

CITY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

REGULAR MEETING

September 12, 2022

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Salinas called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., On September 12, 2022, in the Lyford City Hall meeting room.

ATTENDANCE The following members were present:

Mayor	Rick Salinas
Mayor Pro-Tem	Tony Chavez
Commissioner	Pablo Morales (Zoom)
Commissioner	Albert Cavazos
Commissioner	Letty De La Paz

ABSENT Commissioner Avelardo Mireles

STAFF PRESENT Lupita Hernandez Richard Hoffman (Zoom)

AUDIENCE Allen Essex Com. Henry De La Paz
Ben Vera Monica Solis (Linebarger)
Ms. Medina Group of residents

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 08, 2022; and Special Meeting on September 01, 2022. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to approve the Agenda for the Regular Meeting on September 12, 2022. Commissioner De La Paz seconded. All approved and motion carried.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE None

PUBLIC COMMENT ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

None

PLANNING & ZONING

1. Armando Martell/Nora Martell- Commissioner Chavez moved to tabled item since they are not present. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.

VISITORS

2. Ana Medina-Request a street light, 4-way stop, and place speed bumps. The mayor requests Ms. Medina to have signatures from the neighborhood requesting these items. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to table the item till the next meeting. Commissioner De La Paz seconded. All approved and motion carried.
3. Olga Cantu- No show.

MONTHLY REPORTS PRESENTED

4. Mayor Salinas presented his monthly activity report.
5. Lyford Municipal Court monthly activity report.
6. Lyford Police Department's monthly activity report..
7. Lyford Fire Department's monthly activity.
8. Public Works Department's monthly activity report.
9. Water Plant Operator monthly activity and status reports were submitted.
10. City Secretary's Monthly Financial Activity reports submitted.

GENERAL FUNCTION

11. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion recommending that the City provide a Written Statement and Finding of the City's need for specialized Contingent Fee Delinquent Tax Legal services. Commissioner De La Paz seconded. All approved and motion carried.
12. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to approve awarding a 4-Year Contract for Delinquent Tax Collection Services to Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Simpson, LLP. Commissioner Chavez Seconded. All approved and motion carried.
13. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion recommending under the Texas Gov't Code 2254, for City Council to provide a Written Statement and Finding of the City's Need for Specialized Contingent Fee Municipal Court Legal Services. Commissioner De La Paz seconded. All approved and motion carried.
14. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to Approve Awarding a 4-year Contract for Fees and Fines Collection Services to Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Simpson, LLP. Commissioner Chavez Seconded. All approved and motion carried.

15. Commissioner Chavez made the motion to approve the use of the City Hall Meeting Room to hold the General Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, by the Willacy County Election Dept. Commissioner Cavazos Seconded. All approved and motion carried.
16. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to approve the use of the pavilion to host the National Night Out Tour on October 10, 2022, from 6-7:30 pm. Commissioner De La Paz seconded. All approved and motion carried.
17. Commissioner De La Paz made the motion to Approve the Trunk or Treat on October 31, 2022, hosted by the City of Lyford. The location will be here in front of the City Hall for all depts. Commissioner De La Paz Seconded. All approved and motion Carried.
18. Commissioner Chavez made the motion to Approve for The Lyford Volunteer Fire Department to host a quarterly Fundraiser Event. Commissioner De La Paz seconded. All approved and motion carried.
19. Commissioner Chavez opened the discussion about Albert's Food Pantry procedures of the Pantry. Commissioner Cavazos gave his explanation of how he ran the Pantry and the services he offers at the pantry for example Vaccinations, Filling forms, and Food. These services are offered at no cost he explains.
20. Commissioner De La Paz made the motion to approve that every commissioner should comment on an agenda item that they wish to discuss with a 5-minute window of uninterrupted time and 2-minute extension if needed. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved the motion except Commissioner Cavazos. Motion carried.
21. Commissioner De La Paz made the motion to approve the Bee Call Procedures and to change the wording to read that the City of Lyford nor the LVFD will not be responsible for any damages. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.
22. Approval of the utility billing adjustments through the month of August 31, 2022, were approved.
23. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to approve the payment from the TxDHCA Program Contract #1002811 Invoice #2 for \$12,850.00 to JW Turner for the 10% retainage on the Mauricio Martinez home on 13557 Chapote Ave. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and motion carried.

24. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to approve the payment from the TxDHCA Program Contract #1002811 for \$133,608.85 to JW Turner for the G. Premo home on 8554 Simon Gomez. Commissioner De La Paz seconded. All approved and motion carried.
25. Commissioner Chavez made the motion to approve the payment from the TxDHCA Program Contract #1002811 for \$131,401.18 to JW Turner for R. Garcia's' home on 13438 La Jara Ave. Commissioner De La Paz seconded. All approved and motion carried
26. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to approve the payment from the TxDHCA Program Contract #1002811 for \$5,140.00 to Langford Community Mgmt.. For Administrative Services on the Mauricio Martinez home on 13557 Chapote Ave. Commissioner De La Paz seconded. All approved and motion carried.
27. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to approve the payment to RGV Industrial for \$83,481.72 from the TxCDBG Contract #7220279 payment #1 from the Texas Department of Agriculture for the El Toro Lift Station. Commissioner De La Paz seconded. All approved and motion carried
28. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to approve the monthly bills and any grant payments. Commissioner Chavez seconded the motion. All approved and motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

City Secretary

Mayor Rick Salinas