Minutes of Proceedings Regular Board Meeting La Feria Utilities Board Tuesday, May 13, 2014

Be it known that the Board of Directors of the City of La Feria Utilities Board met in regular session on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>May 13, 2014</u>, <u>at 5:15 P.M</u>. 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. Ovidio Saldivar Board Member

Mr. Victor Gonzalez, Jr. Mayor/Ex-Officio Member

The following staff members were present at said meeting:

Mr. Sunny K. Philip City Manager
Ms. Maria Chavero Finance Director

Ms. Paula Rodriguez Planning and Community Dev. Director

Ms. Olga Oberwetter City Secretary

Mrs. Helen Muse was also 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.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2014

Finance Director Ms. Maria Chavero reviewed the financial reports for the month of April 2014 with the board, reviewing both the monthly and year-to-date figures. Ms. Chavero explained that the large overage of expenditures over revenues is due to the capital outlay which is the water lines being installed by Cornett Construction. She said the invoice for the work was received in April, but the Texas Water Development Board takes a while to reimburse the City, and the check was received in May, so that next month's financials should be more balanced. City Manager Mr. Sunny K. Philip gave a more detailed explanation. Board Chairman Mr. Adolfo Lopez inquired about the item listed as Miscellaneous Revenues, and Ms. Chavero said that the majority of that is the money from the grants. Ms. Chavero then reviewed the Performance Indicators for the month. After review and all questions answered, Board Chairman Mr. Adolfo Lopez announced that the reports would be filed for audit.

REPORTS BY STAFF AND DISCUSSION WITH THE BOARD

Water and Wastewater Systems Improvement Project

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

- Water and Wastewater Systems Improvement Project There is one contract for the Water and Wastewater Systems Improvement Project and that is being done by Cornett Construction from San Benito and they are doing a good job.
- Water Meter Replacement project is moving a lot faster than anticipated. There is
 one crew replacing the meter boxes ahead of the installation of the meters. Once
 the meters are installed they are activated. These are smart meters with two-watt
 radios.
- There are two other projects that have been reviewed by the Texas Water Development Board and staff is making plans to advertise for bids.

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.

ADJOURNMENT - BOARD CHAIRMAN

Board Chairman Mr. Adolfo Lopez adjourned the meeting at 5:35 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 9:15 PM on June 7, 2014.

Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary