

# CITY OF NATALIA

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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
2078 STATE HWY 132 NORTH, NATALIA, TEXAS 78059  
15 NOVEMBER 2021 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 Ortiz 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 Alderman Bluemel.

**2. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

There were no citizens to be heard.

**3. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Alderman Frazier suggested that the dais be extended in length and moved away from the back wall. Several Alderman expressed thanks to the City employees for their continued hard work. The Mayor thanked the council for the last four years as Mayor. He was presented with a plaque and the incoming Mayor was presented with a new gavel.

**4. PRESENTATIONS/CEREMONIAL ITEMS:**

The Assistant City Secretary administered the Oath of Office to the (3) three unopposed Officials for the City of Natalia, for two (2) year terms expiring November 2023.

- a) Samuel Bluemel, Mayor
- b) Darin Frazier, Alderman
- c) Tommy F Ortiz, Alderman

**5. 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: 18 October 2021 Regular Meeting  
1 November 2021 Special Meeting
- b) Approval of the Financial Activity Report: October 2021
- c) Approval of the Utility Department Activity Report: October 2021
- d) Approval of the Municipal Court Activity Report: October 2021
- e) Approval of the Police Department Activity Report: October 2021
- f) Approval of the Police Code Enforcement Activity Report: October 2021

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

**6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- a) City Administrator/Secretary
  - i. Bulk Item pick up begins week of December 13, 2021.
  - ii. HOME Program Update
    - Three homes were turned over on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
    - The 4<sup>th</sup> home is delayed, but will commence shortly.
    - Next round of houses has a move out date of 15 November 2021
  - iii. City Offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday, November 25-26, 2021.
  - iv. The Chandelier Rose Boutique was awarded "Best Retail Shop" in Medina County and the Natalia Nutrition Shop was awarded "Best Nutrition Shop" in Medina County.
- b) Chief of Police
  - i. Chief Naff reported the Full Time and Part Time open positions are posted. New radios have been received and are being programmed by Keith Lutz. The new Tahoe is due to be delivered in a couple of weeks.

#### **DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION OF ACTION ITEMS:**

- 7. Introduction of new full time police officer Ruben Loreda. Action: (Ceremonial: Mayor Bluemel to administer Oath of Office).
- 8. Discuss/consider electing an Alderman to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem for a one-year term ending November 2022. Action: Alderman Frazier made a motion to nominate Sam Smith, Alderman Fernandez seconded the motion. Vote: Motion carried; 5-0 vote.
- 9. Discuss/consider engaging into a service agreement with Beyer & Co. for auditing the city's financial statements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021. Alderman Fernandez suggested we contact another auditor for pricing. Action: Alderman Frazier made a motion to postpone discussion until a later date. Alderman Ortiz seconded the motion. Motion carried; 5-0 vote.
- 10. Discuss/consider Natalia Veterans Memorial Library for the use of property located between State Hwy 132 & East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street off FM-471 (Natalia Veterans Sportsplex) to host the annual Natalia Bluebonnet Festival. (Amy Edge, Librarian). After discussing it was concluded that Amy should attend the Natalia Municipal Development District meeting and request to use the MDD property for the festival as first choice location. No Action.
- 11. Discuss/consider action on Resolution No. 21-16; Designating authorized signers for all depository accounts with Security State Bank on behalf of the City of Natalia, Texas. Action: Alderman Frazier made a motion to pass resolution 21-16, Alderman Fernandez seconded the motion. Motion carried; 5-0 vote.
- 12. Discuss/consider action on Resolution No. 21-17; to update authorized signatories in matters pertaining to the City's Participation in the HOME Program Reservations System. Action: Alderman Fernandez made a motion to pass Resolution 21-17, Alderwoman Vera seconded the motion. Motion carried; 5-0 vote.
- 13. Discuss/consider and adopt a Resolution A201 to update authorized signatories for the 2019 Texas CBDG program contract #7219309. Action: Alderman Smith made a motion to pass Resolution A201, Alderman Fernandez seconded the motion. Motion carried; 5-0 vote.
- 14. At 7.41 pm, Alderman Smith made a motion to convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters. Alderman Fernandez seconded the motion. Vote: Motion carried; 5-0 vote

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session: City Council adjourned into Executive Session at 7:41 pm pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters to discuss the following:

- a. §551.074; Personnel Matters: City Administrator position
- b. §551.074; Personnel Matters: Natalia Assistant Clerk position.

### **REGULAR SESSION**


15. Regular Session: City Council reconvened into regular session at 8:19 pm, and if necessary, may take action on the items discussed in executive session.

a. §551.074; Personnel Matters: Natalia Assistant Clerk position. Alderman Tommy Ortiz made a motion to a rate of \$11.00 per hour with a 90 day probationary period. After the 90 day probationary period a rate of \$11.50 will be paid. Alderman Fernandez seconded the motion. Motion carried; 5-0 vote.

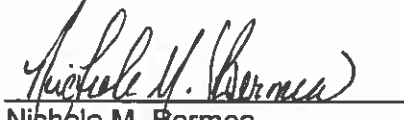
16. Adjournment. Alderman Fernandez motioned to adjourn at 8:22 pm, and Alderman Frazier seconded the motion. Motion carried; 5-0 vote.

**Passed and Approved this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.**

Approval:

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

Attest:

  
Nichole M. Bermea  
Interim City Administrator/Secretary

