the consensus of the Council to remove any reference to any vehicle longer than 25 feet in length.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Tommy Ortiz and a second made by Alderman Sam Smith, the City Council voted three (3) for and one (1) opposed with Alderman Jaime Gomez casting the negative vote to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 13-0603-1 as amended. The motion carried.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Sam Smith and a second made by Alderman Sam Bluemel, Jr., the City Council voted three (3) for and one (1) opposed with Alderman Jaime Gomez casting the negative vote to amend the previous motion to a fee that *use of outside wrecker service fees would be the actual cost*. The motion carried.

Discuss and consider possible action on Ordinance No. 13-0603-2, an ordinance of the City of Natalia, Texas amending the City of Natalia Police Department Standard Operating Procedure, Chapter 9; providing for a repealer, severability and establishing an effective date.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Sam Bluemel, Jr. and a second made by Alderman Tommy Ortiz, the City Council voted four (4) and none (0) opposed to re-open the previous item on Ordinance No. 13-0603-1. The motion carried.

There was a brief discussion and a consensus among the Council members that the same fees discussed for Ordinance No. 13-0603-1 be mirrored in Ordinance No. 13-0603-2.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Sam Smith and a second made by Alderman Jaime Gomez, the City Council voted three (3) for and one (1) opposed with Alderman Tommy Ortiz casting the negative vote to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 13-0603-2 as amended. The motion carried.

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

- a. Performance review plan for the position of City Administrator; and**
- b. Performance review plan for the position of Chief of Police.**

The City Council went into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.

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

The City Council reconvened into Open Session at 8:36 p.m.

Mayor Vera stated that the City Council members had been given draft evaluation forms for the position of City Administrator as well as the position of Chief of Police. Mayor Vera asked that they each review the document and forward any changes they wish to make to the forms back to her by Friday, June 7th.

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Alderman Sam Bluemel, Jr. and a second by Alderman Jaime Gomez, the City Council voted four (4) and none (0) to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting at 8:37 p.m. on Monday, June 03, 2013. The motion carried.

The minutes approved on the 17th of June, 2013.

A P P R O V E D

RUBERTA C. VERA
MAYOR

Attest: _____
SAUNDRA PASSAILAIGUE, TRMC
City Administrator