

**Minutes of Proceedings
Regular Board Meeting
La Feria Utilities Board
Tuesday, March 8, 2011**

Be it known that the Board of Directors of the City of La Feria Utilities Board met in regular session on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, 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
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 Community Dev. Director
Ms. Olga Oberwetter	City Secretary

The only other person present at this meeting was Julie Cavazos.

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 REGULAR MEETING OF THE LA FERIA UTILITIES BOARD HELD ON FEBRUARY 8, 2011

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, February 8, 2011 as presented in written form. Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the Board.

REVIEW AND DISCUSS PARTICIPATION IN EXTENSION OF WATER MAIN ALONG SOUTH FRONTAGE OF EXPRESSWAY 83 FROM FM 2556 THROUGH BIXBY ROAD

City Manager Sunny K. Philip discussed that the City Commission will be considering an item at their next meeting concerning a new business which will be locating in La Feria, Another Closet #9. The Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the subdivision

located at the southwest side of Expressway 83 and Bixby Road. Mr. Philip stated that in order to provide for fire protection Another Closet #9 will extend the water line from FM 2556 on the south side all the way to their property. The North Alamo Water Supply Corporation has agreed to allow them to extend the water line from the City of La Feria to their property. Another Closet #9 only needs an 8" line; however, the City's Master Plan calls for a 10" line, and the City will participate in the oversizing requirement and the Utilities Board will reimburse the company for the difference in cost between the 8" and 10" line within a certain period of time. There was no action needed at this time.

REVIEW AND DISCUSS WATER AND SEWER MAIN EXTENSION ALONG NORTH FM 2556 TO ACCOMMODATE ALLIED WASTE

City Manager Sunny K. Philip explained that Allied Waste will be locating north of Expressway 83 and indicated on the map as to where the location will be. The City received a grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture to accommodate water and sewer service, as well as drainage improvements to Allied Waste. The grant guidelines usually call for the lines to be extended to the property line only, but the City wants to extend the lines past the property line, so that if further extension of the lines is needed at a later date, there is no need to tear up infrastructure improvements to the property. This will be paid with the grant funds and the Utilities Board will not need to spend any money on it. Mr. Philip said the project will not start right away even though the project is very close to being fully designed. Staff needs to meet with them to coordinate various aspects of the project. There was no action need on this item.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2011

Finance Director Ms. Maria Chavero reviewed the financial reports for the month of February, reviewing both the monthly and year-to-date figures in the Budget vs. Actual Report. Ms. Chavero said the biggest expense this month was the interest payment on the bonds. Ms. Chavero then reviewed the performance indicators, 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 on the following:

- The filter project funded through ARRA funds is complete and a final inspection will be done tomorrow morning. At a later meeting, staff will bring a resolution to be reviewed by the Board so that the Board can make a recommendation to the City Commission and the City can officially accept that project.
- The SLC Project - Two weeks ago the City signed off on the agreement with the bonding company to complete the project, and the completion date is April 15, 2011.
- The City submitted two applications to the Texas Water Development Board; one for water improvements and one for sewer improvements totaling \$15,000,000. They have reviewed the applications and the City has received comments today concerning the sewer application, and there are some questions that need to be answered. One of their comments was that the City of La Feria applications were

administratively complete. The City is waiting on a response from TWDB concerning the water application.

- The City submitted another application to the TWDB last Friday.
- The City also submitted several applications to the Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC) and one of the applications scored high enough to be in Category I which has priority in the funding process.
- The Pressure Main Project from the Lilac Lift Station to the Wastewater Plant funded through the Community Development Block Grant is almost complete, but there is still another \$30,000 left in the commitment, and one of the items the City is looking at is adding a third pump at the Lilac Lift Station.
- The Generator Project funded through Disaster Recovery Funds is complete.

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 5:52 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 PM on April 9, 2011.



 Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

