

CITY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

SPECIAL MEETING

July 22, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jose G. Solis called meeting to order at 6:00 pm, on July 22, 2019, in the Lyford City Hall meeting room.

ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

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

STAFF PRESENT

Lydia Moreno	Benito Estrada
Juan Lugo	Merced Rodriguez
Isaac Huacuja	Kendra-SWG
Alfonso Gonzales	Jorge Perez

AUDIENCE

Cristina Figueroa	Allen Essex
Billie Nyquist	Norman Nyquist
Sarah Garcia	Liz Urbina
Gilbert Garcia	Beto Garcia
Santiago Sanchez	Sergio Salazar
Dora Hernandez	Melinda Guevara
Luz Hernandez	Emma Salinas
Rosalva Gonzales	

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing to rezone Lyford Outlot 87 from Single Residential zone to Commercial District C-2 zone at the request of Armando Ramirez.

PLANNING & ZONING

2. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to approve to rezone Lyford Outlot 87 from a Single Family Residential to a Commercial District C-2 zone. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried. **(Armando Ramirez was not present to discuss).**

VISITORS:

3. Tobacco Prevention & Control Coalition: Commissioner Chavez made the motion to approve the request to use the park in front of the Prince of Peace Catholic Church for Soccer Tournaments on 8/8-8/10 and 8/15-8/17. Commissioner Quilantan seconded. All approved and motion carried.
4. Communities Against Substance Abuse (CASA): Commissioner Salinas made the motion to approve request to use the Sports Complex for the 20th Annual Christmas in August on August 7, 2019 at the rate for non-profit organization; city to waive 2 hours rent and Commissioner Salinas to pay the additional hour as a donation. Commissioner Chavez seconded. Commissioner Cavazos abstained.....all others Approved and motion carried.
5. Sergio Salazar presented the Communities Unlimited Home Improvement Loans Program available for all of Willacy County residents.
6. Luz Rodriguez: Commissioner Salinas made the motion to approve request for **water and sewer** adjustment for the past 4 months; waive late charge; and credit for overpayments. Commissioner Quilantan seconded. All approved and motion carried.
7. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to table the request for Ms. Margaret Garcia water meter until the meter is checked. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and motion carried.
8. Emma Salinas addressed the city about her neighbor's loose dogs, gas line in the alley, tree in the San Jose alley, and all the junk. Nothing has been resolved in 1 ½ weeks.

GENERAL FUNCTION:

9. Commissioner Chavez made the motion to approve Resolution appointing the Mayor as the Chief Executive Officer and authorized representative to act in all matters in connection with the FEMA mitigation project and committing the City to provide matching funds to secure and complete the FEMA Mitigation Grant. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.
10. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to approve the Resolution requesting approval for an amendment to the performance statement for the Texas General Land Office Disaster Relief Program Contract No. 118-407-000-B116 with the City of Lyford. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and motion carried.

11. Commissioner Chavez made the motion to table to approve the pump size to the 18" force main on 8th Street Pump Station as per PCE Engineers. Commissioner Quilantan seconded. All approved and motion carried.
12. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to approve to amend the General Land Office engineering contracts for Contract #18-409-000-B118 and #18-407-000-B116. Commissioner Quilantan seconded. All approved and motion carried.
13. Commissioner Quilantan made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 19-07-22 approving a negotiated Resolution between the City of Lyford and the Texas Gas Service (GS) or the company regarding the company's April 30, 2019 cost of service adjustment (COSA) filing; declaring existing rates to be unreasonable; adopting new tariffs that reflect rate adjustments and finding the rates to be set by the attached tariffs to be just and reasonable; providing for the recovery of the city's and TGS' reasonable and necessary rate case expenses; adopting a savings clause; determining that this ordinance was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Texas open meetings act; declaring an effective date; repealing any prior ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance and requiring delivery of this ordinance to the company's and the city's legal counsel. Commissioner Salinas seconded. All approved and motion carried.
14. Commissioner Quilantan made the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Lyford CISD and the Lyford Police Department and the Lyford Fire Department. Commissioner Salinas seconded. All approved and motion carried.
15. Commissioner Quilantan made the motion to approve Lyford CISD request to close a small section of Bulldog Blvd and Simon Gomez Avenue for the home football games; Approve request for burning and closing of streets for the "homecoming" festivities on October 18, 2019. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.
16. Commissioner Chavez made the motion to allow public officials to attend the TML Annual Conference in San Antonio on October 9-11, 2019. Commissioner Salinas seconded. All approved and motion carried.
17. Commissioner Chavez made the motion to allow city secretary to attend the TML Annual Conference in San Antonio on August 25-28,

2019. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.

18. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to allow the Municipal Judge and Clerk to attend the Legislative Updates in Austin on August 23, 2019. **(Allowed to go in one vehicle only.)** Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.

19. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to approve the salary for Chief Maldonado while attending the firefighter training on 7/21-7/26, 2019 in College Station. Commissioner Quilantan seconded. All approved and motion carried.

20. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to approve to submit the reimbursement to the Office of the Governor in the amount of \$8,454.14 for the Crime Victim's matching grant from the Police Department Budget. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.

21. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to approve the 2018-2019 Budget Amendment. Commissioner Quilantan seconded. All approved and motion carried.

22. Discussed the enforcement of city ordinances: Chief to proceed with enforcement of junked vehicles until city brings back with amendment to ordinance.

CLOSED SESSION

Close Session from 7:58 pm to 8:19 pm

23. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to proceed with the purchase of property discussed in closed session. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Quilantan seconded. All approved and meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

City Secretary

Mayor Jose G. Solis