City of Natalia, Texas
Regular City Council Meeting
November 18, 2019 at 7:00 pm
Minutes

Roll Call: Mayor Tommy Ortiz – Present   Mayor Pro-Tem Sam Smith - Present
               Alderman Mike Fernandez – Present   Alderman Darin Frazier - Present
               Alderman Sam Bluemel – Present   Alderman Selica Vera - Present

Call to Order:

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

Citizens to be Heard:

2) Emilio Flores expressed concerns regarding the city's continuous infrastructure failing issues, in addition to remarks of the Mayor and City Administrator's lack of regards of city issues.

City Council Comments:

3) Alderman Smith asked if the City/NISD can look into getting a stop sign installed at 9th/Miller Street at schools driveway intersecting Miller Street; schools use of this portion of 9th Street has become an issue since the rerouting of traffic. Alderman Fernandez had a few concerns regarding the barricade at 4th/Miller, and the boring conducted by QRO Mex Construction of which he'd like for Public Works Director Art Smith to contact him to discuss further.

Presentations:

4) City Secretary administered the Oath of Office to three (3) unopposed officials of the City of Natalia, Texas, resulting in the cancellation of the City's November 2019 General Election, for two-year terms expiring November 2021: (Mayor) Tommy F. Ortiz; (Aldermen) Samuel C. Bluemel and Darin Frazier.

Consent Agenda:

5) a. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes: October 21, 2019
   b. Approval of Financial Activity Report: October 2019
   c. Approval of Utility Department Activity Report: October 2019
   d. Approval of Municipal Court Activity Report: October 2019
   e. Approval of Police Department Activity Report: October 2019
   Action: Alderman Fernandez made the motion approving the consent agenda, and Alderman Bluemel seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0; Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Consideration of Action Items:

6) **Discuss/Consider Electing an Alderman to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem for a one (1) year term ending November 2020.**

Action: Alderman Bluemel made a motion nominating Alderman Sam Smith to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem until November 2020; and Alderman Fernandez seconded the motion. Alderman Smith accepted the nomination. Vote: Without further nominees, motion passed unanimously by a 5-0 vote.

7) **Introduction/Discussion/Consideration of Appointing Officers to the Natalia Police Department, and Administering the Oaths of Office to:**
Introduction of each Officer was presented by Chief Glenn Barrow, and recommending their appointment:
      i.   Marie Trujillo, Police Officer (Full-time)
      ii.   Joseph McKay, Code Enforcement Officer (Part-time)
      iii.   Glenn Harlow, Reserve Police Officer
      iv.   Ivan Diaz, Reserve Police Officer
Action: Without objection, Mayor Ortiz administered the Oath of Office to the Police Officers listed above.

8) **Discuss/Consider a Resolution; Allocating votes for the nomination of a candidate for the election of Medina County Appraisal Board of Directors for a two-year term, January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021.**

Action: Alderman Smith made a motion allocating the City's 25-votes to Roy Sheetz, a 2020-21 candidate of the Medina County Appraisal District Board; and Alderman Fernandez second the motion. Vote: Motion passed unanimously by a 5-0 vote.

Staff Reports:

9) **City Administrator:** 1) City Office closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday, November 28-29, 2019. 2) Internal Communications Policy established for members of Council and Staff to adhere in regards to relating information to the public externally and internally.

10) **Adjournment.** Alderman Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm, and Alderman Fernandez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Passed and Approved this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Approval:

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Tommy Ortiz, Mayor /or/
Sam Smith, Mayor Pro-Tem

Attest:

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Lisa S. Hernandez, City Administrator/Secretary