

**Minutes of Proceedings
Special Board Meeting
La Feria Utilities Board
Tuesday, July 28, 2015**

Be it known that the Board of Directors of the City of La Feria Utilities Board met in special session on **Tuesday, July 28, 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. Esmeralda Sanchez	Capital Projects Coordinator
Ms. Maria Chavero	Finance Director
Ms. Olga Oberwetter	City Secretary

Other person present at the meeting was Helen Muse.

At 5:17 P.M., Board Chairman 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, Chairman Lopez declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

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 session closed.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY
COMMISSION APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF SEWER CLEANING
MACHINE THROUGH BUYBOARD AND ALSO RECOMMEND APPROVAL
OF RESOLUTION FINANCING THE PURCHASE THROUGH GOVERNMENT
CAPITAL CORPORATION.**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip explained that the sewer cleaning machine purchased approximately 10 years ago has been out of service for several months. It is very hard to get parts to repair the machine and the City has to make a decision to acquire a new truck. The brand name of the existing body is VACON. City employees reviewed

demonstrations of VACON and VACTOR brand and they have demonstration trucks for sale.

VACTOR offered a better price and most of the bigger cities in the area utilize the same brand. The recommendation is to purchase a VACTOR body machine for \$304,675 financed over a 10 year period at a cost of \$37,551 per year with an interest rate of 3.93%. The household cost per month is estimated at \$1.39.

Board member Ralph Muse moved to recommend the City Commission approve the purchase, seconded by Board Member Ovidio Saldivar. The Board approved the action by unanimous vote of the Board Members present.

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

Chairman Adolfo Lopez adjourned the meeting at 5:34 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 5:00 PM on August 11, 2015.

Esmeralda R. Sánchez, City Secretary