

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, February 8, 2011**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in regular session on **Tuesday, February 8, 2011, 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
Ms. Angelica P. Baldivia	City Commissioner

The following staff members were present.

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 Mr. James Oates 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.

REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2011

After review of the minutes, Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to approve the minutes of proceedings of the previous regular meeting of the City Commission held on Tuesday, January 25, 2011. Commissioner John Betancourt seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY ORDINANCE 2011-03 AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ACCOMPLISH THE FOLLOWING:

- A. **Consolidate the definitions of *School (Nursery or Kindergarten) and Child Care Center* so both are permitted to operate in residential zones with a Specific Use Permit.**
- B. **Modify the minimum set-backs in the mobile home district.**
- C. **Permit massage establishments in commercial zones and prohibit them**

in industrial zones.**D. To permit front set-backs for new development consistent with existing development.**

Planning and Community Development Director Ms. Irene Szedlmayer discussed this item with the Commission. Ms. Szedlmayer said the proposed changes were recommended to the City Commission by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Planning and Zoning Commission considered them back in October of 2010. She said the City Commission then held a public hearing on October 26 and a workshop on December 7, 2010 where these proposals were discussed at length. Ms. Szedlmayer explained the proposals briefly and recommended approval of the proposals. After a brief discussion, Commissioner John Betancourt moved to read the ordinance by caption only, in lieu of reading it in its entirety. Commissioner Lori Weaver seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission. City Attorney Mr. Richard S. Talbert read the caption of Ordinance 2011-03. After reading of the caption, Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to approve Ordinance 2011-03. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA AUTHORIZING INDIVIDUALS WHO WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN STATE OF TEXAS PURCHASE VOUCHERS AND REQUEST FOR ADVANCE OR REIMBURSEMENT PERTAINING TO TEXAS CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM GRANT CONTRACT NO. 729102, LITTLE LIGHTHOUSE CHILDREN'S REHAB CENTER

Mayor Steve Brewer stated that this resolution was necessary since Darla Jones was no longer with the City of La Feria and a new signatory for the Little Lighthouse Children's Rehab Center grant was needed. Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to read the resolution by caption only, in lieu of reading it in its entirety. Commissioner John Hernandez seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission. City Attorney Mr. Richard S. Talbert read the caption of Resolution 2011-05. After reading of the caption, Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to approve Resolution 2011-05. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Steve Brewer declared the public comment session open and acknowledged Mr. James Oates. Mr. Oates said he had a few items to discuss. One was the sidewalk on the east side of Main Street leading to El Centro. He said he really appreciated it. Mr. Oates said he would like to see that the City get the Internet working properly at the public library. Mr. Oates thanked the Commission for the bus transit system. He said it is a workable system, but it needs to be promoted. He mentioned that there were no schedules for the transit system anywhere and that schedules should be posted at the bus stops. No one else signed up to speak before the City Commission, so Mayor Brewer declared the public comment session closed.

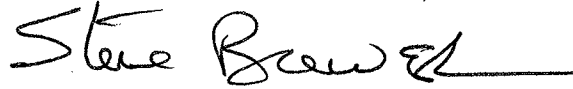
ACTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Steve Brewer adjourned the meeting at 6:46 P.M.

APPROVED:



Steve Brewer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

These minutes were prepared and filed with the City of La Feria at 5:50 P.M. on February 19, 2011, as official record.


Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

