

**Minutes of Proceedings
Regular Board Meeting
La Feria Utilities Board
Tuesday, April 12, 2011**

Be it known that the Board of Directors of the City of La Feria Utilities Board met in regular session on **Tuesday, April 12, 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. 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. 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 TUESDAY, MARCH 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, March 8, 2011 as presented in written form. Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the board members present.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO ACCEPT THE ANNUAL AUDIT FOR
FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010**

Mr. Quentin Anderson of the accounting firm of Long Chilton, LLP was present to review the annual audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. Mr. Anderson said they had completed their review of the La Feria Waterworks and Sewer System

financial reports and as stated in the Independent Auditor's Report on page seven, the financial statements fairly present the financial condition of the City of La Feria Waterworks and Sewer System, a component unit of the City of La Feria, Texas. Mr. Anderson reviewed the reports in detail with the board members and answered all questions. After review of the Annual Audit Report, Mr. Ralph Muse moved to accept the Annual Audit for fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the board members present.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2011

Finance Director Ms. Maria Chavero reviewed the financial reports for the month of March, reviewing both the monthly and year-to-date figures in the Budget vs. Actual Report. Ms. Chavero then reviewed the performance indicators, after which Board Chairman Adolfo Lopez announced that the reports would be filed for audit.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW CHAPTER 551, GOVERNMENT CODE, VERNON'S TEXAS CODES ANNOTATED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN SECTION 551.087 TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

Board Chairman Mr. Adolfo Lopez declared the meeting in executive session at 5:45 P.M. After executive session deliberation, Mr. Lopez declared the meeting back in open session at 6:08 P.M.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY AS THE RESULT OF EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION DELIBERATIONS

There was no action needed as a result of executive session deliberation.

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 City submitted two applications to the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) for solar panels at the water treatment plant and at the wastewater treatment plant. They have tentatively approved two grants for \$900,000.00 each.
- All other projects are okay; the wastewater system project under construction by SLC was taken over by the bonding company and they are doing a very good job.
- The Texas Water Development Board has reviewed the two applications submitted by the City; one for water improvements and one for sewer improvements totaling \$15,000,000. They will schedule a Board meeting in May or June to consider funding.
- Mr. Philip reported that the utilities bill for the wastewater treatment plant is still running approximately \$20,000 more than anticipated for the six month period even though the City is running only one side of the treatment plant. He explained that the wastewater treatment plants are always duplicated in case one side goes out; the other takes over and there is no need to run both.

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 6:12 P.M.

APPROVED:



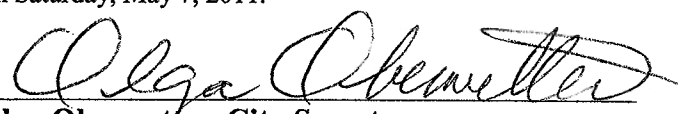
Adolfo Lopez, Board Chairman

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 1:40 PM on Saturday, May 7, 2011.



Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

