

CITY OF NATALIA

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**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2078 STATE HWY 132 NORTH, NATALIA, TEXAS 78059
18 APRIL 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 – Absent
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 Selica Vera congratulated the NISD powerlifting team on their state championship. Alderman Mike Fernandez congratulated the powerlifting team. Alderman Fernandez thanked the city staff, police department, Aiden, Laura, and Amy for the help on the Bluebonnet festival and parade. Alderman Fernandez thanked Chief Naff for her presentation and effort for Hector Vasquez' funeral service. Alderman Frazier thanked employees for the clean-up effort and thanked Chief Naff and stated that was very proud. Alderman Ortiz congratulated the powerlifting team. Alderman Ortiz thanked the police department for their efforts for Hector Vasquez' funeral services and stated that he was a good man and good friend. The easter egg hunt was a success. If anyone needs help with clean-up please call City Hall. Mayor Bluemel thanked the police department and city staff for all their efforts.

4. PRESENTATION: Mayor Bluemel presented certificates of recognition to the NISD State Champion girls powerlifting team.

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

Action: Alderman Fernandez made the motion approving the consent agenda, and Alderman Vera seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0; motion carried.

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- a) City Administrator/Secretary

- i. EAA Stage II water restrictions
 - ii. Chief Naff is currently reviewing the police department policy manual and will present to city council.
 - iii. Marshall Hoak will be at City Hall on April 27, 1-3PM
 - iv. Residents have been taking advantage of the roll off containers.
 - v. The NISD Jr High School grand opening will be held April 29th at 6PM
 - vi. AACOG Economic Development Workshop, May 5th, 2022.
- b) Chief of Police
- i. SRO will be attending the Washington, DC trip with the NISD band. Alderman Frazier suggested we give a travel stipend. Chief Naff reported parking concerns at the ball field lift station. Art will check on possibly installing a fence.
- c) Utility Director – nothing to report

DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION OF ACTION ITEMS:

7. Alderman Darin Frazier made a motion to pass a resolution of the City of Natalia, Texas finding that AEP Texas Inc.'s application to amend its distribution cost recovery factors to increase distribution rates within the city should be denied; authorizing participation with the cities served by AEP Texas; authorizing hiring of legal counsel; finding that the city's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the company; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to the company and legal counsel. Alderman Vera seconded the motion. Motion carried; 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

8. At 7:40 pm Alderwoman Vera made a motion to convene into executive session. Alderman Frazier seconded. Motion carried; 4-0.

The City Council shall meet in Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 551 to discuss the following:

- a) §551.074; Personnel Matters: Employment positions

REGULAR SESSION

9. At 8:05 pm the city council reconvened into regular session.
- The City Council shall reconvene into Regular Session, and if necessary, may act on items discussed in Executive Session:
- a) §551.074; Personnel Matters: Employment positions – No action.

10. Adjournment. Alderman Fernandez motioned to adjourn at 8:05 pm, and Alderwoman Vera seconded the motion. Motion carried; 4-0.

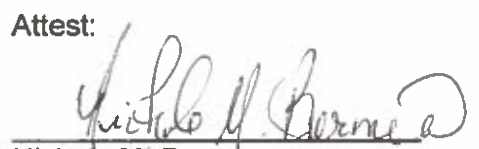
Passed and Approved this 23th day of May, 2022.

Approval:



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

Attest:



Nichole M. Bermea
Interim City Administrator/Secretary

