

**Minutes of Proceedings
Regular Board Meeting
La Feria Utilities Board
Tuesday, November 4, 2014**

Be it known that the Board of Directors of the City of La Feria Utilities Board met in regular session on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, 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. Victor Gonzalez, Jr.	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. Paula Rodriguez	Planning and Community Dev. Director
Ms. Esmeralda Sanchez	Capital Projects Coordinator
Ms. Olga Oberwetter	City Secretary

The only other person present at this meeting was Mrs. Helen Muse.

At 5:17 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.

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.

**REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LA FERIA UTILITIES BOARD HELD
ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2014**

After review of the minutes, Mr. Ralph Muse moved to approve the minutes of proceedings of the regular meeting of the La Feria Utilities Board held on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 as presented in written form. 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 OCTOBER 2014

The financial reports for the month of October 2014 were not available for this meeting, so this item was tabled on a motion by Mr. Ralph Muse and a second by Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the board members present.

REPORTS BY STAFF AND DISCUSSION WITH THE BOARD

- **Water and Wastewater Systems Improvement Project**

City Manager Mr. Sunny K. Philip reported the following.

- Typically staff brings all bids pertaining to the Water and Wastewater System to the Utilities Board for recommendation to the City Commission; however, there were bids received for the Water Plant Project I-3 Building Structure for the Ultra Violet Disinfection System Building that were presented directly to the City Commission for approval. The predicament that the City was under was that the contract had to be executed within a certain date. R. P. Constructors who built the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the expansions on the Water Treatment Plant was the low bidder in the amount of \$459,000.00. Funding will include \$200,000.00 from the Texas Department of Agriculture.

NOTE: The two bids received were as follows.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
R. P. Constructors, Inc. 9455 IH 35 North New Braunfels, TX 78130-7132 Phone: (512) 392-5111	\$459,000.00
Peacock General Contractors, Inc. P.O. Box 230098 Harlingen, TX 78553 Phone: (956) 423-6733	\$462,100.00

- A second project is the replacement of the AC line and a challenging issue was encountered in the Innovative Block section on First Street, but that issue has been taken care of and the project is moving along.
- On the west side, the Alto Real Project contract was advertised and awarded through the (Cameron) County. The preconstruction meeting was held last Thursday here at City Hall. This is a subdivision that has 25 homes and the completion date on this contract is November 2015.
- There are several items being reviewed by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) at this time.
- There is another grant opportunity from the Community Development Block Grant Program in the amount of approximately \$260,000.00. The City has been putting priority on the water and wastewater system projects. These projects benefit the entire community.
- The Texas Water Development Board has a 2 billion dollar fund available, and the City is keeping an eye on that for any opportunities.

- Under the Restore Act funding, the City has submitted two proposals. One is to expand the Nature Center and the other is to develop a 400 acre site in the Tío Cano area.

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 5:40 P.M.

APPROVED:



Adolfo Lopez, 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 11:40 AM on December 14, 2014.



Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

