

CITY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

REGULAR MEETING

April 8, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jose G. Solis called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., on April 8, 2019, in the Lyford City Hall meeting room.

ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

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

STAFF PRESENT

Lydia Moreno	Benito Estrada
Andres Maldonado	Joe Cabrera
Gerald Cantu	Juan Lugo

AUDIENCE

Alfonso Gonzalez	Randall Winston
Sunny Philip	Paula Rodriguez
David Medina	Yolanda Tamez
Ben Vera	Jessica Castro
Dolores Perez	Rosalie Tristan
Sara Garcia	Allen Essex
Edward Castillo, Jr.	Albert Ramirez
Avelardo Mireles	Gilbert Sada
Dan Sanchez	

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Morales made the motion to approve the Agenda for the Regular Meeting on April 8, 2019. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 11, 2019; and Special Meeting on March 25, 2019. Commissioner Quilantan seconded. All approved and motion carried.

VISITORS:

1. Jessica Castro: Commissioner Salinas made the motion to allow Jessica Castro acquire the building permit for the pitch roof already built. Commissioner Morales seconded. All approved and motion carried.
2. Edward Castillo: Commissioner Salinas made the motion to approve a sewer adjustment; partial payment plan; and waive the late charge. Commissioner Morales seconded. All approved and motion carried.
3. Yesica Magana: no show.
4. Albert Ramirez: request for lighting behing the Sizzling 7's game room: city to look into getting a new light and have the game room pay for it.
5. Horseshoe Entertainment Game Room: Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to allow the game room to renew business license; game room to go ahead and operate; pay dues and taxes owed and all license fees \$16,250 plus machine tags. Commissioner Quilantan seconded. **Commissioner Cavazos, Quilantan, and Morales voted in favor; Commissioner Salinas and Chavez abstained because Ordinance has not been amended to take care of business.....motion carried.**
6. El Toro Game Room: request to renew business license.....**dies for lack of a motion.....**owner will bring back after meeting with Homeland Security.

**GENERAL
FUNCTION**

Commissioner Morales made the motion to move item #10 next. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.

7. Commissioner Chavez made the motion to approve the MOU Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Lyford and Tobacco Prevention & Control Coalition. Commissioner Quilantan seconded. All approved and motion carried.

Commissioner Morales made the motion to go back to item #7. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.

8. Discussed the Water System Improvements project funding through the Texas Water Development Board and North American

Development Bank and options proposed by funding agencies presented by Sunny Philip and Randall Winston. City to decline the proposed TWDB \$400,000 grant; zero percent \$2M loan for a Reverse Osmosis plant. The possibility of losing the NADBank \$500,000 grant and possibly the water audit paid by the Nadbank for the proposed water lines. Mr. Philip will try to pursue the water lines project.

9. Commissioner Salinas made the motion that all livestock owners pay a permit whether or not they own 1 ½ acres or fall under the Land Use after annexation. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. **Commissioners Salinas and Cavazos voted "yes". Commissioner Morales, Chavez, and Quilantan voted "no".....motion does not carry and dies.**
10. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to approve to have city engineer provide an Opinion of Probable Cost for the sewer extension to E. First Street Outlots. Commissioner Quilantan seconded. All approved and motion carried.
11. Commissioner Morales made the motion to approve contract between the City of Lyford and Andres Chavez for building inspections at the rate of \$600 per month. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.
12. Commissioner Morales made the motion to approve the Policy for Eyewitness Identification-Section 40 of the Policy and Procedures for the Lyford Police Department. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.
13. Commissioner Morales made the motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application for the Operation Stonegarden to the Office of the Governor. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.
14. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to approve Option B for the Tire Recycling Campaign on April 27, 2019. City to pick up tires throughout the city and transport to the Brownsville landfill. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.
15. Commissioner Morales made the motion to table the sale of water to Farmers. Commissioner Quilantan seconded. All approved and motion carried.
16. Commissioner Morales made the motion to approve the purchase of Tires and other supplies from T&W Tire in the amount of \$1,566.45 by the Fire Department. Commissioner Salinas seconded. All

approved and motion carried.

17. Discussed the proposed streets to be paved. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to approve city engineer to proceed with an Opinion of Probable Cost. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.

- Park-Glen Lofton to Main
- Park-Hidalgo to LaNoria
- 3rd---Park to Oleander
- Hidalgo-before RR east and west

18. Commissioner Chavez made the motion to approve the utility billing adjustment through 3/31/2019. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.

19. Commissioner Morales made the motion to approve the monthly bills including any grant payments. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

20. Lyford Municipal Court monthly activity report submitted.

21. Lyford Police Department monthly activity report presented.

22. Lyford Volunteer Fire Department monthly activity report.

23. Public Works Supervisor monthly activity report presented.

24. Secretary's monthly financial reports presented.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session from 10:14 pm to 11:11 pm

25. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to pay Robert Elizondo with the public works department at \$8.00/hr with 1 year probation. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.

26. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to proceed with staff meetings on the last Thursday of the month; next meeting on May 30, 2019; employees to go to lunch after the meetings. Commissioner Morales seconded. All approved and motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Chavez made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

City Secretary

Mayor Jose G. Solis