

## **CITY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**September 13, 2021**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Salinas called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., on September 13, 2021, in the Lyford City Hall meeting room; public called in thru Zoom.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

The following members were present:

Mayor	Rick Salinas
Mayor Pro-tem	Pablo Morales
Commissioner	Tony Chavez (Zoom)
Commissioner	Albert Cavazos
Commissioner	Avelardo Mireles
Commissioner	Maria Luisa Gonzales

#### **STAFF PRESENT**

Lydia Moreno	Benito Estrada
Joe Cabrera (Zoom)	Gerald Cantu (Zoom)
Ben Vera (Zoom)	Edward Castillo (Zoom)

#### **AUDIENCE**

Allen Essex	Karen Walker (Zoom)
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#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on Sept 13, 2021; Special Meeting on 17, 2021; and Special Meeting on September 27th, 2021. Commissioner Mireles seconded. All approved and motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Morales made the motion to approve the Agenda for the Regular Meeting on September 13, 2021. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and Motion carried.

## **Planning & Zoning**

1. Commissioner Gonzales made the motion to Approve Edward Castillo's request for Specific Use Permit for an Event Center. Commissioner Mireles Seconded. All approved motion carried. (Depending on type of event a need for Security is required especially if serving alcohol.)
2. Commissioner Cavazos moves to discuss item on at end of meeting. Commission Gonzales seconded. All approved and motion carried.
3. Commissioner Cavazos moves to table Elizabeth Saenz request due to insufficient information given on the waiver request. Commissioner Mireles seconded. All approved motion carried.

## **Visitors**

4. Commissioner Cavazos approves request made by Manuel Salgado of 7414 Dario Ave. to cut street curb with a charge of a \$100.00 for permit. Commissioner Morales seconded. All approved motion carried.

## **MONTHLY REPORTS**

5. Mayor Salinas presented his monthly activity report.
6. Lyford Municipal Court monthly activity report was submitted.
7. Lyford Police Department monthly activity report was submitted.
8. Lyford Fire Department monthly activity report was submitted.
9. Public Works Supervisor monthly activity report was submitted.
10. Secretary's monthly financial reports were submitted.

## **GENERAL FUNCTION**

11. Commissioner Morales made the motion to accept the nomination by Commissioner Chavez for Albert Cavazos to the Willacy County Appraisal Board. Commissioner Mireles seconded. All approved and motion carried.

12. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion for the Lyford CISD to close Bulldog Ave for Veteran's Day. Commissioner Mireles seconded. All approved and motion carried.
13. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to approve the request from the Lyford CISD to approve closing of city streets to repaint the paws prints down Bulldog Ave. Commissioner Gonzales seconded. All approved and motion carried. Commissioner Chavez abstained.
14. Commissioner Morales made the motion to approve the interlocal between Willacy County and the City of Lyford regarding the assistance from the Fire Marshall in future inspections. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.
15. Commissioner Morales moved to approve the additional \$20,000.00 in repairs to the 250K Ground Storage Tank by Diamond Enterprises. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and motion carried.
16. Commissioner Morales made the motion to approve the purchase of a 4" trailer-mounted trash pump for \$8,806.36 from Core-Main. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and motion carried.
17. Commissioner Morales made the motion to rescind the Home Program award of building contractor Resolution of RG Enterprises (G&G Contractors) of two homes And Awards JW Turner the two homes. Commissioner Gonzales seconded. All approved and motion carried.
18. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to approve the 2020-2021 Budget. Commissioner Gonzales seconded. All approved and motion carried.
19. Commissioner Morales made the motion to approve the 2021 Property Tax Rate of \$1.0337 and the early payment discount of 3% in October, 2% in November and 1% on December. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved motion carried.
20. Commissioner Gonzales made the motion to approve the utility billing adjustments through 8/30/2021. Commissioner Mireles seconded. All approved and motion carried.
21. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to approve the monthly bills and any grant payments. Commissioner Gonzales seconded. All approved motion carried.

**CLOSED  
SESSION**

**Closed Session from 7:30 pm to 8:36 pm**

**GENERAL  
FUNCTION**

22. Commissioner Gonzales made the motion to approve the hiring and termination of Rene Quiroga Jr. from 8/27 thru 09/02/2021 and Michael Adameit from 08/30 thru 09/07/2021 And the hiring of Jason Santana at \$8.00 temporary hire 8/27/2021. Commissioner Morales seconded. All approved motion carried.
23. Commissioner Gonzales moves to discuss item #2 from the Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Cavazos. All approved and motion carried.

Commissioner Gonzales moves to approve request made by Cristobal Abrego to move in a Mobile Home at 13446 San Jose Ave. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. Commissioner Pablo Morales abstains from voting. All approved motion carries.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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**City Secretary**

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**Mayor Rick Salinas**