

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, December 18, 2012**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in regular session on **Tuesday, December 18, 2012, 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 – Late 6:40 P.M.
Mr. John Edward Betancourt	City Commissioner
Mr. John Hernandez	City Commissioner
Mr. Victor Gonzalez, Jr.	City Commissioner
Ms. Angelica P. Baldivia	City Commissioner

Absent: Ms. Lori Weaver City Commissioner/Mayor Pro Tem

The following staff members were present.

Mr. Sunny K. Philip	City Manager
Mr. Richard S. Talbert	City Attorney
Ms. Irene Szedlmayer	Planning and Community Dev. Dir.
Ms. Olga Oberwetter	City Secretary

A copy of the signature roster of all others present is attached as a part of the minutes hereof.

At 6:30 P.M., after consulting with City Attorney Mr. Richard S. Talbert on the proper manner in which to handle the situation where both the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem were absent and a quorum of the City Commission was present, Commissioner John Betancourt moved to elect Commissioner John Hernandez as the presiding officer for the meeting. Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present. Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. gave the invocation. After the invocation, Commissioner John Hernandez 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.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY CONTRACT WITH KELLY MILLER CIRCUS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CIRCUS ON TUESDAY, MARCH 19 AND WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2013 TO BENEFIT THE EXPANSION OF THE LIBRARY

City Manager Sunny K. Philip said a copy of the contract was included in the packet. This is the third year that the Circus has been in town and a donation is made to the Library. Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. moved to approve the contract with Kelly Miller Circus for the operation of the Circus on Tuesday, March 19 and Wednesday, March 20, 2013 to benefit the expansion of the Library. Commissioner John Betancourt

seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE KENNY'S FUNLAND REQUEST TO OPERATE A CARNIVAL ON INDUSTRIAL WAY (EAST OF CHURCH'S FRIED CHICKEN AND SOUTH OF McDONALD'S) FROM JANUARY 30 THROUGH FEBRUARY 10, 2013 (SETUP TO START ON JANUARY 27, 2013)

City Manager Sunny K. Philip said a copy of the request was included in the packet. Kenny's Funland sets up on LFIDC property north of Industrial Way and they make a donation to the LFIDC. Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. moved to approve Kenny's Funland's request to operate a carnival on Industrial Way (east of Church's Fried Chicken and south of McDonald's) from January 30 through February 10, 2013 (setup to start on January 27, 2013). Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT/FIRST RESPONDER COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

This item was presented and discussed at the previous City Commission Meeting. Commissioner John Betancourt moved to read the resolution by caption only, in lieu of reading it in its entirety. Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present. City Attorney Mr. Richard S. Talbert read the caption of Resolution 2012-55. After reading of the caption, Commissioner John Betancourt moved to approve Resolution 2012-55 authorizing the submission of an application for funding for the expansion of the Police Department/First Responder Communications Facility to the United States Department of Agriculture. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2012

- **REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT**
- **PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**
- **INVESTMENT REPORT**
- **TAX COLLECTION REPORT**

The financial reports for the month of November 2012 were filed for audit.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW CHAPTER 551, GOVERNMENT CODE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN SECTION 551.072 TO DISCUSS PROPOSED PURCHASE/SALE/ DONATION OF REAL ESTATE BY THE LA FERIA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION/CITY OF LA FERIA; AND SECTION 551.087 TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

Commissioner John Betancourt moved to table this item since there was no business to discuss in executive session. Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

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

There was no action needed since there was no executive session held.

REPORTS BY STAFF AND DISCUSSION WITH CITY COMMISSION

- Update on Drainage Project
- Water and Wastewater Systems Improvements Project
- Library Expansion Project
- City Hall Expansion Project
- Fire Station Expansion Project
- Dome Construction Project
- Sidewalk Improvement Project
- Generator Purchase Project

City Manager Sunny K. Philip reported on the following.

- Update on Drainage Project – the City is submitting 100% of the plans and specs to the State.
- Water and Wastewater Systems Improvements Project – the State is reviewing the water meter purchase specs.
- Library Expansion Project – Staff has a weekly progress meeting with the contractor, architect and engineers. There are some issues that need to be resolved, one being that the existing roof needs to be replaced. There is money available from the grant.
- City Hall Expansion Project – Slowly coming along.
- Fire Station Expansion Project – USDA is reviewing plans and specs for this project.
- Dome Construction Project – The architect has submitted his contract. The City has submitted a letter to FEMA requesting to build a two story building if funds are available. Staff expects to go out for bids in April.
- Sidewalk Improvement Project – Staff held a groundbreaking ceremony this morning.
- Generator Purchase Project - the generator has been ordered.

Mayor Steve Brewer arrived during discussion of this item at 6:40 P.M. and presided over the rest of the meeting.

CONSIDER AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON ATTENDANCE STATUS OF MAYOR AND/OR COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner John Betancourt moved to excuse Commissioner Lori Weaver's absence from this meeting. Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Steve Brewer declared the public comments session open. There was no one present to speak before the Commission, so Mayor Brewer declared the public comment session closed.

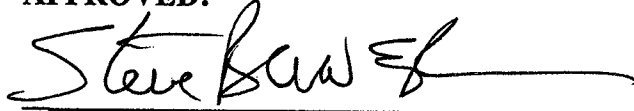
ACTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Commissioner John Betancourt moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Steve Brewer adjourned the meeting at 6:52 P.M.

APPROVED:

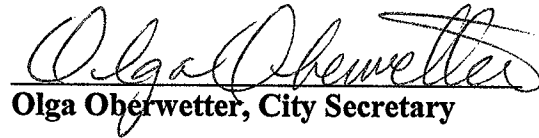


Steve Brewer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

These minutes were prepared and filed with the City of La Feria at 11:15 A.M. on January 7, 2013, as official record.


Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
AT THE
CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2012, AT 6:30 PM

WELCOME
PLEASE SIGN IN

<u>NAME</u>	<u>MAILING ADDRESS</u>	<u>HOME/WORK PHONE NO.</u>
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