

**CITY OF NATALIA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2078 STATE HWY 132 NORTH, NATALIA, TEXAS
SEPTEMBER 16, 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 Tommy Ortiz led the pledge of allegiance and Alderman Sam Bluemel, Jr. the invocation.

Citizens to be heard

None

City Council Comments

- **Mayor – National Night Out Proclamation** – Mayor Vera announced that Tuesday, October 1st is National Night Out and read the accompanying proclamation. Mayor added that there will be a special post mark commemorating National Night Out on this day at the Post Office.
- **Mayor – Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) Road Show** – Mayor Vera announced that this event is to assist home owners with weatherization and energy efficiency.
- **Alderman Sam Bluemel, Jr.** – Alderman Bluemel encouraged all to register with i-Info for emergency notification.
- **Alderman Tommy Ortiz** – Alderman Ortiz reminded everyone ten years old and over, go to HEB in Lytle on September 21st for free glaucoma screening.
- **Alderman Jaime Gomez** – Alderman Gomez announced the Scarecrow Decorating Contest which is a Library fundraiser will be going on October 5th – November 1st. Please contact the City for more details.
- **Alderman Mike Fernandez** – Alderman Fernandez

Discuss and consider action on the Medina Electric Cooperative, Inc. 2013 Director Election to submit the Natalia City Council's nominee for District No. 1, District No. 2 and District No. 3.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Sam Bluemel, Jr. and a second made by Alderman Jaime Gomez, the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to nominate Glenn Schweers, District 1; Chris Surles, District 2 and Annette Wied Sorrells, District 3. The motion carried.

Discuss and consider action on Resolution No. 13-09, a resolution of the City of Natalia, Texas declaring unopposed candidates in the November 05, 2013 General Election elected to office; canceling the election; and providing for preamble incorporation; conflicting provisions; severability; proper notice and open meeting and effective date.

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 accept Resolution No. 13-09 as presented. The motion carried.

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

- a. Approval of the City Council Minutes from:
August 05, 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 July Police Department Activity Report**
- f. Acceptance of the August 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.

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

- 1) To discuss starting salary for the position of Chief of Police;**
- 2) To discuss employment contract of Beth Leonesio, Finance Administrator and future employment opportunities with the City of Natalia.**

The City Council entered into Executive Session at 7:34 p.m.

Reconvene into Regular Session and take action and/or give staff direction, if necessary, on items discussed in Executive Session.

The City Council reconvened into Regular Session at 9:04 p.m.

Item No. 1 – No action was taken.

Item No. 2 – 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 that the contract for service with

Beth Leonesio be discontinued and direction was given to the City Administrator to move forward with the creation of the Finance Director position and staff accordingly. The motion carried.

Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 13-0916-1, an ordinance approving the Annual Budget of the City of Natalia for the Fiscal Year beginning October 01, 2013 and ending September 30, 2014 to include the following funds: General Fund, Court Restricted Funds (Court Security and Court Technology); Capital Replacement Fund (Equipment Replacement Fund), Haywood Park Fund; Municipal Development District Fund; and Impound Fund.

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 adopt Ordinance No. 13-0916-1 captioned and amended by choosing Option 2 authorizing a 3% pay increase for staff. The motion carried.

Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 13-0916-2, an ordinance of the City of Natalia, Texas Levying Ad Valorem taxes for use and support of the Municipal Government of the City for Fiscal Year beginning October 01, 2013 and ending September 30, 2014; providing for apportioning each levy for specific purposes; and providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall become delinquent if not paid.

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 adopt Ordinance No. 13-0619-2 as captioned and presented. The motion carried.

Mayor Vera then called for a call vote: Alderman Sam Bluemel, Jr – Aye; Alderman Tommy Ortiz – Aye; Alderman Mike Fernandez – Aye; Alderman Jaime Gomez – Aye; and Alderman Sam Smith - Aye

Discuss and consider Ordinance No. 13-0916-3, an ordinance of the City of Natalia, Texas approving the Water Utility Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 01, 2013 and ending September 30, 2014 and establishing a rate structure to be effective with the consumption for the month of October 2013.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Sam Bluemel, Jr. and a second made by Alderman Jaime Gomez, the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to adopt Ordinance No. 13-0916-3 as captioned and amended. The motion carried.

Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 13-0916-4, an ordinance of the City of Natalia, Texas establishing a Municipal Court Building Security Fund; providing for the assessment and collection of a Municipal Court Building Security Fee; providing for severability; providing for publication and effective date; and ordaining other provisions related to the subject matter hereof.

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 adopt Ordinance No. 13-0916-4 as captioned and presented. The motion carried.

Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 13-0916-5, an ordinance of the City of Natalia, Texas establishing a Municipal Court Technology Fund; providing for the assessment and collection of a Municipal Court Technology fee; providing for severability; providing for publication and effective date; providing for an expiration date.

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 adopt Ordinance No. 13-0916-5 as captioned and presented. The motion carried.

Discuss and consider action n Ordinance No. 13-0916-6, an ordinance of the City of Natalia, Texas adopting a Fund Balance Policy in accordance with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 54.

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 adopt Ordinance No. 13-0916-6 as captioned and presented. The motion carried.

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Alderman Mike Fernandez and a second by Alderman Tommy Ortiz, the City Council voted five (5) and none (0) to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting at 9:32 p.m. on Monday, September 16, 2013. The motion carried.

The minutes approved on the 17th of February, 2014.

A P P R O V E D

RUBERTA C. VERA
MAYOR

Attest: _____
SAUNDRA PASSAILAIGUE, TRMC
City Administrator