

**CITY OF NATALIA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2078 STATE HWY 132 NORTH, NATALIA, TEXAS
FEBRUARY 17, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

Roll Call

Honorable, Ruberta Vera, Mayor – present	Alderman Sam Smith – absent
Alderman Sam Bluemel, Jr. – present	Alderman Tommy Ortiz – present
Alderman Mike Fernandez – present	Alderman Ruben Juarez – 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 Ruben Juarez led the pledge of allegiance and Alderman Sam Bluemel, Jr. the invocation.

Citizens to be heard

None

City Council Comments

- Mayor Vera everyone that the South Texas Regional Water Alliance would be holding a meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in Atascosa.
- Mayor Vera also announced that the Medina Healthcare System will hold their 50th Anniversary Celebration on Friday, February 21, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the Medina Regional Hospital in Hondo.

Mayor's presentation of the *March for Meals Month* Proclamation.

Mayor Vera read aloud a proclamation declaring March 2014 National March for Meals Month in the City of Natalia.

Recognition of Municipal Court Clerk, Nicole Bermea for attaining the Level I Court Clerk Certification.

Mayor Vera recognized Municipal Court Clerk, Nicole Bermea for obtaining her Level I Court Clerk Certification. Mrs. Bermea joined the City of Natalia staff in October of 2013 and jumped right into studying for her exam. In January 2014, 213 Texas Clerks tested and Mrs. Bermea was one of only 90 that passed the test. Congratulations to Mrs. Bermea on this outstanding achievement.

Mayor's reading of the order prohibiting or restricting outdoor burning within the unincorporated area of the County for ninety (90) days effective February 11, 2014.

Mayor Vera read the order prohibiting or restricting outdoor burning issued by County Judge, James E. Barden on February 11, 2014. Mayor Vera said that this ban will be effective and enforced as of this date by the City of Natalia.

Discuss and consider action approving and authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to enter into a License Agreement with the Natalia Little League for a term beginning February 20, 2014 and ending July 31, 2014.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Sam Bluemel, Jr. and a second made by Alderman Ruben Juarez, the City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to enter into a License Agreement with the Natalia Little League for a term beginning February 20, 2014 and ending July 31, 2014. The motion carried.

Alderman Mike Fernandez and Alderman Tommy Ortiz directed the City Administrator to obtain the starting funds from the Natalia Little League and provide that information to the City Council members.

604 Sixth Street -- Request by Mr. and Mrs. Garcia - Applicant is petitioning the City of Natalia City Council to grant a variance to the Natalia Zoning Ordinance §V (a) (*No mobile homes or manufactured homes permitted*) to allow for the placement of a new mobile home to replace another mobile home that has been removed from the property located at 604 Sixth Street, Natalia, Medina County, Texas.

- a. Applicant Presentation**
- b. Staff Presentation**
- c. Comments by Proponents and Opponents**
- d. Applicant Rebuttal**
- e. Question and comments by City Council Members**
- f. Deliberation and City Council findings**

Upon a motion made by Alderman Sam Bluemel, Jr. and a second made by Alderman Mike Fernandez, the City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to grant a variance to Mr. and Mrs. Garcia to allow for the placement of a mobile home at 604 Sixth Street 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:
September 16, 2013 Regular Meeting
January 20, 2014 Regular Meeting**
- b. Acceptance of the Code Compliance Activity Report**
- c. Acceptance of the Financial Activity Report**
- d. Acceptance of the Natalia Veteran's Library Report**
- e. Acceptance of the Municipal Court Activity Report**
- f. Acceptance of the Police Department Activity Report**
- g. Acceptance of the Utility Department Activity Report**

Upon a motion made by Alderman Mike Fernandez and a second made by Alderman Tommy Ortiz, the City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to accept the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried.

Presentation by Chief of Police of the Natalia Police Department Racial Profiling Policy.

Chief of Police, Gilbert Rodriguez presented to the City Council the revised Natalia Police Department Racial Profiling Policy which will be posted to the City's website immediately following this meeting.

Discuss and consider action on the Natalia Police Department Racial Profiling Report for the period of January 01, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

Chief of Police, Gilbert Rodriguez presented to the City Council the revised Natalia Police Department Racial Profiling Report for the period of January 01, 2013 through December 31, 2013 which will be posted to the City's website immediately following City Council approval and this meeting.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Mike Fernandez and a second made by Alderman Sam Bluemel, Jr., the City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to accept the 2013 Natalia Police Department Racial Profiling Report as presented. The motion carried.

Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 14-0217-1, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Natalia, Texas designating certain streets One Way streets on school days only; authorizing appropriate signage giving notice to the public of such one way traffic; providing for a penalty, repealer, and 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) for and none (0) opposed to adopt Ordinance No. 14-0217-1 as captioned and amended. The motion carried.

Discuss and consider action on Ordinance No. 14-0217-2, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Natalia, Texas establishing a curfew for minors under seventeen years of age to prohibit being in any public place between certain hours, providing an enforcement procedure; establishing criminal penalties for minors and for parents of minors; and adopting certain exceptions; and establishing a penalty of a fine not less than fifty dollars nor more than five hundred dollars.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Mike Fernandez and a second made by Alderman Tommy Ortiz, the City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to adopt Ordinance No. 14-0217-2 as captioned and presented. The motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

- a. March 9th Barbeque Benefit for Officer Mireles in Sabinal, TX**
- b. Bluebonnet Festival Update**
- c. March 1st County Bioterrorism Emergency Exercise**
- d. AACOG Weatherization Program**

Mayor Vera announced that a) the "Friends" of Officer Ben Mireles will be holding a benefit barbeque for him in Sabinal, TX on March 9th. All are invited and donations are being accepted; b) Mayor Vera asked Finance Director, Beth Leonesio to update everyone on the Bluebonnet Festival at which time Ms. Leonesio said that the next Committee meeting would be held on February 27th at 6:30 pm at City Hall; c) Medina County will be conducting a bioterrorism emergency exercise on March 1, 2014 and is asking for volunteers. For more information contact Mayor Vera; and lastly, d) Mayor Vera reminded everyone to please apply for assistance through the AACOG Weatherization Program. A list of qualifications and the application is available at City Hall and on the City's website.

City Administrator's Report:

- a. Bulky item pickup begins the week of March 10th**
- b. Natalia Newsletter 2nd Quarter (April, May, June) articles are due by March 15th**
- c. AACOG/Peace Officer training at City Hall/Council Chambers March 15th & 16th from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.**
- d. Codification Update**

City Administrator, Sandra Passailaigue updated the members of City Council on the following: a) the spring bulky item pickup begins the week of March 10th. ACI, Inc. will be distributing a flyer on every trash container next week to notify citizens and the information has also been placed on the City's website; b) Ms. Passailaigue reminded everyone of the upcoming newsletter deadline of March 15th in order to place articles in the 2014 2nd quarter Natalia News; c) AACOG will be having a training for peace officers at City Hall on March 15th & 16th from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. each day; and d) the first review of the draft manuscript has occurred and several ordinances will be on the next few Council agendas in order to

update them before the final draft. We are still on target for the June 2014 delivery of the very first City of Natalia Code of Ordinances.

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Alderman Mike Fernandez and a second by Alderman Sam Bluemel, the City Council voted four (4) and none (0) to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting at 7:50 p.m. on Monday, February 17, 2014. The motion carried.

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

A P P R O V E D

RUBERTA C. VERA
MAYOR

Attest: _____
SAUNDRA PASSAILAIGUE, TRMC
City Administrator