

City of Natalia, Texas  
Regular City Council Meeting  
February 29, 2016 at 7:00 pm  
Minutes

Roll Call: Mayor Manuel C. Saldana - Present Alderman Sam Smith – Present  
Alderman Mike Fernandez – Present Alderman Tommy Ortiz - Present  
Alderman Sam Bluemel – Present Alderman Ruben Juarez – Present

Call to Order:

- 1) Mayor Saldana called the regular city council meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Alderman Fernandez, and the invocation by Alderman Bluemel.

Citizens to be Heard:

- 2) None.

City Council Comments:

- 3) Alderman Smith requested the corner of 8<sup>th</sup>/Pearson be cut by City; and to clean-up Betty Bond property and file lien with County.

Public Hearing/Consider Action:

- 4) a. **Public Hearing regarding the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCBDG) grant under the Planning and Capacity Building Fund to perform citywide planning studies named in the application.**  
Betty Collier of GrantWorks, Inc. discussed the application process, the studies to be performed, and the costs of the studies; the application submission total is \$39,705.00 and the City's portion is \$6,281.00. City Administrator Hernandez explained this application was submitted last year but the City was not awarded the grant; however, the city's matching costs were placed into reserves and will be applied if awarded this year. No public comments.

Presentations:

- 5) a. A review of the City of Natalia 2014 Water Audit and Infrastructure Analysis Report prepared by LNV Engineering through Edwards Aquifer Authority Leak Detection and Lost Water Conservation Program, presented by Rick Illgner of EAA and Alan Thompson, Sr. VP, of LNV Engineering; identifying the central points of water losses of the City, and the estimated loss in revenues from the loss.  
b. A review/approve the City of Natalia Water and Wastewater Improvements Preliminary Engineering Report prepared by M&S Engineering through USDA SEARCH Grant Program, presented by Chris Rosenboom and Tom Turk, Engineers of M&S Engineering; providing the selected projects, proposed alternatives, costs and existing conditions. Alderman Smith approved the reports and Alderman Fernandez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

- 6) a. Approval of Minutes: January 18, 2016 Regular Meeting  
b. Approval of Financial Activity Report: January 2016  
c. Approval of Police Department Activity Report: January 2016  
d. Approval of Municipal Court Activity Report: January 2016  
e. Approval of Code Compliance Activity Report: January 2016  
f. Approval of Utility Department Activity Report: January 2016  
Motion: Alderman Fernandez made the motion approving the consent agenda, and Alderman Bluemel seconded the motion.  
Vote: 5-0; Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Consideration of Action Items:

- 7) **Discussion/Consider approving Resolution No. 16-02; authorizing the filing of an application for the 2016 TxCBDG program assistance under the Planning/Capacity Building Fund.**  
Motion: Alderman Bluemel made the motion to approving the Resolution; and Alderman Fernandez seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0; Motion carried unanimously.

- 8) **Discussion/Consider entering into a Professional Services Agreement for the Final Design of the USDA Funding Project(s) for Water and Wastewater System Improvements, contingent on filing of application and funding options/decisions made by and between USDA and the City of Natalia.**

Discussion: City Administrator Hernandez explained that this agreement does not bind the City to a contract unless City Council has first approved and accepted funding options provided by USDA to move forward with the Water and Wastewater Projects as determined by the Preliminary Engineering Reports.

Motion: Alderman Fernandez made the motion approving the agreement with the contingency; and Alderman Smith seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0; Motion carried unanimously.

- 9) **Discussion the Schedule of Events for the 2016 Natalia Bluebonnet Festival; and Consider contract with Garry Moore Amusements for the 2016 Annual Natalia Bluebonnet Festival carnival; beginning Wednesday, March 23, 2016 and ending Saturday, March 26, 2016.**

Discussion: Librarian Amy Edge discussed the activities that will be conducted, including the setup of a carnival, bands to perform, parade and court entries, vendors and booth spaces, and the Library's application to sell beer for Saturday only. Mrs. Edge also mentioned the need for volunteers and donations, and welcomed any assistance.

Motion: Alderman Smith made the motion approving the contract with Garry Moore Amusements; and Alderman Bluemel seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0; Motion carried unanimously.

- 10) **Discussion/Consider approving Resolution No. 16-01; declaration of surplus property, and authorizing the liquidation of said surplus of property.**

Discussion: City Administrator Hernandez explained that the City's old generator was replaced September 2015 through a TxCBDG Contract and is installed and working. The old generator is in need of several repairs and would not be cost effective to make those repairs through the city's budget, and recommends liquidation.

Motion: Alderman Smith made the motion approving the Resolution, and Alderman Fernandez seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0; Motion carried unanimously.

Staff Reports:

- 11) **City Administrator:** i) Provided updates on the 2015 TxCBDG Wastewater Improvements Project; ii) Mentioned TML Small Cities Problem-Solving Clinic to be held in Balcones Heights on Friday, April 9, 2016; iii) Discussed the designated date, Saturday April 30, 2016, for holding the MDD Training, and the open seats on the MDD Board; iv) Bulky Item Pickup started today, Monday February 29, 2016.

- 12) **Adjournment.**

Motion: Alderman Fernandez made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12pm, and Alderman Smith seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0; Motion carried unanimously.

Passed and Approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2016.

Approval:

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Manuel C. Saldana, Mayor

Attest:

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Lisa S. Hernandez,  
City Administrator/Secretary