

# CITY OF NATALIA

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**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
2078 STATE HWY 132 NORTH, NATALIA, TEXAS 78059  
9 JUNE 2022 at 6:30 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 special city council meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION OF ACTION ITEMS:**

2. Discuss/consider Natalia Municipal Development District Director resignation, and filling vacancy thereby created, for the unexpired term ending February 2024. Mayor Bluemel explained there is one vacant position on the Natalia Municipal Development District Board that needs to be filled. We have received (2) applications and as the city attorney suggested most MDD Boards have a council member or Mayor sit on the board. Mayor Bluemel asked the council if they have reviewed the applications and if anyone has a motion. Alderman Fernandez stated that he believes the MDD should nominate to fill the vacancy. Alderman Fernandez asked if the MDD has had an opportunity to review the applications. Alderman Fernandez feels the MDD should recommend to the city council to fill vacancies. Mayor Bluemel explained the applications were just submitted to him and based on the attorney's suggestion of a council member or Mayor sitting on the Board and the city council appointing the members he decided to put the item on the agenda. Alderman Frazier and Alderman Smith also thought the MDD board had reviewed the applications and feel the MDD board should have that opportunity before council appoints a new member. Alderman Frazier made a motion to table the item to allow the MDD to review the applications. Alderman Fernandez seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Discuss/consider Caldwell Country Chevrolet/Cap Fleet quote for purchase of (2) 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe police patrol units. Mayor Bluemel explained the status of the vehicle search for the police department and went over the quotes. Alderman Fernandez asked if the Tahoes came fully equipped. He has concerns of public conception and the cost factor. He stated the council in the past would do this during the budgeting timeframe. Nikki explained the breakdown of cost of each vehicle plus the equipment is \$70,416.50. Alderman Fernandez feels this is a large expense. Alderman Frazier explained the amount of money that has been spent on maintenance on several of the current units and we cannot continue to spend money on these older vehicles that are barely running. Officer Johnny Whisnant stated that we have one unit not running and another that the transmission is about to go out according to the mechanic. Nikki explained that we are well over budget on repair and maintenance on vehicles, the blue explorer that was in an accident was not replaced. We did purchase the crown victoria as a temporary fix but the salvage and insurance claim funds were deposited. We also will surplus and auction the units no longer in use. Officer Whisnant stated that the white explorer is also having transmission issues. Alderman Smith asked if the quotes included new computers. Chief Naff

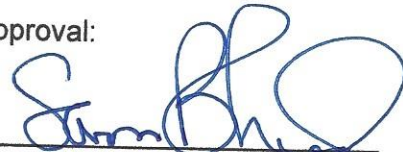
stated the radios were taken off the quote, but this does include the computers. Mayor Bluemel stated that the last time we received a quote to include computers it was \$6,000 alone for the computer. Alderman Frazier made a motion to purchase (2) 2022 Chevrolet Tahoes from Caldwell Country/Cap Fleet for \$70,416.50 each plus buyboard fee \$400, totaling \$141,233.00. Alderman Ortiz seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Discuss/consider Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Housing Authority of the City of Devine and the City of Natalia. Mayor Bluemel reported his discussion with city attorney Dan Santee on the agreement. Mayor asked do we have a motion to go with it. No motion: Motion died lack of motion.

5. Adjournment. Alderman Fernandez motioned to adjourn at 6:44 pm, and Alderman Sam Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried; 5-0.

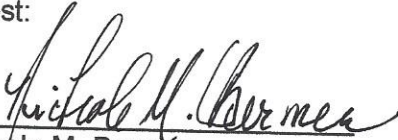
**Passed and Approved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.**

Approval:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sam Bluemel', written over a horizontal line.

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

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nichole M. Berméa', written over a horizontal line.

Nichole M. Berméa  
Interim City Administrator/Secretary