

Minutes of Proceedings
La Feria Utilities Board
Tuesday, October 13, 2015

Be it known that the Board of Directors of the City of La Feria Utilities Board met in regular session on Tuesday, October 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
Mr. Victor Gonzalez, Jr.	Mayor/Ex-Officio Member

The following Board Members were absent from said meeting:

Mr. Ovidio Saldivar	Board Member
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The following staff members were present at said meeting:

Mr. Sunny K. Philip	City Manager
Ms. Paula Rodriguez	Planning & Community Dev. Director
Ms. Maria Chavero	Finance Director
Kin Mendoza	Finance Director
Ms. Esmeralda Sanchez	City Secretary

Other person present at the meeting was Helen Muse.

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 5:19PM

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.

REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LA FERIA UTILITIES BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY AUGUST 25, 2015.

A copy of the minutes was reviewed. Following discussion, Mr. Ralph Muse made a motion to approve the minutes as revised. The motion was seconded by Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap and passed by unanimous vote of the Board Members present.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO RECOMMEND CANCELLATION OF THE CONTRACT AWARDED TO MUNICIPAL PUMP & CONTROL FOR SCADA ADDITIONS TO SOUTH PARKER & SOUTH CANAL LIFT STATIONS AND REPAIR OF SCADA EQUIPMENT AT LILAC LIFT STATION INT EH AMOUNT OF \$116,714 ON FEBRUARY 24, 2015

Municipal Pump & Control was awarded a contract in the amount of \$116,714 on February 24, 2015. The work to be completed under this contract is funded by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Clean Water State Revolving Fund Contract No. 73602. Since the award, the City has discussed options in search of the most efficient means of completing SCADA improvements for the water and wastewater systems while leveraging TWDB funding. Mr. Philip discussed the option of changing to a new open SCADA system versus continuing with the current closed system proprietary to SIEMENS. Making this change means that there will be future proposals presented to the Board for water and wastewater system SCADA improvements. It is possible that the open SCADA system can be implemented at a significantly lower cost than the current closed SCADA system and additional savings by using existing items when installing the new system. The cancellation of the contract may require the City to reimburse the contractor for costs related to the bid bond, but it will not have an impact on future funding from TWDB. Following discussion with the board, Mr. Ralph Muse made a motion to cancel the award to Municipal Pump & Control for \$116,714 for SCADA improvements. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dunlap and passed by unanimous vote of the Board members present.

REPORTS BY STAFF

- **WATER AND WASTE WATER IMPROVEMENTS**

Mr. Philip reported the following:

- Cornett Construction is progressing as expected with installation of the water line to the west Colonias
- Saenz Brothers Construction is currently working on sewer system improvements along Kansas City Road. The engineers are reworking the plans for improvements on Main Street to extend the line further north to include developing areas on Main Street/FM 506 by deepening the line. These changes may lead to overall cost savings. It may be another 40 days before the contractor is back to working on Main Street/FM 506.

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. 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

Chairman Adolfo Lopez adjourned the meeting at 5:43 P.M.

APPROVED:



Adolfo Lopez, Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Esmeralda R. Sanchez, City Secretary

These minutes were prepared and filed with the City of La Feria as official record of the Utilities Board at 8:30 AM on November 2, 2015.

Esmeralda R. Sanchez, City Secretary