

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
Tuesday, August 25, 2020**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.** in the La City Commission Meeting Room, La Feria, Texas 78559. The purpose of said meeting was to consider and take action on those items of City Business as was duly posted by agenda in accordance with State Open Meetings Law. The following City Commission members were present at said meeting.

3. DETERMINE QUORUM PRESENT AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER – MAYOR

Mayor Maldonado declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Olga H. Maldonado	Mayor	Present
Devin Martinez	Commissioner	Present
Julian Guevara, Jr.	Commissioner	Present
Esmeralda Lozano	Commissioner	Present
Donato Garcia	Commissioner	Present

The following staff members were present at said meeting:

Mr. Jaime Sandoval, City Manager
Mr. Frank Rios, Finance Director
Ms. Amanda Morales, City Secretary

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD AUGUST 11, 2020.

Commissioner Martinez made a motion to approve the items under consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO EXTEND DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER PERTAINING TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PERTAINING OUT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES ARISING OUT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

Commissioner Garcia made a motion to extend the declaration of local disaster pertaining to the public health emergency pertaining out of the public health issues arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano and passed unanimously.

7. PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE INPUT REGARDING THE GRANT AWARD OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM FOR LA FERIA FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT PURPOSES.

Mayor Maldonado opened the public hearing at 6:32pm. There were no comments from the public and Mayor Maldonado closed the public hearing at 6:33 pm.

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2020-10 ACCEPTING UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANT AND FULFILLING FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS ON AWARDED FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GRANT.

Mr. Sandoval noted that this was the last step needed to process the grant application. Commissioner Lozano noted a correction to the resolution text. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-10 accepting united states department of agriculture rural development financial obligations on awarded Fire department personal protective equipment, with the correction noted above. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CAMERON COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT FOR SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 3, 2020.

Commissioner Garcia made a motion to approve entering into a contract with Cameron County Elections Department for special election to be held November 3, 2020. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST FROM CAMERON COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT FOR USE OF CITY HALL CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM FOR EARLY VOTING FROM OCTOBER 13, 2020 TO OCTOBER 30, 2020 AND ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 3, 2020.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guevara and passed unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSED TAX RATE CALCULATION FOR TAX YEAR 2020 (FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021) AND SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve the proposed tax rate calculation for tax year 2020 (fiscal year 2020-2021) of \$0.7600 and set a public hearing for September 8, 2020. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

Mayor Maldonado called the meeting into closed session at 6:46 pm.

12. CLOSED SESSION:

**-PERSONNEL MATTER PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.074 TEX. GOV'T
CODE TO DELIBERATE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF CITY
MANAGER.**

There was no action taken during closed session. Mayor Maldonado called the meeting back to order at 7:17 pm.

13. ADJOURN.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Lozano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amanda Morales, City Secretary