

City of Natalia, Texas
Special City Council Meeting
September 11, 2014 at 7:00pm
Minutes

1) Call to Order:

Mayor Ruby Vera - Present Alderman Sam Bluemel - Present
Alderman Tommy Ortiz - Present Alderman Sam Smith - Present
Alderman Ruben Juarez - Present Alderman Mike Fernandez - Absent
A super majority of the City Council Members were present, a quorum was declared.

Public Hearings:

2) 2nd 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: City Administrator Hernandez explained some proposed changes to the General Fund Budget's staffing and the reallocation of the salaries and benefits. The proposed changes are to reassign the Court Clerk as the Court Administrator/Bookkeeper; the salaries assigned the original proposed part-time bookkeeper will be divided to provide a \$5.00 per hour increase to the Court Administrator/Bookkeeper and to support an increase in hours worked for the PT Court Clerk, the remaining funds will be allocated for training and conferences attended by the Court Admin/Bookkeeper. With current office staffing decreasing from four and one-half employees to three and one-half employees, it is also recommended that beginning January 1st city offices be closed from 12-1pm for lunch. The proposed changes do not affect the total bottom line of the General Fund budget.

3) 2nd 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.

Discussion/Consideration of Action Items:

4) Discussion/Consider Action of Ordinance No.14-0911-1; Adopting the City of Natalia Annual Budgets for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015; Appropriating funds to pay interest and principal of the city's indebtedness; Providing for a Records Vote; and Setting an effective date.

Motion: Alderman Bluemel made the motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2014/15 Annual Budgets with the proposed changes; and Alderman Smith seconds the motion.

Record Vote: 4-0; Passed unanimously by a majority recorded vote.

FOR: Alderman Juarez, Alderman Smith, Alderman Ortiz, Alderman Bluemel

AGAINST: None.

ABSENT: Alderman Fernandez

ABSTAIN: None.

PRESENT and NOT Voting: Mayor Vera

5) Adjournment.

Motion: Alderman Ortiz made the motion to adjourn at 7:20pm. Alderman Juarez 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