

City of Natalia, Texas
Regular City Council Meeting
August 21, 2017 at 7:00 pm
Minutes

Roll Call: Alderman (Mayor Pro-Tem) Sam Smith ó Present Mayor ó Position Vacant
Alderman Mike Fernandez ó Absent 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.

Citizens to be Heard:

- 2) None.

City Council Comments:

- 3) None.

Consent Agenda:

- 4) a. Approval of Minutes: July 17, 2017 Regular Meeting
b. Approval of Financial Activity Report: July 2017
c. Approval of Police Department Activity Report: July 2017
d. Approval of Municipal Court Activity Report: July 2017
e. Approval of Code Compliance Activity Report: July 2017
f. Approval of Utility Department Activity Report: July 2017

Action: Alderman Bluemel made the motion approving the consent agenda, and Alderman Juarez seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0; Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Consideration of Action Items:

- 5) **Discuss/Consider setting a date, time and place for the public hearing on the proposed budgets.**
Action: Alderman Bluemel made a motion setting the budget public hearing for September 6, 2017 at 6:30pm at City Hall Council Chambers; and Alderman Ortiz seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0; Motion carried unanimously.
- 6) **Discuss/Consider setting a Proposed Tax Rate, and a date, time and place for the public hearing and adoption of the tax rate.**
Action: Alderman Bluemel made a motion setting the proposed tax rate at \$0.8564/\$100; and having the public hearings on September 6 and 11, 2017, and setting the date to vote on the tax rate for September 18, 2017 at 6:30pm at City Hall Council Chambers. Alderman Ortiz seconds the motion. Vote: 4-0; Motion carried unanimously.
- 7) **Discuss/Consider adoption of Resolution; engaging into a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Natalia and the Municipal Development District for the submission of an application for the Community Development Block Grant Community Enhancement Fund through the Texas Department of Agriculture.**
Action: Alderman Ortiz made a motion approving the resolution; and Alderman Juarez seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0; Motion carried unanimously.
- 8) **Discuss/Consider approval of the 2017-18 School Resource Officer contract by the Natalia Police Department and between the City of Natalia and the Natalia Independent School District.**
Action: Alderman Bluemel made the motion approving the SRO Contract with and between City and NISD; and Alderman Ortiz seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0; Motion carried unanimously.
- 9) **Discuss/Consider Ordering the General Election for the City of Natalia, Texas to be held on November 7, 2017 for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two Aldermen.**
Action: Alderman Juarez made the motion ordering the general election; and Alderman Bluemel seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0; Motion carried unanimously.
- 10) **Discuss/Consider authorizing the City Administrator to file an application for the Downtown Revitalization Program through the Community Development Block Grant Texas Capital Fund through the Texas Department of Agriculture, and to procure a grant administrator and engineer.**
Action: Alderman Ortiz made the motion authorizing and approving to file an application with TDA for the Downtown Revitalization Program; and Alderman Juarez seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0; Motion carried unanimously.

11) **Review/Discuss and Consider revisions to the terms and provisions of the Natalia Ball Fields Lease Agreement.**

Alderman Bluemel made the motion to table this item, until the NLL Board is elected; and Alderman Ortiz seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0; Motion carried unanimously.

Staff Reports:

12) **City Administrator's Reports:**

- i. Report of City's TDA scores and award process for the 2017-18 Community Development Fund Application.
- ii. Status update on the 2017-18 Comprehensive Master Plan Grant.

13) **Adjournment.** Alderman Bluemel motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:39pm, and Alderman Juarez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Passed and Approved this 18th day of September, 2017.

Approval:

Attest:

Sam Smith, Mayor Pro-Tem

Lisa S. Hernandez,
City Administrator/Secretary