

City of Natalia, Texas
Regular City Council Meeting
October 16, 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 Absent 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) Ben Klassen, property owner of Block P, Lots 29-30, expressed concerns regarding the authority to install a septic system on this property, stating that when he bought the property it was told to him that he could do so. Klassen also mentioned that previously the City Council turned his building plans of an apartment complex down because the city's sewer system could not support it. And when he tried selling his property the potential owner was trying to install a septic tank when the city told them they couldn't, but yet the city's system can't support it. Mayor Pro-Tem Smith advised Mr. Klassen that City Council cannot reply back to his comments as this item is not on the agenda; and if he'd like to be put on next month's agenda to contact Ms. Hernandez at least one-week before the scheduled meeting date.

City Council Comments:

- 3) None.

Consent Agenda:

- 4) a. Approval of Minutes: September 18, 2017 Regular Meetings
b. Approval of Financial Activity Report: September 2017
c. Approval of Police Department Activity Report: September 2017
d. Approval of Municipal Court Activity Report: September 2017
e. Approval of Code Compliance Activity Report: September 2017
f. Approval of Utility Department Activity Report: September 2017
Action: Alderman Fernandez made the motion approving the consent agenda, and Alderman Ortiz seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0; Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Consideration of Action Items:

- 5) **Discuss/Consider a Resolution; Allocating votes for the nomination of a candidate for the election of Medina County Appraisal Board of Directors for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2018.**
Discussion: City Administrator Hernandez explained the current Director Roy Sheetz has expressed interest in the continuation to serve on the board; no other interests have been made. The nomination only puts the candidates name on the ballot, elections for positions are held in November.
Action: Alderman Fernandez nominated Roy Sheetz to be placed on the ballot for MCAD Board of Directors Election, and Alderman Juarez seconded the motion.
Vote: 4-0; Motion passed unanimously.
- 6) **Discuss/Consider authorizing the City Administrator to create an ordinance prohibiting semi-trailers or tractor-trailers, also known as eighteen-wheelers from driving through or parking on inner city streets, specifically residential district; and establishing a violation thereof.**
Discussion: City Administrator Hernandez explained that previously the city had an ordinance prohibiting these vehicles within certain street, but when the city adopted the codification book, this ordinance was repealed; now requiring the city to establish a new one. Mayor Pro-Tem Smith asked if this includes school buses? Hernandez confirmed that the school bus ordinance is still in effect, and does establish certain streets that they are to use in route. Mayor Pro-Tem Smith asked if this ordinance affects those drivers making deliveries. Hernandez explained that because this would be a new ordinance, the city may establish a criterion for delivery purposes.
Action: Alderman Fernandez made a motion authorizing the City Administrator to create an ordinance, and Alderman Juarez seconds the motion. Vote: 4-0; Motion carried unanimously.
Action: Alderman Bluemel made the motion electing Devine Newspaper; and Alderman Fernandez seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0; Passed by a unanimous vote.

Staff Reports:

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

- i. The City's Master Plan Workshop with LCMS and M&S Engineering has been rescheduled for November 8, 2017, times still remain for those participating.
- ii. The Natalia ISD Fall Festival is scheduled for October 30, 2017 from 5:30-7:00pm for all those interested in participating or attending.

Police Chief's Reports:

- i. In absence of Chief Rodriguez, Alderman Fernandez reported on the 2017 National Night Out event, thanking all those who participated and attended the event, having reported 178 attendees sign-in, pictures are scheduled to be published in this week's Devine Newspaper, and already working on the 35th Anniversary of National Night Out to be held October 2, 2018.

- 8) **Adjournment.** Alderman Fernandez motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:16pm, and Alderman Juarez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Passed and Approved this 20th day of November, 2017.

Approval:

Sam Smith, Mayor Pro-Tem

Attest:

Lisa S. Hernandez,
City Administrator/Secretary