

CITY OF NATALIA

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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS 2078 STATE HWY 132 NORTH, NATALIA, TEXAS 21 SEPTEMBER 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

COVID-19 Notice: Council Chambers Max Occupancy is limited to 20 Persons; additional attendees must vacate facilities once maximum occupancy has been reached. We must continue to follow CRITICAL HEALTH GUIDELINES to avoid further spread or new outbreaks:

- Continue the practice of social distancing (maintaining a 6-foot distance).
- Protect yourself and others by wearing a face masks in public that cover your mouth and nose is suggested.
- Stay home if you can; minimize in-person contact and social gathering with people not in your same household.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands; avoid touching other people.
- Disinfect surfaces, buttons, handles, doorknobs, and other places touched often.
- Wash hands often and for 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** ROLL CALL – by René Hinojosa, City Administrator/Secretary
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance – Alderwoman Selica Vera
 - B. Invocation – Alderman Sam Bluemel, Jr.

2. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Anyone will be allowed to speak on any posted matter, other than personnel matters or matters under litigation, for length of time not to exceed three (3) minutes. No Council discussion or action may take place on a matter until such matter has been placed on an agenda and posted in accordance with law. To address the City Council, please sign the Citizen Participation Sign-in Roster located on the table at the entrance of the Council Chambers.

3. **PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:**

Presiding Officer will open the floor to the public for comments on the following items:

- a. Tax Year 2020 Proposed Tax Rate
 - a. Public Hearing Announcement: "The Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Rate for FY 2020-2021 will be held on Monday, September 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm after which the City Council will vote on the tax rate."

4. **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- a) Presentation of Honoree Citizen of the Year award to Cory Bradley
- b) Recognition of the Volunteer Fire Department for achieving ISO Class 2 Rating
- c) Introduction of the newly hired Police Officer, Marie Trujillo
- d) Introduction of the newly hired Police Officer, Alexis Spengler
- e) Introduction of the newly hired Reserve Police Officer, Ivan Diaz
- f) Introduction of the newly hired Reserve Officer, Carlos de la Rosa

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: 17 August 2020 Regular Meeting

- b) Approval of the Financial Activity Report: August 2020
- c) Approval of the Utility Department Activity Report: August 2020
- d) Approval of the Municipal Court Activity Report: August 2020
- e) Approval of the Police Department Activity Report: August 2020

DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION OF ACTION ITEMS:

- 6. Discuss/Consider street paving project with Jerry Beck, County Commissioner for Precinct #4.
- 7. Discuss/Consider utility truck bed installation.
- 8. Discuss/Consider adoption of Ordinance; Amending the City's Adopted Municipal Budgets for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020, and setting an effective date.
- 9. Discuss/Consider amendments, postponement, or adoption of Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Final Budgets.
- 10. Discussion/Consider Ordinance; Levying Ad Valorem Taxes for Tax Year 2020 of a Tax Rate of \$0.8255 on each \$100 valuation of property; apportioning tax to the specific purpose; establishing due and delinquency dates; assessment of penalties and interest; and providing for a record vote.
- 11. Discuss/Consider a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Natalia, Texas, authorizing the submission of the CARES Act Coronavirus relief fund Grant to the Texas Department of Emergency Management for the CARES Act Coronavirus relief Fund; and authorizing the City Administrator and/or the Mayor to act as the City's Executive Officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the CARES Act Coronavirus relief Fund Grant.
- 12. Discuss/Consider a Resolution to designate an Official Newspaper for Natalia.
- 13. Discuss/Consider engaging into a service agreement with Beyer & Co. for auditing the city's financial statements for fiscal year ending September 30, 2020.
- 14. Discuss/Consider Ordinance; Amending the Garbage Rates, and providing for an effective date.
- 15. Discuss/Consider Action on Ordinance; Declaring Unopposed Candidates in the November 3, 2020 General City Election elected, and Canceling said Election.
 - a. Certificates of Election shall be issued to the following three (3) Unopposed Candidates:
 - i. Sam Smith, Alderman
 - ii. Mike Fernandez, Alderman
 - iii. Selica Vera, Alderman
- 16. **STAFF REPORTS:**
 - a) City Administrator/Secretary Reports:
 - i. Update on the Downtown Revitalization Project / Variance application approved
 - ii. COVID-19 Testing Results
 - iii. Staff Health Insurance for 2020-21 FY
 - iv. Water/Sewer Rate Increase 1.2% (5-yr rate plan)
 - b) Public Works Director:
 - i. Field report for August 2020
 - c) Police Chief
 - i. Staffing Update

17. ADJOURNMENT

Accessibility Statement: The City of Natalia City Hall is wheelchair accessible. The entry ramp is located in the front of the building. Accessible parking spaces are also available in the front of the building. Sign interpretative services for meetings must be made 48 hours in advance of the meeting. Call the A.D.A. Coordinator at 817-447-5400 or TDD 1-800-735-2989.

Executive Session: The City of Natalia City Council reserves the right to convene into Executive Session at any time regarding an issue on the agenda for which it is legally permissible; pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 551; Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney; Section 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property; Section 551.073 Deliberation about Gifts and Donations; Section 551.074 Personnel Matters; Section 551.076 Deliberations about Security Devices; and Section 551.087 Economic Development.

I certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the City was posted on the outside bulletin board at the City of Natalia City Hall, 2078 State Hwy. 132 N., Natalia, Texas, and on the city's website www.cityofnatalia.com, both places convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times.

Said Notice was posted on September 18, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours before the convening of said meeting.

Posted By:
RENÉ HINOJOSA, City Administrator/Secretary