

**Minutes of Proceedings
Regular Board Meeting
La Feria Utilities Board
Tuesday, January 13, 2015**

Be it known that the Board of Directors of the City of La Feria Utilities Board met in regular session on **Tuesday, January 13, 2015, 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

Absent:	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. Esmeralda Sanchez	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 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 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LA FERIA UTILITIES BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2014

After review of the minutes, Mr. Ralph Muse moved to approve the minutes of proceedings of the special meeting of the La Feria Utilities Board held on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 as presented in written form. Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the board.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF LA FERIA PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF OBLIGATIONS DESIGNATED AS “CITY OF LA FERIA, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX AND LIMITED PLEDGE REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2015”; AND OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

City Manager Mr. Sunny K. Philip explained that during the budget process, items were identified that the City needs to purchase or expand, and the City needs to raise the funds to pay for those items. The City is going through the process of the issuance of Certificates of Obligation to provide funding for identified specific projects, and the Utilities Board needs to pledge a \$1,000.00 one-time contribution for the Certificates of Obligation to be issued. Mr. Jorge Delgado with the City’s bond counsel, Norton Rose Fulbright of San Antonio was present to answer any questions that might come up. Mr. Philip asked Mr. Delgado to add any comments or correct anything that he may have left out. Mr. Jorge Delgado said everything was covered, but he wanted to add that the issuance of Certificates of Obligation was structured as to how much the City can support through its tax rate. Mr. Ralph Muse moved to approve the Utilities Board Resolution 2015-01 relating to the issuance and sale of obligations designated as “City of La Feria, Texas Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2015”; and other matters in connection therewith. Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the Utilities Board members present.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COMMISSION APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

City Manager Mr. Sunny K. Philip reported that the City has participated in the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program since 1984. He explained that the resolution included in the packet is the resolution that the City Commission would be considering later on tonight in their meeting. Mr. Philip said the City needs a new water tank, and that this application will be submitted to provide part of the funding for the tank. The grant amount is \$230,870 or a greater amount to be determined by the number of applicants eligible for the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) allocation of \$3,463,048. Mr. Ralph Muse moved to recommend to the City Commission to approve City Commission Resolution 2015-02 approving an application for funding through the Texas Department of Agriculture Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the Utilities Board members present.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTHS OF OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER 2014

Finance Director Ms. Maria Chavero reviewed the financial reports for the months of October through December 2014 with the board, reviewing the monthly budget vs. actual for each month and both the monthly and the year-to-date figures for the month of December. 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.

- Staff has had several meetings with Cornett Construction who is the contractor doing the water line installation on the east side of town, and they have been instructed to use Chlorine as the disinfectant to flush the pipes to make sure that the water is safe for the public. Interruption of service to the public is being kept at a minimum since the contractor is doing that type of work at night.
- Cornett Construction is also the contractor who was awarded the contract for the sewer lines on the west side of town. Mr. Philip said all the contractors are doing a good job.
- The building and the pipe for the Ultra Violet System are being installed at the Water Treatment Plant

Mr. Philip announced that he had promoted two gentlemen who have been with the City for 20 years each, after the retirement of long time Public Works Director Mr. Javier F. Martinez. He introduced Mr. Heriberto "Beto" Ureste as Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Director and Mr. Alfonso Rodriguez as Public Works Director. Mr. Philip said these two gentlemen will work hand in hand to make sure that everything keeps moving forward. He said he had full confidence that both Mr. Ureste and Mr. Rodriguez would do a good job for the City. The board members congratulated both men on their promotions.

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 6:45 P.M.

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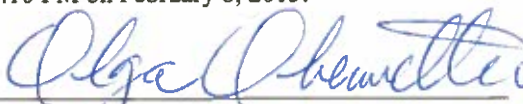
 Adolfo Lopez, Chairman

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 12:10 PM on February 8, 2015.



 Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

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LA FERIA UTILITIES BOARD REGULAR MEETING

AT THE

CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015 AT 5:15 PM

WELCOME
PLEASE SIGN IN

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>MAILING ADDRESS</u>	<u>HOME/WORK PHONE NO.</u>
1	<i>Allen [unclear]</i>	<i>PO Box 8774 Lufkin</i>	<i>797-1816</i>
2	<i>Jorge Delgado</i>	<i>525 N. St Paul St. Dallas TX</i>	<i>214 953 4019</i>
3	<i>H. Yeste</i>	<i>Lufkin City</i>	<i>952 797 2261</i>
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