

**Minutes of Proceedings
Regular Board Meeting
La Feria Utilities Board
Tuesday, December 8, 2015**

Be it known that the Board of Directors of the City of La Feria Utilities Board met in regular session on Tuesday, December 8, 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
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. Paula Rodriguez	Planning & Community Dev. Director
Ms. Kin Mendoza	Finance Director
Ms. Esmeralda Sanchez	City Secretary

Other persons present at the meeting were Helen Muse and Daniel Trevino.

Board Chairman Adolfo Lopez asked all present to rise and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. He then declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 5:21 PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Board Chairman 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 NOVEMBER 3, 2015.

A copy of the minutes was reviewed. Following discussion, Mr. Muse made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Saldivar and passed by unanimous vote of the Board Members present.

CONSIDER AND RECOMMEND CITY COMMISSION APPROVE A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE ULTRAVIOLET DISINFECTION SYSTEM AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT COMPLETED BY R.P. CONSTRUCTORS FUNDED BY TWDB DWSRF 62502 CID-08.

The Ultraviolet Disinfection System was funded in part by the Texas Water Development Board Drinking Water State Revolving Fund 62502. Construction has been completed and

this resolution is a requirement of the TWDB to release retainage. The system is active. We will need to wait to identify any cost savings in chemicals as the UV system is used to treat water. Testing will occur across the water distribution system to indicate levels of chlorine and the impact of the UV System.

Following discussion, Mr. Muse made a motion to recommend approval by the City Commission of the resolution accepting the Ultraviolet Disinfection System at the Water Treatment Plant completed by R.P. Constructors. The motion was seconded by Mr. Saldivar and approved by unanimous vote of the Board Members present.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2015.

Finance Director Kin Mendoza reviewed the reports for September and October 2015. Following discussion, Mr. Lopez, Board Chairman announced the reports filed for audit.

REPORTS BY STAFF

- **WATER AND WASTE WATER IMPROVEMENTS**

Mr. Philip reported the following:

Cornett Construction is close to completion of the installation of the water line to the west Colonias

Saenz Brothers Construction continues to work on sewer system improvements along Kansas City Road Beddoes Road, Parker Road and they will be working on improvements along Main Street as revised to better serve the residents in the area.

Sewer Improvements to West Colonias area will begin upon final approval of the paperwork by TWDB. JM Construction has been awarded the contract.

The water and wastewater improvements completed through the current \$15 million awarded by TWDB are only a portion of the total improvements initially submitted. The total request was initially \$25 million, however due to State funding the City had to remove certain items from the scope of work. Some of these items include "hook-ups." The City is waiting to submit a request for approximately 170 "hook-ups" across the City to the water and sewer lines addressed by the current projects. Before submitting the request for this additional work, we must assure the current funding covers the remaining projects, including SCADA, Motor Control Center, and final work on the water and sewer lines.

Mr. Loped declared that no official action was required as a result of these reports.

ACTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Mr. Muse moved for adjournment of the meeting. Ms. Dunlap seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the Board Members present.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Adolfo Lopez adjourned the meeting at 5:48 P.M.

APPROVED:



Adolfo Lopez, Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Esmeralda R. Sánchez, 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 January 10, 2016.

Esmeralda R. Sánchez, City Secretary