

CITY OF NATALIA

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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS 2078 STATE HWY 132 NORTH, NATALIA, TEXAS 78059 21 MARCH 2022 at 7.00 P.M.

MINUTES

ROLL CALL: Mayor Samuel Bluemel – Present
Alderman Mike Fernandez – Present
Alderman Tommy Ortiz – Present

Mayor Pro-Tem Sam Smith – Present
Alderman Darin Frazier - Present
Alderman Selica Vera – Present

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Bluemel called the regular city council meeting to order at 7:00 pm; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Alderman Vera and Invocation by Mayor Bluemel.

2. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

There were no citizens to be heard.

3. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Alderman Tommy Ortiz thanked the city workers and Police Department for their effort on city wide clean up and loose dogs. He believes many dogs are being dropped off and abandoned in city limits. He requests that if a resident observes someone dropping off a dog to please call the police immediately. Alderman Frazier expressed his concerns with patrolling on IH35. Alderman Frazier stated that the subject has been discussed in the past and there needs to be a review of policy and procedure and city ordinances involving the police department. Alderman Mike Fernandez thanked everyone for their support of the Bluebonnet parade. The festival was a success. Alderman Fernandez shared the news of previous Police Chief Hector Vasquez passed away; funeral service arrangements are pending at this time. Alderman Fernandez requested that the animal traps be rotated and moved more frequently throughout the city and reminded the police officers to check traps in the excessive heat. Alderwoman Vera thanks the city staff for their city cleanup efforts and reminded everyone to please call the police if observing someone drop off a dog. If Natalia PD is not on duty call the Medina County non-emergency dispatch to report. Mayor Bluemel thanks the city staff for all of the efforts on city cleanup and on a daily basis.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

All of the following items are considered to be routine by the City Council, there will be no separate discussion on these items and will be enacted with one motion; unless removed by any Council Member to discuss and consider separately by making such request prior to a motion and vote.

- a) Approval of the Minutes: 28 February 2022 Regular Meeting
- b) Approval of the Financial Activity Report: February 2022
- c) Approval of the Utility Department Activity Report: February 2022
- d) Approval of the Municipal Court Activity Report: February 2022
- e) Approval of the Police Department/Code Enforcement Activity Report: February 2022

Action: Alderman Fernandez made the motion approving the consent agenda, and Alderman Smith seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0; motion carried.

future as he feels we should have permanently built structures for our downtown businesses. Alderman Fernandez made a motion to approve the request from Susan Rivera to place a portable building for the purpose of housing a beauty shop; Alderman Sam Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried; 3-2.

10. Discuss/consider approval of application and petition by Richard and Delia Pacheco to vacate, close and abandon portions of 7th street, located in the general areas of Block 46, Lot 9,10,11 & Block 54, Lot 1,2 & 3; and setting a Public Hearing date for April 18, 2022. Mr. Pacheco requested that he be allowed to purchase the portions of 7th street to give his grandchildren more room in yard as well as he would to put a fence up. Mr. & Mrs. Pacheco submitted the required attachments with their request. Alderman Frazier expressed concerns with selling off portions of city owned property. It affects the city's assets as well as utility easements. Alderman Sam Smith made a motion to approve the petition to vacate, close and abandon the portions of 7th street requested; Alderman Mike Fernandez seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. & Mrs. Pacheco will now have to submit a title search, appraisal, and survey of the property so a public hearing can be set.

11. Adjournment. Alderman Sam Smith motioned to adjourn at 7:52 pm, and Alderwoman Vera seconded the motion. Motion carried; 5-0.

Passed and Approved this 18th day of April, 2022.

Approval:



Samuel Bluemel, Mayor /or/
Sam Smith, Mayor Pro-Tem

Attest:



Nichole M. Bermea
Interim City Administrator/Secretary

