

**CITY OF NATALIA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
2078 STATE HWY 132 NORTH, NATALIA, TEXAS  
JUNE 17, 2013  
7:00 P.M.**

**AGENDA**

**Roll Call**

Honorable Ruberta Vera, Mayor – present  
Alderman Jaime Gomez – present  
Alderman Tommy Ortiz – present

Alderman Sam Smith - absent  
Alderman Sam Bluemel Jr. – present  
Alderman Mike Fernandez – present

**Call to order**

Mayor Ruberta Vera called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Notice was posted as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act (Chapter 551, Texas Government Code). Alderman Tommy Ortiz led the pledge of allegiance and Alderman Sam Bluemel, Jr. the invocation. *Note: There was a consensus among the Council members that Alderman Bluemel is to do the invocation at all future meetings while he is on Council.*

**Citizens to be heard**

None

**City Council Comments**

- **Mayor Vera – Proclamation**

Mayor Vera read the proclamation from the June 14<sup>th</sup> Flag Day Ceremony honoring the Tet Offensive.

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

- a) **Approval of the City Council Minutes from:  
May 20, 2013 Regular Meeting  
June 03, 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/Code Compliance Activity Report**
- f) **Acceptance of the Police Department Activity Report**

Upon a motion made by Alderman Sam Smith and a second made by Alderman Jaime Gomez, the City Council voted four (4) and none (0) opposed to approval the consent agenda with the amendment to the June 03, 2013 towing fee of \$200.00 and not \$250.00. The motion carried.

**Presentation by Emergency Management Director, Keith Lutz on the AACOG i-INFO information management solution 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) and none (0) opposed to move forward with the i-Info system. The motion carried.

**Discuss and consider possible action regarding a wooden structure located at 200 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Natalia, TX to be renovated into a 3 bedroom/2 bath house as requested by Mr. Dana Woodson.**

Mr. Dana Woodson presented the item.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Mike Fernandez and a second made by Alderman Tommy Ortiz, the City Council voted three (3) for and one (1) opposed with Alderman Sam Bluemel, Jr. casting the negative vote to allow Mr. Woodson to proceed with the variance procedure and come back to the Council with a variance request. The motion carried.

**Discuss and consider possible action on the annual review of the lease agreement between the City of Natalia and the Natalia Little League.**

Upon a motion made by Alderman Sam Bluemel, Jr. and a second made by Alderman Tommy Ortiz, the City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to accept the lease agreement between the City of Natalia and the Natalia Little League with the amendment to Section VI 6.5 to read "The City will enforce a cap of 30,000 gallons of water **per month** for all meters combined...". The motion carried.

**Presentation with possible action of the Proposed Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.**

City Administrator Sandra Passailaigue presented the Proposed Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 and asked that the members of City Council review it and give feedback on the proposed dates.

## **Mayor's Report**

- a) Tet Offensive Ceremony**
- b) Blood Drive – June 29, 2013**
- c) TXCDBG Grant Award**

Mayor Vera gave a brief report on the following: a) Mayor Vera reported that the Flag Day Ceremony paying special tribute to the Tet Offensive went very well and that attendance was good. Mayor Vera then shared a beautiful plaque and sash that was presented to her by the Vietnamese Texas Women's Group of Houston; b) there will be a blood drive during the Kid & Pet Parade held on June 29, 2013. All blood donations will be made in the name of Oscar Villarreal; and TXCDBG Grant Award Bid opening will be held on July 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

## **City Administrator's Report**

- a) Employee Update/New Hires**
- b) MDD Tax Effective July 1, 2013**
- c) Denton/Navarro/Rocha & Bernal's annual Hog Wild Event – June 28, 2013**
- d) Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for period January 1 through December 31, 2012**

City Administrator Passailaigue reported the following: a) Ms. Passailaigue reported that Letty Cardenas has started in her new position as Municipal Court Clerk and that Joseph Balencia has started as a part-time Utility Department Field Serviceman; b) the MDD tax will go into effect on July 1, 2013. The County will be sending out notification letters to taxpayers located inside city limits of Natalia that have a sales tax rate of 8.25% (6.25% state of Texas sales tax, 1.00% city of Natalia sales tax, 0.5% Medina County sales tax and 0.5% Natalia Municipal Development District sales tax) and the other goes to the taxpayers that are in the city's ETJ that have a sales tax rate of 7.25% (6.25% state of Texas sales tax, 0.5% Medina County sales tax and Natalia Municipal Development District sales tax; Ms. Passailaigue reminded members of Council and staff of the upcoming Hog Wild event provided by Denton/Navarro/Rocha & Bernal on June 28<sup>th</sup> and asked that they let her know if they plan to attend so she could RSVP for the group; and lastly Ms. Passailaigue announced that the CCR would be available to citizens on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

- a) Performance evaluation of the Chief of Police.**
- b) Six month performance evaluation of the City Administrator as required by employment agreement.**

Mayor Vera pulled this item from the agenda due to a lack of information. There will be a Special City Council meeting called to address this item in the next week.

**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 Mike Fernandez and a second by Alderman Sam Bluemel, Jr., the City Council voted four (4) and none (0) to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting at 8:59 p.m. on Monday, June 17, 2013. The motion carried.

**The minutes approved on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July, 2013.**

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

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**RUBERTA C. VERA**  
MAYOR

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