

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

Be it known that the Board of Directors of the City of La Feria Utilities Board met in Regular session on Tuesday, September 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. Maria Chavero	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 aloud 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 5:20 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 session closed.

**REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LA FERIA UTILITIES BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY AUGUST 11, 2015**

Following review, Mr. Ralph Muse made a motion to approve the minutes of proceedings of the regular meeting of the La Feria Utilities Board held Tuesday, August 11, 2015. The motion was seconded by Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap and passed by unanimous vote of the Board Members present.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2015**

A copy of the financial reports for the month of August 2015 were distributed for review. Following review, Mr. Lopez declared the reports to be filed for audit.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COMMISSION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH NEW WATER AND SEWER RATES**

Mr. Philip explained the budget workshop process and informed that specific documents will be provided at a later date to have a full discussion of the budget. Following a brief discussion regarding the system's overall situation and low water consumption, Mr. Philip asked the Board to consider rate adjustments during the budget process. Future development within the community will be important to maximize utilization of recent improvements and maintain the system in the future. We will prepare additional information for discussion at a special meeting.

Following discussion, Mr. Muse made a motion to approve an ordinance to establish new water and sewer rates. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ovidio Saldivar and passed by unanimous vote of the Board Members present

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF LA FERIA UTILITIES BOARD BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015**

Following discussion, Mr. Muse made a motion to approve a budget amendment to the City of La Feria Utilities Board budget for fiscal year 2014-2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Saldivar and passed by unanimous vote of the Board Members present.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY CITY OF LA FERIA UTILITIES BOARD BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016.**

Following discussion, Mr. Muse made a motion to approve the budget to the City of La Feria Utilities Board for fiscal year 2015-2016. The motion was seconded by Mr. Saldivar and passed by unanimous vote of the Board Members present.

**REPORTS BY STAFF**

- **WATER AND WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS**

Cornett Construction and Saenz Brothers Construction are currently working on water and wastewater improvements throughout the City. Both projects are progressing well.

Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) recently awarded the City a grant for the water tower on Parker Road & Business 83. Since cathodic protection equipment was recently installed at the water tower, the water tank may last another 10-15 years with additional repairs possible through this funding.

- **EMEGENCY REPAIR OF SEWER PRESSURE MAIN**

Mr. Philip informed the Board of the emergency repair. The problem arose when the sewer line began to buckle and eventually leaked. Quotes were obtained from three contractors and ultimately R.M. Walsdorf was hired to repair the line.

**ACTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap moved for adjournment of the meeting. Mr. Ralph Muse seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Adolfo Lopez adjourned the meeting at 6:27 P.M.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Adolfo Lopez, Board Chairman

**ATTEST:**

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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 4:00 PM on November 2, 2015.

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Esmeralda R. Sanchez, City Secretary