

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF CAMERON §
TOWN OF LAGUNA VISTA §

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: November 3, 2014

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: City Hall Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susie Houston, Mayor
Michael Carter, Mayor Pro-Tem
Wanda Reyes-Rice – Councilmember Place 2
Frank Davalos, Jr., - Councilmember Place 3
Gary Meschi, Councilmember Place 5
Richard Hinojosa, Councilmember Place 6

Rolando Vela, City Manager
Ricardo Morado, City Attorney
Alma Deckard, City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Leti Keplinger, Councilmember Place 4

ALSO PRESENT: Arden Curts, Citizen
Norris Fletcher, Citizen
Roberto Rodriguez, Citizen
Richard Lane, Citizen
Marc Davis, Citizen

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Mayor Houston called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Rice.

3. Roll Call/Excused Absences – Council Member Keplinger was absent.

Council Member Rice made a motion to excuse Council Member Keplinger from tonight's meeting, November 3, 2014, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

4. OPEN FORUM:

Roberto Rodriguez addressed the Council, informing them that the Rotary held its first annual Rescue Run for 1st responders on September 27, 2014. They raised \$4,000, of which \$2,000 will go to the 1st responders fund. The first responders fund will be used in case a 1st responder is injured or kill. An application will be filed and fund will be given to the first responder or his family.

5. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion, consideration and possible action on each of the following items:

- A. MINUTES** – Consideration and action to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2014 Regular Meeting. (City Secretary)

Council Member Davalos made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2014, with a correct that the adjournment motion was made by Council Member Keplinger and seconded by Council Member Davalos, there was also a correction to Council Member Meschi and Keplinger both listed as Place 5, Council Member Rice seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- B. TEXAS FOREST SERVICE GRANT** – Consideration and action to approve the submittal of a grant application to the Texas Forest Service for a brush truck for the Fire Department. (Fire Chief Olguin)

Mayor Houston made a motion to approve the submittal of a grant application to the Texas Forest Service for a brush truck for the Fire Department, Council Member Hinojosa seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- C. ORDINANCE NUMBER 2014-31** – First Reading – To consider the first reading of Ordinance Number 2014-31 providing for spaying and neutering of pets. (City Manager)
It was the consensus of the Council to have the City Manager and Town Attorney research an ordinance with regard to breeding and permitting of animals.

- D. ORDINANCE NUMBER 2014-32** – First Reading – To consider the first reading of Ordinance Number 2014-32 providing for mandatory microchip program for dogs and cats. (City Manager)
It was the consensus of the Council that Ordinance Number 2014-32 providing for mandatory microchip program for dogs and cats not be brought back for a second reading.

- E. 2011 CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION** – Update on the 2011 Certificates of Obligation. (City Manager)
Rolando Vela stated that the fund balance for the Certificates of Obligation is \$55,720.22. There has been no activity in the account. We are still waiting for the Laguna Madre Water District to proceed with the fire hydrants on Palm Blvd.

- F. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

- i. Laguna Vista Live: Music By The Bay

Rolando Vela stated that the Music By the Bay is scheduled for Saturday, November 8, 2014 from 5 – 9 pm. Hector Guzman will be playing. Food booths will be available.

- ii. Veterans Day Ceremony

Rolando Vela stated that the Veterans Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at 5:30 pm at Veterans Park.

- G. EXECUTIVE SESSION** - There will be an Executive Session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, Section §551.071; consultation with Town Attorney to seek advice in legal matters.

**⚖️ Litigation relating to Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction
Council did not go into executive session.**

- H. OPEN SESSION** - Action, if any, on the items discussed in Executive Session.
No action was taken.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Meschi made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:31 pm, Council Member Rice seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Susie Houston, Mayor

Attest:

Alma Deckard, City Secretary