

City of Natalia, Texas
Special City Council Meeting
June 29, 2015 at 8:00 pm
Minutes

Roll Call:

City Council	Mayor Ruby Vera - Present	Alderman Sam Smith - Present
	Alderman Mike Fernandez - Present	Alderman Tommy Ortiz – Present
	Alderman Ruben Juarez – Present	Alderman Sam Bluemel – Present

Call to Order:

- 1) Mayor Vera called the special meeting to order at 8:00 pm; immediately following the adjournment of the 6:30pm Joint Special Meeting held on this same day.

Discussion/Consideration of Action Items:

- 2) Discuss/Consider approving Resolution No.15-14 to execute and process applications administered by USDA Rural Development for Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities & Households (SEARCH) Grant for Water and Wastewater.

Discussion: Mayor Vera stated the City recently applied for Water and Wastewater SEARCH Grants, which requires for a resolution to approve the executions and process; however, rather than the adoption of one resolution for both applications, two separate resolutions must be adopted which will be Resolution No.15-14 for the SEARCH Grant for Water, and Resolution No.15-15 for the SEARCH Grant for Wastewater, both require two separate votes to be taken. Mayor Vera also introduced Tom Turk, of M&S Engineering, who is the Engineer who will be performing the evaluations for both the Water and Wastewater of the SEARCH Grant. Mr. Tom Turk spoke of his qualifications, and experience working with USDA for several grants and loans awarded to other cities in the southern area for water, sewer and drainage, which he specifically enjoys working with smaller cities such as Natalia in determining and prioritizing the city's needs and infrastructure improvements, and providing for a cost analysis for Cities to make those determinations.

First Motion: Alderman Smith made the motion approving Resolution No. 15-14 for the execution of the SEARCH Grant for Water, and Alderman Ortiz seconds the motion. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Second Motion: Alderman Smith made the motion approving Resolution No. 15-15 for the execution of the SEARCH Grant for Wastewater, and Alderman Ortiz seconds the motion. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

- 3) Discuss/Consider action on appointing the City Administrator as the City's Owner Representative as the point of contact and, providing authorization to issue Notice to Proceed to M&S Engineering for the completion of a preliminary engineering report and environmental report for water and wastewater system improvements upon grant award notice.

Motion: Alderman Smith made the motion appointing the City Administrator as the City's Owner Representative and point of contact, and authorizing the City Administrator to issue Notice to Proceed to M&S Engineering upon the SEARCH Grant

award notice for Water and Wastewater; and Alderman Bluemel seconds the motion. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

4) **Adjournment.**

Motion: Alderman Bluemel made the motion to adjourn, and Alderman Fernandez seconds the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Passed and Approved this 20th day of July, 2015.

Ruberta C. Vera, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa S. Hernandez,
City Administrator/Secretary