

CITY OF NATALIA

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**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2078 STATE HWY 132 NORTH, NATALIA, TEXAS 78059
19 JUNE 2023 at 7.00 P.M.**

MINUTES

ROLL CALL: Mayor Samuel Bluemel – Present
Alderman Mike Fernandez – Absent
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 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:

None

3. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Alderman Vera stated that the 18 wheelers continue to park by Love's & 135 access road. She also stated that there is still a pack of dogs roaming through the community. Alderman Vera requested a new police schedule and where gaps in coverage were.

Alderman Frazier asked what the status is with the dog issue at 471 & 5th Street. He stated that these dogs are dangerous dogs and need to be addressed.

Alderman Ortiz asked what the status is of the sprinkler system at the Veterans Monument. Nikki stated the MDD was supposed to get a quote to have the sprinkler system installed.

4. 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.

Approval of the Minutes: 17 April 2023 Regular Meeting

Approval of the Financial Activity Report: May 2023

Approval of the Utility Department Activity Report: May 2023

Approval of the Municipal Court Activity Report: May 2023

Approval of the Police Department/Code Enforcement Activity Reports: May 2023

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

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

a) City Administrator/Secretary

Nikki reported Abraham received his Wastewater treatment operator Class D License, 704 6th street and 603 5th street was approved for the Home Program, NISD contract ended as of 6/30/2023, Notice posted of Filing Deadline for Application for Place on the Ballot for the November 2023 season and applications can be filed between July 22 and August 21 2023, City Offices will be Closed on July 4th in Observance of Independence Day, Utility workers are on

Summer Hours, 2022 CCR has been completed and published, STRH mobile unit was on MDD grounds June 20th 2023, Empty roll off container was delivered for bulk items , brush pick up will be completed week of June 26th , 2023 Hog Wild Seminar will be July 28th at the Schertz Civic Center, LED sign was purchased for City Hall

Utility Director – Art Smith reported that the generator is down at the WWTP. Art is awaiting quotes for repairs, Alderman Frazier asked if it is not better to replace the generator. Alderman Smith suggested Art speak with Alderman Fernandez, he may have contacts to replace generator.

b) Mayor – Mayor Bluemel explained to the council that he would like to give the employees July 3rd off as an Employee Appreciation Day. Alderman Frazier stated we need to be careful with time and half for officers. Mayor Bluemel stated this will not be a re-occurring holiday.

DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION OF ACTION ITEMS:

6. Discuss/Consider Interlocal agreement with the MCESD #4. Nikki explained once they approve the agreement it will be sent to MCESD #4 for review. Alderman Frazier made the motion to pass the agreement. Alderman Ortiz seconded the motion. Motion carried; 4-0.

7. Discussion/Consider Right of Way agreement with Rise Broadband. Alderman Frazier stated that the agreement talks about tree trimming and they need to know that the city has to be notified prior to doing any trimming. Nikki stated that she did tell them no open cuts. Alderman Frazier suggested with request something in writing or a set of building plans. Alderman Smith made a motion to table the item. Alderwoman Vera seconded the motion. Motion carried; 4-0. No discussion.

8. Discuss/Consider Natalia Little League 4th of July community movie night, firework display, and brisket cook off. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to approve the community event with security required and no alcohol allowed. Alderman Frazier seconded the motion. Motion carried; 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Alderman Smith made a motion to convene in closed session. Alderwoman Ortiz seconded the motion. At 7:40 pm the city council convened into closed session.

9. The city council will meet in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 551.074, personnel, to deliberate the position of Police Chief, to include the hiring process and designation, if necessary.
10. The city council will meet in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 551.072, real property, to deliberate the value and location of real property in relation to public safety.

REGULAR SESSION:

The City Council shall reconvene into Regular Session, and if necessary, may act on items discussed in Executive Session:

At 8:54 pm the city council reconvened into regular session.

11. The city council will meet in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 551.074, personnel, to deliberate the position of Police Chief, to include the hiring process and designation, if necessary. No Action.
12. The city council will meet in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 551.072, real property, to deliberate the value and location of real property in relation to public safety. No Action.

13. Adjournment. Alderman Smith motioned to adjourn at 8:02 pm, and Alderwoman Vera seconded the motion. Motion carried; 4-0.

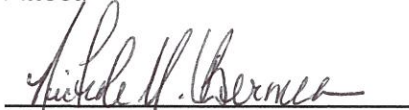
Passed and Approved this 17th day of July, 2023.

Approval:



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

Attest:



Nichole M. Bermea
Interim City Administrator/Secretary



