

CITY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

REGULAR MEETING

January 9, 2023

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Salinas called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m., On January 09, 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
Commissioner	Albert Cavazos
Commissioner	Letty De La Paz
Commissioner	Avelardo Mireles

ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT Benito Estrada
Richard Hoffman
Lupita Hernandez

AUDIENCE Allen Essex
23 Lyford Resident
Chief Martinez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Commissioner Morales made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 12, 2022. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to approve the Agenda for the Regular Meeting on January 09, 2023. Commissioner Mireles seconded. All approved and motion carried.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE Cindy Perez-Presentation on the Veteran's Outreach

PUBLIC COMMENT ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA
None

PLANNING AND ZONING

1. Alma Hernandez- Building Inspector Chavez explained the waiver request on her existing Improvement located on Main Ave. Commissioner De La Paz

moved to approve the waiver request. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and motion carried.

VISITORS

2. Alma Barron- Not present and No Action.
3. Olivia Quintanilla-On status of her vehicle window repair. Commissioner De La Paz moved to accept the Insurance decision to decline the claim made by Ms. Quintanilla. Commissioner Chavez Seconded. All approved and motion carried.

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.

GENERAL FUNCTION

9. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to approve the notice of the Deadline to File an application for a place on the Ballot. Commissioner Morales seconded. All approved by voice and motion carried.
10. Commissioner Chavez made the motion to table the budget amendment for streets of \$165,000.00 for specific streets for repair. After a discussion and the residents in the audience voiced their opinion. Commissioner De La Paz seconded the motion to table the budget amendment for street repair. Commissioner Chavez, Commissioner De La Paz, and Commissioner Morales voted yes to table the Item. Commissioner Cavazos and Commissioner Mireles voted no. The majority voted yes to table item 3-2.
11. Commissioner De La Paz made the motion to approve the bid from RGV Industrial of \$489,000.00 for the FEMA HMGP DR. No 4377 006-Tx for the Storm Station, Detention Facility, and Forcemain. Commissioner Cavazos Seconded. All approved and motion carried.
12. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to approve payment for an invoice from Flores Engineering for the CCN Certificate Project in the amount of \$5,875.00. Commissioner Mireles seconded. All approved and motion carried.
13. Commissioner Chavez made the motion to approve the payment request for invoice #10098 for \$5,394.00 from Marcia Appia Civil Infrastructure for the project at Lift Station #3 (School Grounds) paid for by ARPA Funds. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried. Commissioner De La Paz asks to have the Chief included in the discussion.

14. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to approve the repair of the shed at the north tower by the City Crew. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and motion carried.
 15. Commissioner Morales made the motion for the purchase of a Bobcat Compact Excavator with a low yearly payment option and trade-in of our old backhoe and old pump. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.
 16. Commissioner Chavez made the motion to allow the Animal Control Officer to use a city vehicle to take home. After a discussion of the budget and schedule of when he comes into work, Commissioner Chavez amended his motion to table item. Commissioner Morales seconded. All approved and motion tabled.
 17. Commissioner Chavez made the motion to table the payment request made by M. Lovell paving for resurfacing Huisache Ave. Commissioner Morales seconded. After a discussion and comments from the audience. Council took a vote to table payment to M. Lovell. Commissioners Chavez and De La Paz voted to table. Commissioners Cavazos and Mireles voted against it. Commissioner Morales who did not vote commented that if the paving company will repair the edges of the street, were the grass is appearing he makes the motion to pay the company. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the amended Motion. All approved and motion carried.
 18. A status of the Game Room applications was given at the time of the meeting and all the applications that were received were reviewed by legal counsel.
 19. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to approve the utility billing adjustments through 12/31/2022. Commissioner Mireles seconded. All approved and motion carried.
 20. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to approve the monthly bills and any grant payments. Commissioner Morales seconded. All approved and motion carried.
- CLOSED SESSION 9:02 PM THRU 9:30 PM**
21. Commissioner De La Paz made the motion to hire Officer John Cisneros at \$18/hr. with full benefits thru the PD Budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Morales made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mireles seconded. All approved and the meeting adjourned at 9:31 pm.