

# CITY OF NATALIA

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## **SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS 2078 STATE HWY 132 NORTH, NATALIA, TEXAS 07 JANUARY 2021 at 6:00 P.M.**

### **MINUTES**

<b><u>ROLL CALL:</u></b> Mayor Tommy Ortiz – Present	Mayor Pro-Tem Sam Smith - Absent
Alderman Mike Fernandez – Present	Alderman Darin Frazier - Present
Alderman Sam Bluemel – Present	Alderman Selica Vera – Present

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Ortiz called the regular city council meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. **DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION OF ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. Introduction/Discuss and Consider employing Christopher Carter as a full-time Police Officer for the Natalia Police Department. (Mayor to Administer Oath of Office)
- b. Introduction/Discuss and Consider employing Michael Hetzer as a part-time Code Compliance/Animal Control/Patrol Officer for the Natalia Police Department. (Mayor to Administer Oath of Office)
- c. Introduction/Discuss and Consider employing Spencer Fadorsen as a Reserve Officer for the Natalia Police Department. (Mayor to Administer Oath of Office)
- d. Introduction/Discuss and Consider employing Warren Goldman as a Reserve Officer for the Natalia Police Department. (Mayor to Administer Oath of Office)
- e. Introduction/Discuss and Consider employing Hugo Ramos as a Reserve Officer for the Natalia Police Department. (Mayor to Administer Oath of Office)
- f. Introduction/Discuss and Consider employing Alfonso Ruiz, Jr. as a Reserve Officer for the Natalia Police Department. (Mayor to Administer Oath of Office)
- g. Introduction/Discuss and Consider employing Ray Treviño as a Reserve Officer for the Natalia Police Department. (Mayor to Administer Oath of Office)

Introduction: James Fleming, Chief of Police, introduced the officers, stating that Christopher Carter has withdrawn his candidacy. In his place, Michael Hetzer, who intended to serve as a part-time Code Compliance/Animal Control Officer, would be willing to take the full-time Police Officer position. Fleming briefly introduced Fadorsen, Goldman, Ramos, Ruiz, and Treviño and stated they are applying as reserve officers. Fleming recommended the appointment of all candidates present and he gave a special thanks to the Council for making the effort to be here for a special meeting and to City Administrator Hinojosa for putting things in place to make this possible.

Discussion: Alderman Fernandez questioned staff numbers, to which Fleming replied there are four permanent officers, including himself, along with four reserve officers. Mayor Ortiz mentioned that the police department has worked hard to vet the candidates. Alderman Fernandez asked why calls to the Police Department are constantly forwarded to Medina County Dispatch and asked the police to figure it out. Fleming said that the Internet was out the previous day and he is unsure why but will work to resolve the issue.

Action: Selica Vera moved to authorize Michael Hetzer as a full-time Police Officer for the Natalia Police department in lieu of part-time Code-Compliance/Animal Control Officer, to authorize the employment of all reserve officer candidates as listed, and to deny employment to Christopher Carter as he has withdrawn his candidacy.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Fernandez motioned to adjourn at 6.13 pm. Alderman Bluemel seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

**Passed and Approved this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.**

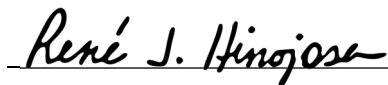
Approval:



Tommy Ortiz, Mayor /or/

Attested by:

Sam Smith, Mayor Pro-Tem



René Hinojosa, MPA

City Administrator/Secretary

