

**Minutes of Proceedings
Regular Board Meeting
La Feria Utilities Board
Tuesday, December 7, 2010**

Be it known that the Board of Directors of the City of La Feria Utilities Board met in regular session on **Tuesday, December 7, 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. Steve Brewer	Mayor/Ex-Officio Member

Absent: Mr. Ovidio Saldivar Board Member

The following staff members were present at said meeting:

Mr. Sunny K. Philip	City Manager
Ms. Maria Chavero	Finance Director
Ms. Olga Oberwetter	City Secretary

The only other persons present at this meeting were Mary Beth Wright and Delores Fuller.

At 5:22 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 NOVEMBER 2, 2010

After 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, November 2, 2010. Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the Board members present.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF LA FERIA PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF OBLIGATIONS DESIGNATED AS "CITY OF LA FERIA, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX AND LIMITED PLEDGE REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2011A (CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND)"

AND “CITY OF LA FERIA, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX AND LIMITED PLEDGE REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2011B (DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND)”; AND OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

City Manager Sunny K. Philip introduced Ms. Ann Burger with First Southwest Company and asked her to say a few words about herself and the firm. Ms. Burger explained that First Southwest Company primarily works with municipalities assisting in the issuance of Municipal Bonds, and in this case they are assisting the City with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) grants. Ms. Burger said she works out of the San Antonio office, and in June she will have been there 25 years.

City Manager Sunny K. Philip explained that the resolution before the Utilities Board is a resolution agreeing to contribute a small amount of revenues so that the Certificates of Obligation can be issued by the City. Mr. Philip then reviewed some of the projects that will be implemented with this grant, i.e., installation of 7.6 miles of sewer lines; building three lift stations; installing 10 miles of water mains; replacing 1.8 miles of asbestos cement type water mains with PVC pipe, with 20% increase in size; installing an ultra violet treatment system in the Water Treatment Plant to kill the bacteria; and buying and installing about 2,500 meters. The total of the application is \$15,549,040 which is the amount of funding available from the TWDB, instead of the initial amount of \$24,160,624. Mr. Philip then referred to the map and pointed out the areas that will be affected by this project. After discussion, Mr. Ralph Muse moved to approve Utilities Board Resolution 2010-01 relating to the issuance and sale of obligations designated as “City of La Feria, Texas Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2011A (Clean Water State Revolving Fund)” and “City of La Feria, Texas Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2011B (Drinking Water State Revolving Fund)”;

and other matters in connection therewith. Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the Utilities Board members present.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COMMISSION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION DETERMINING A PUBLIC NECESSITY TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN PROPERTY; GIVING NOTICE OF AN OFFICIAL DETERMINATION TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY FOR THE WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS

City Manager Sunny K. Philip explained Resolution 2010-41 and its exhibits, which will be considered by the City Commission later tonight to acquire 51 easements and four properties to be purchased for the lift stations for the purpose of making improvements to the water and wastewater systems in connection with the TWDB Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) grants. Mr. Ralph Muse moved to recommend to the City Commission the approval of Resolution 2010-41 determining a public necessity to acquire certain property; giving notice of an official determination to acquire property for the water and wastewater systems improvement projects; establishing procedures for the acquisition of property;

and appropriating funds. Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the Utilities Board members present.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTHS OF OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2010

Finance Director Ms. Maria Chavero reviewed the financial report for the month of October reviewing the monthly figures only. She then reviewed the financial report for the month of November, reviewing both the monthly and year-to-date figures. Ms. Chavero said the revenues went up for water and sewer in the month of November and that there were some bond proceeds that were received during the month for the reimbursement of the filter project at the Water Treatment Plant. Ms. Chavero then reviewed the performance measures, after which Board Chairman Adolfo Lopez announced that the reports would be filed for audit.

REPORT BY STAFF

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

City Manager Sunny K. Philip reported the following:

- SLC Construction Project – Staff is still working with the bonding company to finish the SLC project.
- The Filter Replacement Project is progressing well.
- The City is submitting the applications to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for water and wastewater projects in the amount of \$15,549,040.

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.

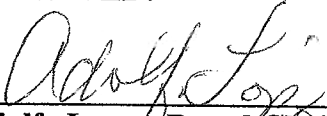
ACTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

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 5:46 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 January 7, 2011.



Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary