

City of Natalia, Texas
Regular City Council Meeting
July 17, 2017 at 7:00 pm
Minutes

Roll Call: Alderman (Mayor Pro-Tem) Sam Smith ó Present Mayor ó Position Vacant
Alderman Mike Fernandez ó Present Alderman Tommy Ortiz - Present
Alderman Sam Bluemel ó Present Alderman Ruben Juarez ó Present

Call to Order:

- 1) Mayor Pro-Tem Sam Smith called the regular city council meeting to order at 7:00 pm, and request council approval to move agenda Item #7 next; with no objections, the item was moved ahead from its order:

Discussion/Consideration of Action Item:

- 7) **Discuss/Consider extending ACI Recycling & Disposal Services current contract ending September 30, 2019.**

Discussion: Blake Caesar, ACI District Manager, wishes to extend the current contract with the City by three years, to expire year-2021, and in such, ACI will waive this year's CPI fee increase which typically runs between 2-4%.

Action: Alderman Bluemel made a motion approving the extension request of the current contract, for three years, to expire September 30, 2021; and Alderman Fernandez seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0; Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens to be Heard:

- 2) Ruby Vera, MDD Chairwoman, announced the Workshop Development Program Public Forum to be held August 15, 2017 in two locations; the morning session will be held at the Devine Community Center, and the afternoon session will be held at the South Texas Regional Training Center in Hondo. The forum invites all businesses and city leaders to gather input of what type of job training is needed in the area to prepare our citizens for the demanding fields of the workforce coming to the area.

City Council Comments:

- 3) None.

Consent Agenda:

- 4) a. Approval of Minutes: June 19, 2017 Regular Meeting
b. Approval of Financial Activity Report: June 2017
c. Approval of Police Department Activity Report: June 2017
d. Approval of Municipal Court Activity Report: June 2017
e. Approval of Code Compliance Activity Report: June 2017
f. Approval of Utility Department Activity Report: June 2017

Action: Alderman Fernandez made the motion approving the consent agenda, and Alderman Ortiz seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0; Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Consideration of Action Items:

- 5) **Discuss/Consider temporarily closing streets being a portion of Kearny St. between 5th St. and 6th St. on Saturday, September 2, 2017 from 9:00am to 6:00pm; and on Kearny St. between 4th St. and 5th St., and a portion of 5th St. between Kearny and Cresson St., for St. John Bosco Catholic Church annual church festival scheduled on Sunday, September 3, 2017 from 9:00am to 12:00am.**

Action: Alderman Fernandez motioned to approve the closure of the streets during events; and Alderman Bluemel seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0; Motion carried unanimously.

- 6) **Discuss/Consider authorizing the Chief of Police to negotiate the terms of a contract with Natalia ISD to assign a Natalia Police Officer as a School Resource Officer for school year 2017-2018.**

Action: Alderman Bluemel made a motion authorizing the Chief of Police to proceed with contract negotiations; and Alderman Fernandez seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0; Motion carried unanimously.

- 7) **Moved item ahead of the agenda.**

- 8) **Old Business: Discuss/Approve Resolution No.17-04; affirming the emergency interconnect agreement between the City and East Medina County Special Utility District.**
 Action: Alderman Fernandez made a motion approving the resolution agreement; and Alderman Ortiz seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0; Motion carried unanimously.
- 9) **Review/Discuss and Consider revisions to the terms and provisions of the Natalia Ball Fields Lease Agreement.**
 Discussion: Alderman Fernandez requested that the terms of the current contract be reviewed carefully, and to consider making modifications prior to the new board being elected, respectfully regarding the subletting of the fields. Mayor Pro-Tem Smith requests for legal review of the contracts current conditions, and to determine if subletting is permissible for non-profit organizations. Alderman Ortiz requests for contact to be made to NLL to determine when the NLL elections are to be held to determine when the new board will become effective. By directive of the Council, City Administrator Hernandez will forward questions of concern to the city attorney for legal review and opinion.
 Action: None.
- 10) Discuss/Consider permitting the conveyance of a 15ø easement to West Texas Gas for the proposed gas main relocation behind the Ballfield Lift Station at the corner of Highway 132 and FM-471.
 Discussion: City Administrator Hernandez explained that WTG continues to have gas leaks at this location, and recommends capping it off and rerouting the line off the main intersection through city property between the lift station and ballfield. Information was sent to the Cityø Engineers to review the request and potential conditions or concerns. M&S found no issues to arise from the reroute; however, did express that WTG be responsible for providing all legal documentation, as-builts, meet construction and TxDOT permitting requirements, and easement surveys; additionally WTG shall be responsible for all costs affiliated with the project including the gain of easement, filing and legal process. Alderman Fernandez requests that WTG prepare a depth and impact study of the gas main conveying the weight capacity and safety precautions.
 Action: Alderman Fernandez made the motion permitting the conveyance of an easement to WTG, and Alderman Ortiz seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0; Motion carried unanimously.

Staff Reports:

11) **City Administrator’s Reports:**

- i. Residents were delivered notices informing them of the Self-Service Community Cleanup Schedule, beginning Monday July 17 through Friday July 21 from 8am-4pm; garbage customers may drop-off their unwanted items or debris for free at the NPD Impound Lot at 300 3rd Street.
- ii. The 2017 November General Election Calendar was prepared and issued to City Council.
- iii. An announcement was given of Medina County Appraisal District 2018 Proposed Budget Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18th at 6:30 for those wishing to attend.
- iv. The Preliminary Assumptions for FY 2017-2018 Budgets was provided to City Council to review and discuss further at the Budget Workshop scheduled for August 21st at 6:00pm.

Public Works Director Reports:

- v. The current drought stage condition of the Edwards Aquifer Level has dropped below 660 feet, placing the city under Drought Stage 1-Restrictions.
- 12) **Adjournment.** Alderman Fernandez motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm, and Alderman Bluemel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Passed and Approved this 21st day of August, 2017.

Approval:

 Sam Smith, Mayor Pro-Tem

Attest:

 Lisa S. Hernandez,
 City Administrator/Secretary