

**Minutes of Proceedings
Special Board Meeting
La Feria Utilities Board
Tuesday, August 31, 2010**

Be it known that the Board of Directors of the City of La Feria Utilities Board met in regular session on **Tuesday, August 31, 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. Ovidio Saldivar	Board Member
Mr. Steve Brewer	Mayor/Ex-Officio Member

Absent: Mr. Ralph Muse Board Member

The following staff members were present at said meeting:

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

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

At 5:15 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 PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING OF THE LA FERIA UTILITIES BOARD HELD ON AUGUST 10, 2010

After review of the minutes, Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap moved to approve the minutes of proceedings of the previous regular meeting of the La Feria Utilities Board held on Tuesday, August 10, 2010. Mr. Ovidio Saldivar seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the Board members present.

REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FY 2009-2010

Finance Director Ms. Maria Chavero reviewed the budget amendment for FY 2009-2010. The total revenues amendment figure was \$6,229,532.00 The total expenditure amendment figure was \$5,983,070.00. The revenue was \$246,462.00 over the

expenditures. Mr. Philip discussed the various grants that have been received for water and wastewater improvements that ranged into the millions of dollars. After discussion and all questions answered, Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap moved to approve the budget amendment for FY 2009-2010. Mr. Ovidio Saldivar seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the board members present.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Finance Director Ms. Maria Chavero presented a rough draft of the Waterworks and Sewer System Fund Budget for FY 2010-2011. The total revenues figure was \$2,357,260.00; the total expenditures were \$3,820,742.00 for a total of (\$1,463,482.00) expenditures over revenues. Ms. Chavero reviewed the proposed budget by line item. Much discussion followed as to the cost of electrical power to operate the new wastewater treatment plant, and how it can be lessened. One idea is to share the load between the lagoon system and the new wastewater treatment plant. Another would be the installation of solar panels which would reduce the electricity bill. There was no action needed on this item.

REPORT BY STAFF

- **Water and Wastewater System Improvements projects**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip reported the following:

- SLC Contractor is finalizing the lift stations.
- R.P. Constructors has begun work on the Filter Replacement Project at the Water Treatment Plant. They poured the concrete on one structure and are getting ready to do the second structure.
- The generators' concrete slabs are done.

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, Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap moved for adjournment of the meeting. Mr. Ovidio Saldivar seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the Board.

ADJOURNMENT – BOARD CHAIRMAN

Board Chairman Mr. Adolfo Lopez adjourned the meeting at 6:00 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 10:30 AM on September 13, 2010.


Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

