

City of Natalia, Texas
Special City Council Meeting
September 4, 2014 at 7:00pm
Minutes

1) Call to Order:

Mayor Ruby Vera - Present	Alderman Sam Bluemel - Present
Alderman Tommy Ortiz - Present	Alderman Sam Smith - Absent
Alderman Ruben Juarez - Present	Alderman Mike Fernandez - Present

A super majority of the City Council Members were present, a quorum was declared.

Public Hearings:

2) 1st Public Hearing on the Proposed Annual Budgets for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015.

Public to be Heard: None.

Discussions: None.

Motion: Alderman Fernandez made the motion to postpone consideration of adoption until after the 2nd Public Hearing set for September 11, 2014 at 7:00pm. Alderman Ortiz seconds the motion.

Vote: 4-0; Passed by a unanimous vote.

3) 1st Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.8752 per \$100 valuation for the 2014 Tax Year.

Public to be Heard: None.

Discussions: Mayor Vera announced that the Vote on the Proposed Tax Rate is scheduled for September 23, 2014 at 7:00pm at the City of Natalia Council Chambers.

Motion: No Action.

Presentations:

4) Presentation of Haywood Park Project Plans.

Discussions: Beth Leonesio, Park Committee Member, presented the Committee's plans and ideas to the City Council. Providing a map of property that would be cleared from brush and rubbish by County Commissioner Beck, however, the clearing has been delayed due to other county project obligations. Mayor Vera mentioned that the same plans and ideas will be presented to the NISD School Board and to request for the proposed land use of school owned property for additional park space, and recommends Council and Committees members attend. Alderman Fernandez confirmed his attendance, but as to remind the NISD Board of the City's release of right-of-way property for NISD land use at their request. Mrs. Leonesio also mentioned that MDD Funds can also be utilized on ball field area to include basketball or volleyball courts. Alderman Juarez suggested the available spaced at the t-ball field is made for parking, because of the area's limited parking situation. Mrs. Leonesio mentioned though Holman Capital could provide the financing, they are requiring an increase in the loan amount of at least \$170,000 and collateral. Mrs. Leonesio stated with limited collateral options and the increase requested, that she will continue to seek financing options. Alderman Fernandez requested the park plans be made available prior to his departure to the TML Meeting so he can reach out to developers, vendors and grant writers of the park ideas for possible assistance.

Discussion/Consideration of Action Items:

5) Discussion/Consider Action of Ordinance No. 14-0904-01; Declaring Unopposed Candidates in the November 4, 2014 General Election elected, and Canceling said Election.

Discussions: None.

Motion: Alderman Bluemel made the motion adopting Ordinance No.14-0904-01, declaring unopposed candidates elected and canceling of said election. Alderman Juarez seconds the motion.

Vote: 4-0; Passed by a unanimous vote.

6) Discussion/Consider Action of Resolution 14-07; Entering into a Finance Contract with Government Capital for the purpose of financing Public Works Equipment.

Discussions: The request for purchase of a new backhoe received three proposal from RDO Equipment (John Deere) at \$62,882.25, ASCO Equipment (Case) at \$65,366.54, and H&V Equipment (Terex) at \$69,559.00. The proposals were all fairly reasonable; however, John Deere will provide a \$4,000 trade-in value of the City's current out-of-service backhoe which reduces the price to \$58,882.25. Each models specifications were compared to each other, and to what fit the city's needs. The resolution is for the proposed financing of a utility truck and backhoe for an amount not to exceed \$80,000. Government Capital provided financing options up to seven years for annual payment terms. Financing the equipment purchases for a seven year term at \$13,274.00 for the first annual payment to be due March 2015 was included in the proposed Utility Fund budget.

Motion: Alderman Fernandez made the motion selecting RDO Equipment Company for the purchase of the John Deere backhoe, and adopting Resolution 14-07 to finance the utility equipment purchases for the seven year term. Alderman Ortiz seconds the motion.

Vote: 4-0; Passed by a unanimous vote.

7) Discussion/Consider Action of Memorandum of Understanding with Medina County Health Unit to respond effectively to acts of biological terrorism.

Discussions: Mayor Vera stated the MOU will assign City of Natalia designees to obtain and distribute medication to those who've completed the required form should an act of bioterrorism occur. The MCHU has been working on the plans of action, as well as, performing training transfers for two years now, and is now asking employers with twenty employees or more to assist in the program.

Motion: Alderman Ortiz made the motion approving the MOU with Medina County Health Unit. Alderman Fernandez seconds the motion.

Vote: 4-0; Passed by a unanimous vote.

8) Adjournment.

Motion: Alderman Fernandez made the motion to adjourn at 8:35pm. Alderman Smith seconds the motion.

Vote: 4-0; Passed by a unanimous vote.

Passed and Approved this 23rd day of September, 2014.

Ruberta C. Vera, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa S. Hernandez,
City Administrator/Secretary, TRMC