

CITY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

REGULAR MEETING

June 8, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Solis called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., on June 8, 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	Maggie Quilantan
Commissioner	Avelardo Mireles
Commissioner	Albert Cavazos

STAFF PRESENT

Lydia Moreno	Benito Estrada
Ben Vera	Gerald Cantu
Armin Martinez	Joe Cabrera

AUDIENCE

Paula Rodriguez	Albert Ramirez
Allen Essex	

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to approve the Agenda for the Regular Meeting on June 8, 2020. Commissioner Quilantan seconded. All approved and Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Chavez made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 21, 2020. Commissioner Mireles seconded. All approved and motion carried.

PLANNING & ZONING:

1. Armando Ramirez: Commissioner Salinas made the motion to issue a building permit contingent to the inspector's approval and

elevation certificate. Commissioner Quilantan seconded. All approved and motion carried.

2. Fuchen Chen Subdivision: Commissioner Salinas tabled until 6/22/20 with inspector's comments. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.
3. Floyd Courtney: no show. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to table. Commissioner Quilantan seconded. All approved and motion carried.
4. Norma Garcia: Commissioner Chavez made the motion to allow the Animal Control Officer to take a copy of the Animal Control Ordinance to the owner and follow up. Commissioner Quilantan seconded. All approved and motion carried.
5. Edward Castillo: no show.

GENERAL FUNCTION

6. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to approve Resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas Development Block Grant Program application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Fire Ambulance Service Truck (FAST) 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 Chavez seconded. All approved and motion carried.
7. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to move forward to legal counsel to amend ordinance on game rooms. Commissioner Salinas seconded. All approved and motion carried.
8. Commissioner Salinas made the motion not to move forward with the application for the Flood Information Form (FIF) to the Texas Water Development Board due June 15, 2020 because the LRGVDC has all the information and we do not need this. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.
9. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to move forward with the General Land Office Mitigation Funds for the 2015 disaster. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and motion carried.

10. Commissioner Chavez made the motion to table the Floodplain Development Permit Application, fees, and proposed ordinance. Commissioner Quilantan seconded. All approved and motion carried.
11. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to approve Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance No. 06-10-18 amending the boundaries of the C-2 Zoning District; and R-1 Single Family Zoning District on the official zoning map of the City of Lyford; amending the City of Lyford Comprehensive Plan, and approving for an effective date. Commissioner Quilantan seconded. All approved and motion carried.
12. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to pursue acquiring bids for underground electricity with storage for the Central Park Amphitheatre. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and motion carried.
13. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to purchase (7) Tablets up to \$350.00 with cover. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and motion carried.
14. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to approve the purchase of a check valve for the 8th Street Lift Station from Core Main in the amount of \$1,359.00 to be installed by the public works. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and motion carried.
15. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to pursue the possibility of (2) F250 trucks; lease purchase contract with Frost Bank for \$65,000; for 3-5 years. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.
16. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to have first responders test and if further testing is required and Willacy County does not pay, the city will pay; any responders who tested out of pocket will be reimbursed. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and motion carried.
17. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to approve the new evaluation form for city employees. Commissioner Quilantan seconded. All approved and motion carried.
18. Commissioner Chavez made the motion to approve the utility billing adjustments through 5/31/2020. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. Commissioner Salinas abstained.....all others approved and motion carried.

19. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to approve the monthly bills and any grant payment request. Commissioner Mireles seconded. All approved and motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

20. Lyford Municipal Court monthly activity report presented.

21. Lyford Fire Department monthly activity report presented.

22. Public Works Supervisor monthly activity report presented.

23. Secretary's monthly financial reports presented.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session from 9:10 pm to 9:40 pm

24. Commissioner Salinas made the motion to include hazard pay for essential workers in the Employee Personnel Policies. Commissioner Cavazos seconded. All approved and motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Salinas made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Chavez seconded. All approved and meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

City Secretary

Mayor Jose G. Solis