

**Minutes of Proceedings
Special Board Meeting
La Feria Utilities Board
Tuesday, July 22, 2014**

Be it known that the Board of Directors of the City of La Feria Utilities Board met in special session on **Tuesday, July 22, 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:

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| Mr. Adolfo Lopez | Chairman |
| Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap | Vice Chairman |
| Mr. Ovidio Saldivar | Board Member |
| Mr. Ralph Muse | Board Member |
| Mr. Victor Gonzalez, Jr. | Mayor/Ex-Officio Member |

The following staff members were present at said meeting:

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| Mr. Sunny K. Philip | City Manager |
| Ms. Maria Chavero | Finance Director |
| 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 5:15 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.

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, JULY 8, 2014

After review of the minutes, Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap moved to approve the minutes of proceedings of the regular meeting of the La Feria Utilities Board held on Tuesday, July 8, 2014 as presented in written form. Mr. Ralph Muse seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the board.

REVIEW BID TABULATION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF AC LINE FROM THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT TO ELEVATED TOWER NO. 1, UNIT G, AND CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY

COMMISSION AWARD OF CONTRACT TO THE LOWEST AND MOST QUALIFIED BIDDER CONTINGENT UPON REVIEW OF THE BIDDING DOCUMENTS AND APPROVAL BY THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD (TWDB)

City Manager Mr. Sunny K. Philip referenced the recommendation letter from City Engineer Mr. Joe B. Winston and the bid tabulation for the project. The lowest bid was submitted by Cornett Construction Co. in the amount of \$882,667.36. The project is for replacing a 10" AC line with a 12" PVC line. Mr. Philip said Cornett Construction Co. is already working another project for the City, and they have done a good job. Seven contractors submitted bids which were opened on July 10, 2014 and the base bids received were as follows:

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| Cornett Construction Co. P.O. Box 2048 San Benito, TX 78586 Phone: (956) 399-3743 | \$882,667.36 |
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| 2GS, LLC P.O. Box 595 Penitas, TX 78576 Phone: (956) 424-3414 | \$906,074.00 |
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| Mor Wil, LLC 808 S. Shary Rd., Suite E Mission, TX 78575 Phone: (956) 551-2055 | \$918,353.00 |
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| DK III Hornback Enterprises, Ltd. 702 W. Exp. 83, Ste. 116 Weslaco, TX 78596 Phone: (956) 968-2829 | \$919,004.04 |
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| Rojas Heavy Equipment, LLC dba Rojas Construction & Paving 240 Frontage Rd. Alamo, TX 78516 Phone: (956) 787-8778 | \$1,248,921.00 |
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| Jimmy Closner & Sons P.O. Box 170 Mercedes, TX 78570 Phone: (956) 565-2688 | \$1,399,625.00 |
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| Whitewater Construction, Inc. 6640 Old Mexia Rd. Waco, TX 76705 Phone: (254) 863-5750 | \$2,088,340.00 |
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Mr. Philip reviewed the project route on the map and explained the “Add Alternate” amount for Pipe Bursting listed on the bid tabulation which he said is not part of the action item for tonight’s meeting. Mr. Philip said that “Pipe Bursting” is a technology that is used in difficult areas whereby the contractor bursts the pipe and replaces the new pipe all underground. This was being considered due to the business Innovative Block of South Texas operating 24 hours a day. But Innovative Block has agreed that once the contractor digs up the site and replaces the line, Innovative Block will replace their own pavers at their own expense. Mayor Victor Gonzalez, Jr. inquired if Innovative Block had submitted any legal paperwork agreeing to replace the block in their area at their expense and how many linear feet that would involve. Mr. Philip responded that they had agreed verbally and that the linear footage would be approximately 627 feet. Mr. Ralph Muse moved to recommend to the City Commission award of contract to Cornett Construction Co. of San Benito, Texas in the amount of \$882,667.36 as the lowest and most qualified bidder, contingent upon review of the bidding documents and approval by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Mr. Ovidio Saldivar seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the board. Mayor Victor Gonzalez, Jr. mentioned that traffic control signage is not listed on the bid and asked that the contractor be made aware that traffic control signage is needed. Mr. Philip said they would be advised.

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 – Mr. Philip said that staff discussed the projects in thorough detail some time ago. Cornett Construction Co. is working on the area by FM 2556 north of Expressway 83; then from Parker Road to Kansas City Road on the north side of the Expressway. The only other area pending will be on Beddoes Road. The contractor is ahead of schedule.
- Water and sewer lines for the west side area of town where the City annexed last year are in the design phase and are being reviewed by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB).
- Sewer service to the Alto Real Colonia is being funded by the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program, but the matching funds are coming for the TWDB, so it is pending their approval.
- Water Treatment Plant – An Ultra Violet System and Cathodic Protection System are being designed and being submitted to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB).
- Lift Stations – The sites have been acquired and all easements have been secured. The City submitted an application to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) hoping that they will be able to provide funding for this project.
- Mayor Victor Gonzalez, Jr. inquired if the engineers are working on Beddoes Road and Mr. Philip responded that they are working on it.

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 6:05 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 4:00 PM on August 8, 2014.



Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary