

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, December 21, 2010**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in regular session on **Tuesday, December 21, 2010, at 6:30 P.M.** in the City Commission Meeting Room, 115 E. Commercial Avenue, La Feria, Texas 78559. The purpose of said meeting was to consider and take action on those items of City Business as was duly posted by agenda in accordance with State Open Meetings Law. The following City Commission members were present at said meeting.

Mr. Steve Brewer	Mayor
Ms. Lori Weaver	City Commissioner/Mayor Pro Tem
Mr. John Edward Betancourt	City Commissioner
Mr. John Hernandez	City Commissioner
Mr. Victor Gonzalez, Jr.	City Commissioner
Absent: Ms. Angelica P. Baldivia	City Commissioner

The following staff members were present.

Mr. Sunny K. Philip	City Manager
Mr. Richard S. Talbert	City Attorney
Ms. Maria Chavero	Finance Director
Ms. Irene Szedlmayer	Planning and Community Dev. Dir.
Ms. Olga Oberwetter	City Secretary

The only other persons present at the meeting were Ms. Esmeralda Sanchez and Ms. Mary Beth Wright.

At 6:30 P.M., Mayor Steve Brewer asked Commissioner Lori Weaver to give the invocation. After the invocation, Mayor Brewer led everyone present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. He then declared that a quorum of the City Commission was present and called the meeting to order.

PRESENTATION OF CEREMONIAL CHECK FOR THE GENERATOR PROJECT BY MS. ESMERALDA R. SANCHEZ, TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF RURAL AFFAIRS, DISASTER RECOVERY DIVISION

Ms. Esmeralda R. Sanchez with the Texas Department of Rural Affairs, Disaster Recovery Division was in attendance to present a ceremonial check for the generator project in the amount of \$243,611.00. Ms. Sanchez commended the City of La Feria and said the City was the first to have the generators installed under this program in the Rio Grande Valley. Photos were taken and Ms. Sanchez said they would be posted on the TDRA Website. Ms. Mary Beth Wright, publisher/owner of the *La Feria News* also took a photo that will be in the next weekly paper. City Manager Sunny K. Philip thanked Ms. Sanchez and said that she had been very instrumental in assisting the City of La Feria to secure the grant for the generators. Mayor Steve Brewer also thanked Ms. Sanchez for all her help.

REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING OF THE LA FERIA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (LFIDC) HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2010

After review of the minutes, Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to confirm the minutes of proceedings of the previous regular meeting of the La Feria Industrial Development Corporation (LFIDC) held on Thursday, November 4, 2010. Commissioner John Hernandez seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

REVIEW BIDS RECEIVED AND AWARD CONTRACT FOR FUEL SERVICE, GAS AND DIESEL

City Manager Sunny K. Philip explained that the City advertises for fuel service every year, and this year only one bid was received by the published deadline. There was one other bid received that was not considered because it was late. Mr. Philip said the bid received was from Oil Patch Fuel and Supply, which is the current supplier and they have been very responsive to the City's needs. Commissioner John Hernandez moved to award contract for fuel service, gas and diesel for the current year to Oil Patch Fuel and Supply. Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2010

- **REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT**
- **PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**
- **INVESTMENT REPORT**
- **TAX COLLECTION REPORT**

Finance Director Ms. Maria Chavero reviewed the financial reports for the month of November 2010 with the City Commission. She reviewed the budget vs. actual figures for the month and year-to-date. She then reviewed the City Investment Report, the Current Year Tax Collection Report, the Delinquent Tax Collection Report and the City Sales and Use Tax Comparison Report which showed an increase of 3.39% for the month compared to the same month last year. Ms. Chavero mentioned that the interest earned on city wide investments is very low. After review and all question answered, Mayor Brewer announced that these reports would be filed for audit.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW CHAPTER 551, GOVERNMENT CODE, VERNON'S TEXAS CODES ANNOTATED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN SECTION 551.072 TO DISCUSS PROPOSED PURCHASE/ SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY THE LA FERIA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION/ CITY OF LA FERIA; AND SECTION 551.087 TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

City Manager Sunny K. Philip said there was no need for Executive Session, so Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to table this item. Commissioner John Hernandez seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY AS THE RESULT OF EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION DELIBERATIONS

There was no action necessary for this item since there was no Executive Session held.

REPORTS BY STAFF

- **Water and Wastewater Improvements Projects**
- **Disaster Recovery Street Improvement Project Construction Progress**
- **Lighting of the Tree**
- **Christmas Parade**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip reported on the following:

- The Water Filter Project is nearing completion.
- SLC Project – Staff is still waiting on the signed contract.
- Disaster Recovery – Street Improvements project is also nearing completion.
- The generator project is almost complete as was discussed earlier in the meeting.
- There was a very good turnout for the Lighting of the Tree ceremony.
- The Christmas Parade and the Winter Festival on December 11, 2010 were a great success, and staff heard many great comments about both.
- The City submitted a letter to the Department of Emergency Management requesting funding for two shelters. The funding would be for a 75% grant.

At this point, Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to excuse Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia from this meeting since she was out of town. Commissioner John Betancourt seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Steve Brewer declared the public comment session open. No one signed up to speak before the City Commission, so Mayor Brewer declared the public comment session closed.

ACTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner John Hernandez seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Steve Brewer adjourned the meeting at 6:48 P.M.

APPROVED:



Steve Brewer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

These minutes were prepared and filed with the City of La Feria at 3:45 P.M. on January 10, 2011, as official record.



Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

