

CITY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

REGULAR MEETING

April 12, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Solis called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., on April 12, 2021, in the Lyford City Hall meeting room; public called in thru Zoom.

ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

Mayor	Wally Solis
Mayor Pro-tem	Pablo Morales
Commissioner	Albert Cavazos
Commissioner	Avelardo Mireles
Commissioner	Rick Salinas

Absent member:
Commissioner Tony Chavez

STAFF PRESENT

Lydia Moreno	Benito Estrada
Joe Cabrera	Gerald Cantu
Armin Martinez	Juan Salinas
Rick Hoffman	

AUDIENCE

Allen Essex	Paula Rodriguez
Jill Phinney	Isaac Huacha
Oralia Cardenas	Ken

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Morales made the motion to approve the Agenda for the Regular Meeting on April 12, 2021. Commissioner Mireles seconded. All approved and Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Morales made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 8, 2021; Workshop on March 8, 2021; Special Meeting on March 22, 2021; and

Public Hearing on April 1 2021. Commissioner Mireles seconded. All approved and motion carried.

PLANNING & ZONING

1. Saray Magana: no show.
2. Delia Ramirez: Commissioner Salinas made the motion to waive accrued fees concerning the moving permit for the fifth wheel trailer to 7492 Delfina. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.

VISITORS

3. Roque Arrellano: Commissioner Salinas made the motion not to waive the sewer tap connection; Commissioner Cavazos seconded. Joey Mendoza: Commissioner Salinas made the motion to waive the sewer tap fee because he has been connected all this time and city replaced the sewer main. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.
4. Amelia Rosales, Sulema Lopez, Aurelio Turrubiates: Commissioner Salinas made the motion to approve sewer bill adjustment and payment plan if requested. Commissioner Mireles seconded. All approved and motion carried.
5. Speed Bumps requested by residents will look into pricing and width of street; survey and stop signs will be revisited. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to table. Commissioner Morales seconded. All approved and motion carried.

GENERAL FUNCTION

6. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to approve Resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program application 2021-2022 to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Community Development Fund and authorizing the Mayor to act as the city's executive officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the city's participation in the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.
7. American Rescue Plan: Commissioner Salinas made the motion to proceed to procure once the monies come down to Lyford. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.

8. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to Approve Resolution finding that AEP Texas Inc.'s application to amend its distribution cost recovery factors to increase distribution rates within the city should be denied; authorizing participation with the cities served by AEP Texas; authorizing hiring of legal counsel; finding that the city's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the company; finding that the meeting at which this Resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to the company and legal counsel. Commissioner Morales seconded. All approved and motion carried.
9. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to approve the Lease Agreement for the Medical Clinic between the City of Lyford and Dr. Mario Sanchez and present to Dr. Sanchez. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.
10. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to table request to TxDot for ambulance access to the medical building. City Engineer to review. Commissioner Morales seconded. All approved and motion carried.
11. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to move item #13 to closed session. Commissioner Mireles seconded. All approved and motion carried.
12. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to hold the ribbon cutting for the Medical Clinic on Tuesday, April 20th @ 10 am or Tuesday, April 27th @ 9am tentatively until we hear from Commissioner Morales. Commissioner Morales seconded. All approved and motion carried.
13. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to approve Local Agreement between Willacy County and District Attorney's Office and the Lyford Police Department pertaining to seized and forfeited property. Commissioner Mireles seconded. All approved and motion carried.
14. Commissioner Morales made the motion to approve a control burn at the 50 acre tract for the future firing range for police/fire department with a fire plan, and county approval. Police to coordinate with the county. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.
15. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to amend Interlocal Agreement between Willacy County and the City of Lyford

concerning repairs to the private distribution lines. Commissioner Morales seconded. All approved and motion carried.

16. Commissioner Morales made the motion to approve Option B for the Free Tire Collection Event on Saturday, May 8, 2021. Commissioner Mireles seconded. All approved and motion carried.
17. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to pursue procurement for the CCN application for water and sewer. Commissioner Morales seconded. All approved and motion carried.
18. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to approve proposal from Xultex in the amount of \$4,000.00 to upgrade water monitoring plan. Commissioner Morales seconded. All approved and motion carried.
19. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to approve the proposal from RGV Industrial in the amount of \$1,800.00 to repair the High Service Pump #2 to the water treatment plant. Commissioner Morales seconded. All approved and motion carried.
20. Commissioner Morales made the motion to approve the proposal from EFORCE for the software/hardware for the Lyford Police Department. (\$11,000.00 down; \$11,000.00 second year; \$2,500.00 every year per Chief Martinez; payable from the Police Donations and Police Fundraisers).
21. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to table the replacement of EDC-B members with expiring terms until the June annual meeting; city to begin discussing in May, 2021. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.
22. Commissioner Morales made the motion to approve the utility billing adjustments through 3/31/2021. Commissioner Mireles seconded. All approved and motion carried.
23. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to approve the monthly bills and the grant payments/matching funds. Commissioner Morales seconded. All approved and motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

24. Lyford Municipal Court monthly activity report was presented.

25. Lyford Police Department monthly activity report was presented.
26. Lyford Fire Department monthly activity report presented.
27. Public Works Supervisor monthly activity report presented.
28. Secretary's monthly financial reports were presented.

**CLOSED
SESSION**

Closed Session from 8:20 pm to 8:35 pm

29. Commissioner Morales made the motion to extend the paving bid and sidewalk to the medical building Phase II deadline to 4/26/2021 @ 5pm. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.
30. Commissioner Morales made the motion to rehire Nilo Aponte as temporary part time peace officer @ \$15.00 per hour. Commissioner Mireles seconded. All approved and motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Morales made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mireles seconded. All approved and meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

City Secretary

Mayor Jose G. Solis