

**Minutes of Proceedings
Regular Board Meeting
La Feria Utilities Board
Tuesday, November 2, 2010**

Be it known that the Board of Directors of the City of La Feria Utilities Board met in regular session on **Tuesday, November 2, 2010, at 5:15 P.M.** in the City Commission Meeting Room, 115 East Commercial Avenue, La Feria, Texas 78559. The purpose of said meeting was to consider and take action on those items of Utilities Board business as was duly posted by agenda in accordance with the State Open Meetings Law. The following Board Members were present at said meeting:

Mr. Adolfo Lopez	Chairman
Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap	Vice Chairman
Mr. Ralph Muse	Board Member
Mr. Ovidio Saldivar	Board Member

Absent: Mr. Steve Brewer Mayor/Ex-Officio Member

The following staff members were present at said meeting:

Mr. Sunny K. Philip	City Manager
Ms. Maria Chavero	Finance Director
Ms. Irene Szedlmayer	Planning and Comm. Dev. Director
Ms. Olga Oberwetter	City Secretary

The only other person present at this meeting was Mary Beth Wright.

At 5:20 P.M., Board Chairman Mr. Adolfo Lopez asked all present to rise and recite aloud the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. After this was done, Mr. Lopez declared that a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LA FERIA UTILITIES BOARD HELD
ON OCTOBER 12, 2010**

Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap pointed out an error in the date of the minutes on paragraph one, line two; the date was shown as Tuesday, October 14, 2010 and the date should have been October 12, 2010. City Secretary Ms. Olga Oberwetter stated that the correction would be made. After further review of the minutes, Mr. Ralph Muse moved to approve the minutes of proceedings of the previous regular meeting of the La Feria Utilities Board held on Tuesday, October 12, 2010, as corrected. Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the Board members present.

REVIEW BIDS RECEIVED AND RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COMMISSION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR SEWER LINE EXTENSION ON SOLIS ROAD TO THE LOWEST AND MOST QUALIFIED BIDDER.

City Manager Sunny K. Philip reviewed the bids received for sewer line extension on Solis Road with the board. Mr. Philip said the general area is on the west side of La Feria Gardens and this would extend the line from the existing manhole north about 350 linear feet. The two bids received were as follows:

JM Construction	\$53,338.00
3701 Jade Street	
Weslaco, TX 78596	

Saenz Utility	\$113,800.00
22290 N. FM 88	
Edcouch, TX 78538	

The lowest bidder was JM Construction. Mr. Philip also reviewed a Contract Change Order in the amount of (\$4,820.00) which would decrease the contract award to \$48,518.00. Mr. Ralph Muse moved to recommend to the City Commission to award contract to JM Construction in the amount of \$48,518.00. Mr. Ovidio Saldivar seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the board members present.

REPORT BY STAFF

- **Water and Wastewater System Improvements projects**
- **Proposed Water and Wastewater Project Funding**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip reported the following:

- The Filter Replacement Project – the project is moving along good. The contractor has installed the under drains and poured the concrete. The media will be ready soon. Due to rain days, they have a 30-day extension to the contract, so instead of November 18, the completion date will be December 18, 2010.
- SLC Construction Project – the contractor who is considering doing the work walked the project to make sure that he would have a good understanding of what needs to be completed, and the insurance company is negotiating with them on the contract price. The lift station on South Beddoes Road is working properly and the lift station on North Beddoes Road was tested and it is working okay, but there are some control systems that need to be installed.
- The City submitted several applications to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for water and wastewater projects totaling 24 million dollars. The City qualified for 24 million dollars, but after TWDB reviewed the funds available, they notified the City that the amount they would fund would be more in the range of 15 or 16 million dollars. There are no additional funds available for the sewer projects, but there are additional funds available for the water projects, so that if some other entity drops out, La Feria has a chance for an additional amount of funding. What the TWDB said initially was that in order to receive the grant funds, the City would have to take the remaining balance as a loan. Mr. Philip said that after meeting with bond counsel and the financial advisor, the City asked

them to go to the TWDB and ask for more information concerning the award and the scoring process. The TWDB has now agreed that the City will not have to take the additional funds as a loan. The application will be trimmed down to the amounts awarded.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Board Chairman Mr. Adolfo Lopez declared the public comment session open. No one signed up to speak before the board, so Mr. Lopez declared the public comment session closed.

ACTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Mr. Ralph Muse moved for adjournment of the meeting. Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the board members present.

ADJOURNMENT – BOARD CHAIRMAN

Board Chairman Mr. Adolfo Lopez adjourned the meeting at 5:35 P.M.

APPROVED:



Adolfo Lopez, Board Chairman

ATTEST:



Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

These minutes were prepared and filed with the City of La Feria as official record of the Utilities Board at 8:30 AM on December 3, 2010.



Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

