

## **CITY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**October 12, 2020**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Solis called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., on October 12, 2020, in the Lyford City Hall meeting room; public called in thru Zoom.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

The following members were present:

Mayor	Wally Solis
Mayor Pro-tem	Rick Salinas
Commissioner	Tony Chavez
Commissioner	Albert Cavazos
Commissioner	Avelardo Mireles
Commissioner	Maggie Quilantan

#### **STAFF PRESENT**

Lydia Moreno	Benito Estrada
Joe Cabrera	Gerald Cantu

#### **AUDIENCE**

Allen Essex	Ben Vera
Oralia Cardenas	Paula Rodriguez
Henry Anderson	Jose Munoz

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Quilantan made the motion to approve the Agenda for the Regular Meeting on October 12, 2020. Commissioner Mireles seconded. All approved and Motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Salinas made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Public Hearing on September 14, September 23, and September 28, 2020; Regular Meeting on September 14, 2020, with correction to item #10; Special Meeting on September 23, and September 28, 2020. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.

#### **PLANNING & ZONING:**

1. Henry Anderson: Commissioner Salinas made the motion that Mr. Anderson be allowed the use of C-1 Restricted Commercial property contingent that the building follows the city code. This restricted use only to Mr. Anderson and not to the property. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.

## **VISITORS:**

2. Abel Tamez: Commissioner Salinas made the motion to approve to waive the mowing liens to Lyford Outlot 32, Lot 2 (North Part) 2.00 Acres. Mr. Tamez to pay \$960.00 recording fees already paid by the city to release liens. Commissioner Quilantan seconded. All approved and motion carried.

## **GENERAL FUNCTION**

3. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to approve permission to the Lyford CISD to close a section of Bulldog Blvd for varsity home football games; approve permission to proceed with the bonfire celebration on October 23, 2020; and approve permission to close a section of Bulldog Blvd for the Veteran's Day Ceremony/Parade on November 11, 2020; contingent it follows the Governor and County's Covid-19 on gatherings protocol. Commissioner Quilantan seconded. All approved and motion carried.
4. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to table the bid submitted by Miguel Sanchez for the mowing and upkeep of the park located on the corner of Park Ave and Bulldog Ave and the other one located on the corner of Park Ave and Hidalgo Ave. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and motion carried.

*Commissioner Salinas made the motion to move up item #11. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and motion carried.*

5. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Willacy County related to the 2020 Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) application administered by the Texas General Land Office. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and motion carried.

*Commissioner Salinas made the motion to move back to item #5. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.*

6. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to approve the estimate from Diamond Eight Industries in the amount of \$24,500.00 for the paving of Simon Gomez South of Glen Lofton. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. Commissioners Salinas, Cavazos, Quilantan, Mireles voted in favor; Commissioner Chavez abstained.....motion carried.

Commissioner Salinas made the motion to borrow the \$24,500.00 from the General Fund until a Certificate of Deposit matures and transfer to the General Fund. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All except for Commissioner Chavez approved and motion carried.

7. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to approve proposal from South Texas Pressure Systems in the amount of \$4,900.00 to clean the interiors of both elevated tanks, removing all heavy sediment. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and motion carried.
8. Discussed building permits without a permit: Cabrera to go and give them a permit to sign, but not to stop them from building. If they don't come in the next day, have PD go over. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to execute a fine through the Police Department. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and motion carried.
9. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to amend the Guadalupe Cemetery Bylaws not to allow burials in the old section only with proof with a Bill of Sale or those existing headstones because that cemetery was not plotted with ownership. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.

*Commissioner Salinas made the motion to move up item #10. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and motion carried.*

10. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to table the fire department roof until the next meeting or will hold a special meeting. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and motion carried.
11. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to have the fire department replace the most important contents first. Fire Chief to look into a rental to store contents. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.
12. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to approve the utility billing adjustments through 9/30/2020. Commissioner Quilantan seconded. All approved and motion carried.

13. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to approve the monthly bills and any grant payment draws. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and motion carried.

## **MONTHLY REPORTS**

14. Lyford Municipal Court monthly activity report was submitted.
15. Lyford Police Department monthly activity report was submitted.
16. Lyford Fire Department monthly activity report presented.
17. Public Works Supervisor monthly activity report presented.
18. Secretary's monthly financial reports presented.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

### **Closed Session from 9:15 pm to 9:30 pm**

19. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to table to abolish EDC-A until a response from the Texas Comptroller's Office comes in. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Chavez made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

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**City Secretary**

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**Mayor Jose G. Solis**