

CITY OF NATALIA

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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS 2078 STATE HWY 132 NORTH, NATALIA, TEXAS 21 NOVEMBER 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

ROLL CALL: Mayor Samuel Bluemel – Present Mayor Pro-Tem Sam Smith – Present
Alderman Mike Fernandez – Present Alderman Darin Frazier - Present
Alderman Tommy Ortiz – Present Alderman Selica Vera – Present

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Bluemel called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:** No citizens to be heard.
3. **COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Alderman Frazier thanked everyone for an excellent Veterans Day Ceremony. Alderman Frazier stated the guest speaker did a great job and was the best he's seen since attending, Hat's off to Ruby Vera and all the helpers who put the ceremony together for a job well done, it's very much appreciated. Alderman Fernandez thanked everyone for their support for National Night Out, especially his family. There was a great turnout. Alderman Frazier has concerns about animal control and residents feeding stray cats. The 18-wheeler trucks are still parking in the no parking zones, concerns about the property on 471 with the remains of the house that caught fire remain and need to be dealt with. Alderwoman Vera stated that she wanted to remind everyone that the city council does the best that they can for the betterment of the city and sometimes some of the community members may not feel that's right but with the recent election results the community must feel the council is doing a good job. Alderwoman Vera wanted to remind everyone that as community members you should attend city council meetings and voice concerns. Alderwoman Vera congratulated Alderman Frazier and Alderman Smith on being re-elected for another city council term.

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.

- a) Approval of the Minutes: 17 October 2022 Regular Meeting
- b) Approval of the Financial Activity Report: October 2022
- c) Approval of the Utility Department Activity Report: October 2022
- d) Approval of the Municipal Court Activity Report: October 2022
- e) Approval of the Police Department Activity Report: October 2022
- f) Approval of the Police Code Enforcement Activity Report: October 2022

Alderman Smith made a motion approving the consent agenda. Alderman Fernandez seconded the motion. Motion carried; 5-0.

5. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- a) City Administrator/Secretary
Interim City Administrator/Secretary reported that Brush/Bulk Item Pickup begins 1st week of December. The city offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday, November 24-25, 2022. The

annual city Christmas Dinner will be held on December 11th at 6pm at Hermann Sons Restaurant. A survey for Del Monte Street has been ordered. The projected timeframe is mid-December by Howard surveying.

DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION OF ACTION ITEMS:

6. A canvass of the votes from the November 8, 2022, general election will be reviewed and accepted; A canvass of the votes was reviewed and accepted; Alderman Frazier made a motion to accept the canvass of votes; Alderman Ortiz seconded the motion. Motion carried; 5-0.
7. Accept and approve Resolution No. 22-09 declaring the results of the City of Natalia General Election of November 8, 2022.
 - a) Administer the Oath to three (3) Elected Officials for the City of Natalia, Texas resulting from the November 8, 2022, Election for the City of Natalia, for two (2) year terms expiring November 2024:
 - i. Selica Vera, Alderman
 - ii. Mike Fernandez, Alderman
 - iii. Sam Smith, AldermanAlderman Frazier made a motion to accept and approve resolution No. 22-09 declaring the results of the City of Natalia General Election of November 8, 2022; Alderman Ortiz seconded the motion. Motion carried; 5-0.
8. Discuss/review and consider acceptance of the City of Natalia Financial Audit for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021; presented by Associates of Beyer & Co. Auditing Firm. Wayne Beyer of Beyer & Company presented the FY 20-21 financial audit. Mr. Beyer stated the audit was a clean audit with no negative findings. Alderman Fernandez made a motion to accept the FY 20-21 financial audit; Alderwoman Vera seconded the motion. Motion carried; 5-0.
9. Discuss/Consider Electing an Alderman to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem for a one-year term ending November 2023. Alderman Frazier made a motion to elect Alderman Smith as the Mayor Pro-Tem for a one-year term ending November 2023; Alderman Fernandez seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-0.
10. Discuss/Consider an ordinance; amending the fee schedule; adding certain fees related to professional services and other matters in connection therewith; repealing all ordinances to the extent they are in conflict; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. Interim City Administrator Nikki Bermea explained that the city does not currently have a Professional Services Fee Ordinance. This ordinance No. 22-1121-1 would pass through fee's incurred for professional services regarding projects onto the customer and or developer. Alderman Fernandez made a motion to accept ordinance no. 22-1121-1; Alderwoman Vera seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-0.
11. Discuss/Consider a proposal from the city attorney to handle the appeal of the former Chief of Police's F5. The city attorneys submitted a proposal for the handling of the former police chief's F-5 appeal. Alderman Frazier made a motion to accept the attorney's proposal to handle the F-5 appeal; Alderman Ortiz seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-0.
12. Discuss/Consider a development related services agreement with Freeland Turk Engineering Group (Tom Turk). Tom Turk of Freeland Turk Engineering worked on the study of the Sepulveda property and future annexation in 2018. Tom Turk consulted recently with the new owners currently developing the property. Tom Turk has submitted a development related services agreement for future consulting services. The agreement is on a need basis not to exceed \$5,000 without authorization from the city

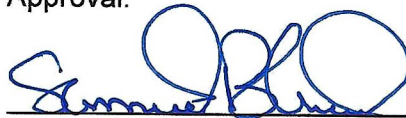
council. Alderman Smith made a motion to accept the development related services agreement. Alderwoman Vera seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-0.

13. Discuss/Consider contribution in-aid/program assistance for Natalia ISD band. Recently the Natalia Band boosters held a breakfast for the city council and band. Alderman Frazier suggested that the city reimburse the boosters for some of the monies spent on the breakfast as it was likely a large sum taken from the booster fund. Alderman Fernandez made a motion to reimburse \$500 to the band boosters; Alderman Frazier seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-0.

14. **ADJOURNMENT:** Alderman Fernandez made a motion to adjourn at 7:49 pm. Alderwoman Vera seconded the motion. Motion carried; 5-0.

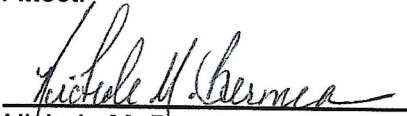
Passed and Approved this 23rd day of January, 2023.

Approval:



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

Attest:



Nichole M. Bermea
Interim City Administrator/Secretary

