

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, January 22, 2013**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in regular session on **Tuesday, January 22, 2013, 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 Hernandez	City Commissioner
Mr. Victor Gonzalez, Jr.	City Commissioner
Ms. Angelica P. Baldivia	City Commissioner

Absent: Mr. John Edward Betancourt City Commissioner

The following staff members were present.

Mr. Sunny K. Philip	City Manager
Mr. Richard S. Talbert	City Attorney
Ms. Maria Chavero	Finance Director
Ms. Irene Szedlmayer	Planning and Community Dev. Dir.
Ms. Paula Rodriguez	Capital Projects Coordinator
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 6:32 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 8, 2013**

After review of the minutes, Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia moved to approve the minutes of proceedings of the regular meeting of the City Commission held on Tuesday, January 8, 2013. Commissioner Lori Weaver seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

**REVIEW PROPOSALS RECEIVED AND AWARD CONTRACT FOR FUEL
SERVICE, GAS AND DIESEL**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip and Finance Director Ms. Maria Chavero explained the two bids received for fuel service, gas and diesel. The bids received were:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Price Per Gallon</u>	<u>Delivery Charge</u>	<u>State Tax</u>
Gold Star Petroleum, Inc.	OPIS Harlingen Rack Avg plus \$0.0699 per gal.	\$3.75 for deliveries + UST .0010 \$/gal + OSLTF .0019 \$/gal	\$0.20 gal.
Oil Patch Fuel & Supply, Inc.	Harlingen OPIS Avg plus \$0.0750 per gal.	\$10.00 delivery fee	\$0.20 gal.

Commissioner John Hernandez moved to award contract to the lowest bidder, Gold Star Petroleum, Inc. Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY RESOLUTION FOR PURCHASE OF A LIGHT SYSTEM FOR THE A.J. WILSON BASEBALL FIELD THROUGH COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR COMPETITIVE PURCHASING UNDER A LEASE/PURCHASE PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA

City Manager Sunny K. Philip reviewed the lease purchase proposal for the light system for the A. J. Wilson Baseball Field. There were three options presented, and Mr. Philip recommended that the City go with Option 3, which would be one payment per year in the amount of \$15, 848.59 for ten (10) years. At the end of the term, clear title passes with the completion of payments. The first payment is due one year from the contract date. Mr. Philip said that though the item is listed as a resolution, there was no resolution needed and this would be an action item. Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. moved to approve the purchase of a light system for the A.J. Wilson Baseball Field through the Cooperative Purchasing Program for competitive purchasing under a lease/purchase program and authorize the City Manager to execute documents on behalf of the City of La Feria. Commissioner John Hernandez 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 PURCHASE OF A BRUSH TRUCK THROUGH THE BUY BOARD FOR COMPETITIVE PRICING FINANCED THROUGH A LEASE PURCHASE PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA

City Manager Sunny K. Philip reviewed the resolution and the financing package with the City Commission regarding the lease purchase of a new brush truck through BuyBoard. The total price of the brush truck would be \$173,247.47. The terms would be one payment annually in the amount of \$28,360.40 for seven years. Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. moved to read the resolution by caption only, in lieu of reading it in its entirety. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia 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 2013-02. After reading of the caption, Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. moved to approve Resolution 2013-02 authorizing the purchase of a brush truck in the amount of \$173,247.47 through the BuyBoard for competitive pricing financed through a lease purchase program and authorizing the City Manager to execute documents on behalf of the City of La Feria. 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 RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS
PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT FOR FUNDING FROM THE
NATIONAL RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM FOR THE ARROYO
COLORADO OVERLOOK POINT TRAIL AND COMMITTING MATCHING
FUNDS**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip explained that the proposed plan was not the City's initial choice, but that the Irrigation District did not go with the initial plan. The proposed site is the route for the City's Drainage Project that will be developed from the Arroyo Colorado to the Tio Cano area. The site is a section south of Business 83. It will have a 6-ft. area that would allow people to run. Mr. Philip said Planning and Community Development Director Irene Szedlmayer has worked with the engineers and the application is ready for submission. The amount of the grant applied for is \$200,000 and the local match would be \$69,000. He said the City hopes to use the existing grant as a match. Commissioner John Hernandez moved to read the resolution 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 Commissioners present. City Attorney Mr. Richard S. Talbert read the caption of Resolution 2013-03. After reading of the caption, Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia moved to approve Resolution 2013-03 authorizing the submission of an application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for funding from the National Recreational Trails Program for the Arroyo Colorado Overlook Point Trail and committing matching funds. Commissioner John Hernandez seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY THE PROPOSED
LANDSCAPING PLAN FOR THE REPUBLIC SERVICE'S TRANSFER
STATION LOCATED ON NORTH FM 2556**

Planning and Community Development Director Ms. Irene Szedlmayer explained that the City Commission had previously approved a Specific Use Permit for the transfer station subject to the submittal of a landscaping plan for the site. She said they have submitted a nice plan and that her recommendation would be for the City Commission to approve the plan subject to some adjustments on the east side to minimize the impact of the transfer station on future commercial or residential development. After discussion and consideration of the various alternatives for the east side, Commissioner Victor Gonzalez, Jr. moved to approve the proposed landscaping plan, AS IS, for the Republic Services Transfer Station located on North FM 2556. 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 DECEMBER 2012

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

The financial reports for the month of December 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 Lori Weaver moved to table this item since there was no business to discuss in executive session. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia 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

Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to table this item since no executive session was held. Commissioner Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the City Commissioners present.

REPORTS BY STAFF AND DISCUSSION WITH CITY COMMISSION

- Update on Drainage Project
- Water and Wastewater Systems Improvements Project
- Progress of Library Expansion Project
- Progress of City Hall Expansion Project
- Progress of Fire Station Expansion Project
- Status of Dome Construction Project
- Generator Purchase Project
- Sidewalk Improvement Project
- Neighborhood Revitalization Planning Program
- Progress of the proposed Sunrise Terrace Subdivision Project
- Progress of the Sunflower Estates Multifamily Housing Development Project
- Proposed Housing Infill Development Program
- Methodist Healthcare Ministries Invitation

City Manager Sunny K. Philip reported on the following.

- Update on Drainage Project – Distributed a copy of the pump that will be used on the west side drainage project. This project would be funded through a 600,000 dollar HMGP grant. Plans are to start construction and finish before the start of hurricane season next year.
- Water and Wastewater Systems Improvements Project – Staff is advertising for the procurement of the water meters. There are some ownership changes happening in some of the water meter industries, and the City may have to re-advertise the project. The water meter vendors are not used to providing a bid bond. Staff will be having a conversation with the Texas Water Development Board concerning that.
- Library Expansion Project – Had an inspection today, and the contractor is moving along at a good pace. The Library is expecting a grant for upgrading their cable system and the existing area will be done along with that.
- City Hall Expansion Project – Slowly coming along. Staff is working with the contractor to get it right and keep on moving.
- Fire Station Expansion Project – Heard from USDA on the review of the plans and they had some comments. The architect is working on the response to those comments.

- Dome Construction Project – The architect has submitted his contract. The City will continue to work with them to develop the plans.
- Generator Purchase Project – They will deliver the generator sometime in March 2013.
- Sidewalk Improvement Project – TxDOT updated the Commission on this at the prior meeting.
- Neighborhood Revitalization Planning Program – Irene became aware of this program. Retired planners from different parts of the country will be visiting the City on February 20 and 21.
- Progress of the proposed Sunrise Terrace Subdivision Project – the plan is to close in June and start construction in July.
- Progress of the Sunflower Estates Multifamily Housing Development Project – the Contractor has completed the construction and Sunflower Estates is now open and leasing 1, 2, and 3 bedroom apartments. Out of the 80 units, forty-seven units are already occupied. Local residents were given first priority; now it is open to anyone else.
- Proposed Housing Infill Development Program – vacant lots are the easier ones to fill. The non-profit South Texas Collaborative for Housing will be working with the City to accomplish this.
- Methodist Healthcare Ministries Invitation – An invitation was made to all community leaders for a reception on Thursday, February 7, 2013 at the Embassy Suites in McAllen.

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

Commissioner Lori Weaver moved to excuse Commissioner John Betancourt'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 Lori Weaver 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 7:30 P.M.

APPROVED:



Steve Brewer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

These minutes were prepared and filed with the City of La Feria at 2:19 P.M. on February 10, 2013, as official record.



Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
AT THE
CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2013, AT 6:30 PM

WELCOME
PLEASE SIGN IN

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3 <u>JEFF BLISS</u>	<u>500 E. ROBERT GRFFITH, IN 46319</u>	<u>219-972-1155</u>
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