

CITY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

REGULAR MEETING

January 8, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Solis called meeting to order at 6:32 p.m., on January 8, 2018, in the Lyford City Hall meeting room.

ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

Mayor	Jose G. Solis
Mayor Pro-tem	Tony Chavez
Commissioner	Pablo Morales
Commissioner	Albert Cavazos
Commissioner	Rick Salinas

Absent member:
Commissioner Maggie Quilantan

STAFF PRESENT

Lydia Moreno	Benito Estrada
Joe Cabrera	Andres Maldonado
Amos Prado	Ben Sanchez
Armin Martinez	Rick Hoffman

AUDIENCE

Ben Vera	Gerald Cantu
Alfonso Gonzalez	Jorge Perez
Raul Flores	Allen Essex
Annette Hinojosa	Roberto Hernandez

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to approve the Agenda for the Regular Meeting on January 8, 2018. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Morales made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting on December 11, 2017. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Annette Hinojosa presented the Willacy County Special Crimes Task Force.

PLANNING & ZONING

1. Variance on setbacks to 13345 Chapote (Dahlia Villalobos): Commissioner Morales made the motion to table until the next meeting. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and item tabled.
2. Variance to 14109 8th Avenue: Commissioner Morales made the motion to table (Abel not present). Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.
3. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to approve the Oak Manor Subdivision #3 and #4 preliminary plat. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and motion carried.

GENERAL FUNCTION

4. Alfonso Gonzalez went over the list of streets for reconstruction and overlay of existing streets. City to hold Workshop to go over priority streets and cost estimates.
5. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to award the city hall roof bid (most advantageous bid for the city) to All Valley Solutions in the amount of \$37,374.30. Commissioner Morales seconded. All approved and motion carried.
(Holmont using 24 Gauge, too heavy; EC-PM Company requested a down payment of \$13,535 prior to start up.)
6. Commissioner Chavez made the motion to award bid to clean the interior of the North Elevated Tank to South Texas Pressure Systems in the amount of \$1,850.00; only because they are in the valley and they have been doing all our tank inspections each year. Commissioner Morales seconded. All approved and motion carried.
7. Commissioner Morales made the motion to look into upgrade for pump to lift station #8 from 5HP to 7.5HP. Alfonso to look into upgrade. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and motion carried.
8. Commissioner Chavez made the motion to approve the Investment Policy and Strategy for 2018. Commissioner Morales seconded. All approved and motion carried.

9. Commissioner Morales made the motion to approve to amend Agreement between Tropical Texas Behavioral Health and the City of Lyford for mental health officer Abran Tamayo for period December, 2017 to August 31, 2018.. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.

10. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to approve the Willacy County Special Crimes Task Force agreement between the City of Lyford Police Department, Willacy County Attorney's Office; the Willacy County Sheriff's Department; and the Raymondville Police Department. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and motion carried.

11. Commissioner Chavez made the motion to approve the purchase of (4) tires from Southern Tire Mart in the amount of \$1,311.60. Commissioner Morales seconded. All approved and motion carried.

12. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to approve the purchase of a printer from Dahill; lab top from Dell; and a desk for the municipal court. Use of the Technology Fund monies to pay for some of the cost. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.

13. Commissioner Chavez made the motion to table the request of Thompson Lane until city looks at the deed restrictions. Commissioner Morales seconded. All approved and motion carried.

14. Animal Control Ordinance No. 12-7-09 was discussed regarding the number of chickens in size of lot in city limits. City Ordinance is more stringent than state law, therefore, the city will keep ordinance as is.

15. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to open Ordinance No. 98-1 for discussion. Commissioner Chavez seconded.

Commissioner Salinas made the motion to disapprove to rescind Ordinance No. 98-1; ordinance should continue. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approve and motion carried.

16. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to table the update/progress report from S.K. Philip Management until

Sunny Philip is present. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and motion carried.

17. Commissioner Morales made the motion to approve the utility billing adjustments through 12/31/2017. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.

18. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to approve the monthly bills including any grant payment requests. Commissioner Morales seconded. All approved and motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

19. Lyford Municipal Court monthly activity report presented.

20. Lyford Police Department monthly activity report presented.

21. Lyford Volunteer Fire Department monthly activity report.

22. Public Works Supervisor monthly activity report presented.

23. Secretary's monthly financial reports presented.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session from 9:13 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.

24. Evaluation of fire chief Ben Sanchez

ADJOURNMENT Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Morales seconded. All approved and meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

City Secretary

Mayor Jose G. Solis