

**CITY OF NATALIA
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2078 STATE HWY 132 NORTH, NATALIA, TEXAS
JULY 23, 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 Alderman Sam Bluemel, Jr. the invocation.

Citizens to be heard - None

City Council Comments

- Mayor Vera announced that the Medina County Appraisal District will be holding a public hearing on their proposed budget on July 30, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Vera asked that the Medina County Appraisal District Proposed 2014 Budget be placed on the August 05, 2013 Special Council Agenda for reconsideration.
- Mayor Vera also said she had been approached by AEP that in early August and through September they would be installing some new meters. Citizens of Natalia may see AEP representative going door to door in the near future. Mayor Vera added that she requested a start date from AEP on this project which would be shared with all City Staff and citizens via the City's website.

Discuss and consider possible action on the selection of Solid Waste and Recycling Services for the City of Natalia and authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an agreement for services to begin September 1, 2013.

Representatives from ACI, Allied/Republic Service and TDS were all present. Following discussion a motion was made by Alderman Jaime Gomez and a second made by Alderman Sam Bluemel, Jr., the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to authorize the City Administrator to enter into an agreement for services with ACI for Solid Waste and Recycling Services for the City of Natalia beginning September 1, 2013. The motion carried.

Discuss and consider possible action on Resolution No. 13-07, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Natalia ordering and establishing procedures for a General Election in the City of Natalia, Texas to elect one Mayor and two Aldermen.

Resolución del consejo municipal de la ciudad de Natalia, ordenando y estipulando los procedimientos para la celebración de una Elección General en la ciudad de Natalia, Texas, para elegir uno mayoral and dos concejales.

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 postpone this item to the August 19, 2013 Regular Council meeting. The motion carried.

Discuss and consider possible action regarding the funding of the Natalia Impound staff with possible direction to the Mayor on employment status.

- Emilio Flores – 502 6th Street – Mr. Flores expressed his concerns with the funding of the Impound Staff.

There was a lengthy discussion on the funding of the Natalia Impound staff. Chief of Police Wayne Morgan made a recommendation that if positions were to be cut, that the Council cut them on a “last in – first out” basis.

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 authorize the Chief to make cuts as he sees fit. The motion carried.

Chief Morgan’s recommendation was to cut Officer A. Garcia, Officer M. Alvarado and Officer J. Morin. This would be effective immediately. Chief Morgan then asked that the Council allow him to keep the secretary until the Impound auction is complete. Chief Morgan will work out a schedule with the Mayor in regards to the secretary.

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 7:47 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23, 2013. The motion carried.

The minutes approved on the 19th of August, 2013.

A P P R O V E D

RUBERTA C. VERA
MAYOR

Attest: _____
SAUNDRA PASSAILAIGUE, TRMC
City Administrator