

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

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA BOARD OF ALDERMEN

DATE: January 11, 2011

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: City Hall Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susie Houston, Mayor
Ken Irwin, Mayor Pro-Tem
Rita Garcia, Alderwoman
Steve Muschenheim, Alderman
William Schnier, Alderman
Leti Keplinger, Alderwoman

Janice Cassidy, Town Attorney
Rolando Vela, City Manager
Robert McGinnis, Police Chief
Alma Deckard, City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Foster, Citizen
George Robb, Citizen
Dime O'Leary, South Padre Island
Caitlin O'Leary, South Padre Island
Rodney Frezier, South Padre Island
Maya Whittington, South Padre Island
Arden Curts, Citizen
Bonnie Rodriguez, Citizen
Elizabeth Rodriguez, Citizen
Charisma Valdez, Citizen
Maribel Valdez, Citizen
Marisa Martinez, Port Isabel
Olivia Soliz, Port Isabel
Anne Lyons, Citizen
Karen Scheoepfel, Citizen
Richard Hinojosa, Citizen
Bill Beaty, Citizen
Gabby Muschenheim, Citizen
Pattie Koresti, Citizen
Rob Koresti, Citizen
Bud Sherman, Citizen
Donna Sherman, Citizen
Gloria Lamble, Citizen

Kate Santos, Citizen
Tom Santos, Citizen
Marvin Nelson, Citizen
Carole Benham, Citizen
Chris Hawley, Citizen

Danielle Hawley, Citizen
Richard Lane, Citizen
Robert Severson, Citizen
Mary Ann Severson, Citizen
Madeleine Sandefur, Citizen
Fernando Lopez, Citizen
Gay Drake, Citizen
Richard Mar (sp), Citizen
Kathy Hawley, Citizen
Jay Coaen, Citizen
Robert Coaen, Citizen
Mariflor Cremonie, Citizen

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
Mayor Houston called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. Pledge and Invocation by Pastor Sue Huntsman from the First United Methodist Church in Port Isabel.
3. Roll Call – All present.
4. OPEN FORUM:

Richard Lane addressed the board concerning the third request for a speed limit sign at the north end of Palo Blanco Drive. He also suggested that an air filter be installed in the meeting room because there are lots of particles in the air.

Robert Severson addressed the Board concerning the walking trail that is scheduled to be constructed at the 15 acres. He encouraged the Board to approve the recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Board.
5. PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGMENTS
 - A.** Derry Dolls – A proclamation recognizing the Derry Dolls.
Mayor read a proclamation honoring the Derry Dolls from the Derry Elementary School for their outstanding achievements during this school year.
 - B.** Chris Hawley – To recognize Chris Hawley from Mesquite Coastal Carvings for the dolphin wood carving across the street from Town Hall.
Mayor recognized Chris Hawley who sculptured the dolphins and fish from a dead tree on the Town's vacant lot, across from city hall. Mayor stated that she and city

hall have received many calls about the sculpture, people stop and take pictures there all the time. Mr. Hawley stated that he is always looking for dead trees to carve.

C. Volunteer Work – To recognize Dan Card and Marvin Nelson for building the cabinets at the Fire Station.

Mayor recognized and expressed thanks to Dan Card and Marvin Nelson for the construction of the cabinets at the fire station. Marvin Nelson stated that he was a member of the volunteer fire department for many years back home and wanted to contribute to the Laguna Vista department.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:** All matters listed under this item are considered to be routine by the Board and will be enacted for approval by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.
 - a) MINUTES** - Consideration and action to approve minutes from the December 14, 2010 Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting.
 - b) MINUTES** – Consideration and action to approve minutes from the Quad City Meeting on December 7, 2010.
 - c) CURRENT OBLIGATIONS** - Approval of the current obligations from the Texas Community Development Program Contract Number 728220 Grant.
 - d) CURRENT OBLIGATIONS** – Approval of the current obligations from the Library Money Market Account.
 - e) MEDIAN QUOTES** – To authorize the City Manager to seek quotes for the new median on Highway 100.
 - f) GENERATOR/FUEL TANK CONTAINMENT** – To authorize to re-advertise to re-bid for the generator and fuel tank containment project as part of the FEMA Grant.

Alderman Irwin requested that item (e) Median Quotes – to authorize the City Manager to seek quotes for the new median on Highway 100 be pulled from the consent agenda items for separate discussion.

Alderman Schnier made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as follows: (a) approval of the minutes from the December 14, 2010 regular Board of Aldermen meeting, (b) approval of the minutes from the Quad City Meeting on December 7, 2010, (c) approval of the current obligations from the Texas Community Development Program Contract Number 728220 Grant, (d) approval of the current obligations from the Library Money Market Account, (f) approval to authorize to re-advertise to re-bid for the generator and fuel tank containment project as part of the FEMA Grant, motion was seconded by Alderman Irwin. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Irwin made a motion to approve for the City Manager to proceed with seeking quotes for the new median and negotiate with the Stripes Store people concerning the cost, motion was seconded by Alderwoman Keplinger. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried unanimously.

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

A. 2009-10 AUDIT – To approve the 2009-10 audit presentation from Long Chilton, LLP. Alderman Irwin made a motion to approve the 2009-10 Audit presentation from Long Chilton, LLP, motion was seconded by Alderman Muschenheim. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried unanimously.

B. 2010 TDRA GRANT APPLICATION – To adopt Section 3 policy of the Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA) in which the Town of Laguna Vista encourages construction
Alderman Irwin made a motion to adopt Section 3 policy of the Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA) in which the Town of Laguna Vista encourages construction, motion was seconded by Alderwoman Garcia. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried unanimously.

C. LIBRARY SHUTTERS – To award a contract to install shutters at the library as part of the FEMA Grant.
Alderman Schnier made a motion to award a the contract for the installation of the shutters at the library as part of the FEMA Grant, to Fecht & Company, with the contingency that counsel review and approve the warranty/guaranty offered in the proposal, motion was seconded by Alderwoman Keplinger. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried unanimously.

D. JOGGING/WALKING TRAIL PROJECT – To accept the recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Board to build the trail at the Town-owned 15 acres.
Alderman Irwin made a motion to approve the walking/jogging trail to proceed with the location at the 15 acres; with the City Manager and Town counsel to review the grant specifications and restrictions, motion was seconded by Alderman Muschenheim. Alderwoman Garcia abstained. All other voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

E. EXECUTIVE SESSION – There will be an executive session as authorized by the Open meetings Act, pursuant to Section 551.071; consultation with Town Attorney to seek advice on legal matters in which the duty of the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the state Bar of Texas conflicts with the Texas Government Code Section 551.001 et seq. authorizing a government body to consult with its attorney in an executive session and to seek his and her advice on legal matters pending or contemplated litigation.

Alderman Schnier made a motion to go into executive session, at 6:51 pm, as authorized by the Open meetings Act, pursuant to Section 551.071; consultation with Town Attorney to seek advice on legal matters in which the duty of the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the state Bar of Texas conflicts with the Texas Government Code Section 551.001 et seq. authorizing a government body to consult with its attorney in an executive session and to seek his and her advice on legal matters pending or contemplated litigation, motion was seconded by Alderwoman Keplinger. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried unanimously.

Board of Aldermen came out of executive session at 7:19 pm.

F. OPEN SESSION – Consideration and potential action as a result of the Executive Session.

No action was taken as a result of executive session.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Muschenheim made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:20 p.m., second by Alderwoman Keplinger. All voted "aye" to adjourn, motion carried.

Attest:

Susie Houston, Mayor

Alma Deckard, City Secretary