

CITY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 11, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Salinas called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., On July 11, 2022, in the Lyford City Hall meeting room.

ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

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| Mayor | Rick Salinas |
| Mayor Pro-Tem | Tony Chavez |
| Commissioner | Pablo Morales |
| Commissioner | Albert Cavazos |
| Commissioner | Avelardo Mireles |
| Commissioner | Letty De La Paz |

STAFF PRESENT

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| Benito Estrada | Lupita Hernandez |
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AUDIENCE

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| Allen Essex | Com. Henry De La Paz |
| Chief Martinez | D. Arizmendez W/GrantWorks |
| Allen w/GrantWorks | Oralia Cardenas W/GrantWorks |
| Rebecca Torres | Ben Vera |
| Rene Quiroga | Orlando Quiroga |

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 13, 2022; and Special Meeting on June 27, 2022. Commissioner De La Paz seconded. All approved and motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Chavez made the motion to approve the Agenda for the Regular Meeting on July 11, 2022. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Rebecca Torres- Regarding Brush at residence and EDC Resolution.

VISITORS

Maria Ann Nino- Neighbor's Dogs running loose. Mayor- Office will contact the PD to send an officer to notify the owner of the dogs.

MONTHLY REPORTS PRESENTED

2. Mayor Salinas presented his monthly activity report.
3. Lyford Municipal Court monthly activity report was submitted.
4. Lyford Police Department's monthly activity report was submitted.
5. Lyford Fire Department's monthly activity. Chief presented Bee call situation. PW will give an extra bee suit to Dept. Chief Vera gave an update on the Fire Dept.
6. Public Works Department's monthly activity report was submitted.
7. Water Plant Operator monthly activity and status reports were submitted.
8. City Secretary Monthly Financial Activity reports submitted.

GENERAL FUNCTION

9. Presentation Update from Marcia Appia Infrastructure Consulting Engineering (Alfonzo Gonzales) concerning the sewage system lift stations analysis throughout the city and his recommendation on repairs, and funding options under the American Rescue Plan.
10. Commissioner Chavez made the motion to approve the contract between the City of Lyford and Marcia Appia Infrastructure Engineering to repair Lift Station #3 (located on School Grounds) for repair after an assessment of all Lift Stations. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.
11. Commissioner made the motion to approve the transferring of Funds from the ARPA Rescue Fund to reimburse \$68,938.00 to the Water & Sewer Fund for the Water Storage Tank repair expense. Commissioner Mireles seconded. All approved and motion carried.
12. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion for The City of Lyford to request Proposals for Administrative Services (RFP) and requests for qualifications (RFQ) for the 2023-2024 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program funds administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Commissioner Chavez Seconded. All approved and motion carried.
13. Commissioner Chavez made the motion to approve two Resolutions Authorizing the Submission of two 2019 Community Block Grant-Disaster-Recovery (CDBG-DR) applications administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture. (Lift Stations and manholes) Commissioner Cavazos Seconded. All approved and motion carried.
14. Commissioner De La Paz made the motion to approve the Citizens Participation Plan for the City of Lyford. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.

15. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to Amend the City of Lyford's Policies and Procedures. (Amending a Section Number on the present City Policy) Commissioner Chavez Seconded. All approved and motion Carried.
16. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between The Lyford Consolidated School District (LCISD) and The Lyford Police Department. Commissioner De La Paz seconded. All approved and motion carried.
17. Commissioner made the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between The Lyford Consolidated School District (LCISD) and The Lyford Fire Department. Commissioner De La Paz Seconded. All approved and motion carried.
18. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to Approve the motion made by Omar Mendoza of The Lyford Consolidated School District to allow the school to print the Paws on Bulldog Ave. leading to the Lyford Stadium on Saturday, September the 3rd, 2022. Commissioner Mireles seconded. All approved and motion carried.
19. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to send letters to the last 3 EDC Members Thanking them for serving on the EDC Board as Directors whose terms ended on June 25, 2022, with no interaction on agenda signature. Commissioner De La Paz seconded the motion. All approved and motion carried.
20. Commissioner Chavez made the motion to send the City Animal Control application to save a seat for the September 7-9 Animal Control training classes in San Benito, Tx. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion. All approved and motion carried.
21. Commissioner Chavez made the motion to allow the City Secretary to attend the TAAO tax conference in Houston from August 27th to August 31st, 2022. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.
22. Discussion on the Flood Zone Application and procedures will move to a workshop at a later date.
23. Commissioner Chavez made the motion to be placed with the Texas Workforce Program on a list to allow Community Service training. Commissioner Mireles seconded. All approved and motion carried.
24. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to refer and inquire from Mr. Hoffman (Legal Dept.) what will City need to have this venture together. Commissioner Mireles Seconded. All approved except

Commissioner De La Paz opposed. Motion carried. The discussion involved the request made by the Willacy County Pct.3 Use of the 2-acre out of The City of Lyford Parcel of Land for Burning of dry vegetation (Branches).

25. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to accept the quote of \$5,990.32 from Cruz Gonzales Jr. for Backhoe repairs. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and motion carried.
26. Commissioner De La Paz made the motion to approve the purchase of a low-range Turbidimeter from USA Bluebook in the amount of \$2,360.00. (Water Plant Equipment) Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.
27. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to purchase a compressor kit from Burton Auto for \$1,322.88 for the Water Plant. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and motion carried.
28. Discussion on Langford Community Management Services Payment request was Tabled for more information.
29. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to approve the payment request made By GrantWorks Administration Milestone Invoice to be paid by ARPA Funds in the amount of \$6,600.00. Commissioner De La Paz seconded. All approved and motion carried.
30. Approve the Utility Billing adjustments through 06/30/2022. Commissioner De La Paz seconded. All approved and motion carried.
31. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to approve the monthly utility bills with any grant payments. Commissioner Mireles seconded. All approved and motion carried.

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32. Commissioner Chavez made the motion to accept the resignations from the Public Works Dept. of Daniel Flores, Ryan Sanchez, and Emmanuel Delgado.
33. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to accept the 2 Individuals from Willacy County to come and help with PW Dept. Commissioner De La Paz Seconded. All approved and motion seconded.

Commissioner Mireles approved to hire as a Temporary Public Works Ramon Castro at \$8.00/Hr. on a three-month probation basis. And Esteban Contreras as a new employee for Animal Control at \$8.00/Hr.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mireles seconded. All approved and the meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

City Secretary

Mayor Rick Salinas