

**CITY OF NATALIA  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
2078 STATE HWY 132 NORTH, NATALIA, TEXAS  
JANUARY 28, 2013**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BLUEBONNET FESTIVAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**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 Special 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).

**City Council Comments**

- Mayor Ruby Vera announced that she received a letter from Mayor James Danner of Hondo seeking participates for the Medina County Day to meet with Texas Senator Carlos Uresti to discuss community needs.
- Alderman Tommy Ortiz announced that the Natalia Little League would hold two tournaments; the first will be held on February 2, 2013 and the second will be held on February 23, 2013.
- Alderman Mike Fernandez, Alderman Sam Smith and Alderman Sam Bluemel, Jr. voiced concerns with parking on streets near the school and how it affects school buses; vandalism to light fixtures on Third Street; dust from newly graveled roads; and street name signs.

**Goal and Objectives Workshop**

The City Council and City Administrator, Sandra Passailaigue discussed the goals and objectives for the City of Natalia for the next five (5) years. These goals and objectives were as follows:

**1 Year Plan**

Haywood Park  
More Council Involvement  
Chamber of Commerce (Facebook page and website update)  
Placement of monument(s) at main City entrance(s)

Sidewalks, curbs and gutters (8<sup>th</sup> Street, 471 to Kearney)  
Alley use for school bus/student drop off  
Codification

**1-3 Year Plan**

Upgrade water lines  
Bring in more commercial business (increase sales tax)  
Master Plan  
TxDOT signage (listing of services)  
City of Natalia Mission Statement  
Poles for Banners

**3-5 Year Plan**

Streets (community beautification)  
Public Pool (3-way cost sharing between City, School and County)  
Branding – Bring in visitors (a unique business)  
Expand Sewer/Water service to Mustang Estates

**5 Year Plan**

Streets – chip-seal/paved  
Sidewalks, curbs and gutters  
Palm Courts use as a Community Center

**Adjournment**

Upon a motion made by Alderman Sam Smith and a second by Alderman Mike Fernandez, the City Council vote five (5) for and none (0) opposed to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting at 9:23 p.m. on Monday, January 21, 2013. The motion carried.

**These minutes approved on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February, 2013.**

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

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**RUBERTA VERA**  
MAYOR

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