

**Minutes of Proceedings
Special Board Meeting
La Feria Utilities Board
Tuesday, June 28, 2011**

Be it known that the Board of Directors of the City of La Feria Utilities Board met in special session on Tuesday, June 28, 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. 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. Maria Chavero	Finance Director
Ms. Irene Szedlmayer	Planning and Community Dev. Director
Ms. Olga Oberwetter	City Secretary

No other persons were present at this meeting.

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 MAY 10, 2011**

Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap moved to table this item since the minutes were not ready for approval at this meeting. Mr. Ovidio Saldivar seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the board members present.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2011

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

REPORTS BY STAFF

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

City Manager Sunny K. Philip reported the following:

- The City still has not received the contract for the funding through the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for the Clean Water and Drinking Water awards. They are working on it and the City's Bond Counsel will be reviewing it also. The City is still waiting for a contract to be executed by the North Alamo Water Supply Corporation (NAWSC). Mr. Philip said he met with Paula Rodriguez from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), since USDA financed the NAWSC and USDA will need to sign off on any sale of the CCN. Ms. Paula Rodriguez will be on the lookout for the documents. In the meantime, the engineers are going forward with the engineering and acquiring easements, and Planning and Community Development Director Irene Szedlmayer has prepared the environmental review.
- Mr. Philip said construction wise, the City is still working on the SLC project, which was taken over by the bonding company.
- The City has advertised for the improvements to be done on North Rabb Road for infrastructure for Allied Waste.
- The extension of the sewer line from La Feria Gardens to the De La Garza Subdivision is being completed.
- The generator project is complete, and staff is getting all the paperwork together to submit to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA).
- Through the Community Development Block Grant Program, the pressure main to the wastewater treatment plant has been installed from the Lilac Lift Station, and the odor control unit at the Lilac Lift Station is being worked on now.
- The City has submitted an application for the 2012 Water and Wastewater round of funding. It would be 70% grant.
- The City submitted two applications to the State Energy Conservation Office for one million dollars each, and they have approved \$900,000.00 each to install solar power at the water plant and the other for solar power at the wastewater plant.

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 members present.

ADJOURNMENT – BOARD CHAIRMAN

Board Chairman Mr. Adolfo Lopez adjourned the meeting at 5:55 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 8:40 AM on July 5, 2011.



Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

