

City Council

200 North Brazil

Los Fresnos, TX 78566

Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, May 12, 2015

6:00 PM

City Hall

Agenda

1. Call meeting to order
Mayor Narvaez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
Mayor Narvaez gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentations

Presentation of the 2015 Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle Platinum award for financial transparency.No Action

Mayor Narvaez presented to Celina Gonzales a certificate from the Comptroller's Office for Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle Platinum Member. This award is for achieving financial transparency.

made a motion to approve Presentation of the 2015 Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle Platinum award for financial transparency., seconded by the vote was .

Consent Agenda

Approval or rejection of Minutes from April 14, 2015 meeting.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes from April 14, 2015 meeting. Tom Jones made a motion to approve Approval or rejection of Minutes from April 14, 2015 meeting., seconded by Swain Real the vote was [Unanimous].

Approval or rejection of a Proclamation declaring the week of May 24 - 30, 2015 as National Hurricane Preparedness Week.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Proclamation for Hurricane Preparedness Week.

Tom Jones made a motion to approve Approval or rejection of a Proclamation declaring the week of May 24 - 30, 2015 as National Hurricane Preparedness Week., seconded by Swain Real the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to surplus out equipment from various departments.Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve to surplus out equipment from various departments.

Tom Jones made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to surplus out equipment from various departments., seconded by Swain Real the vote was [Unanimous].

Visitor remarks - To speak you must sign in with City Secretary prior to the meeting and you have a limit of 3 minutes to speak.

There were no comments.

Report

Report by Los Fresnos Community Development Corporation.No Action

Mr. Enrique Juarez, President of the Los Fresnos Community Development, was present and reported that from 2002 to present the CDC has spent \$811,290.00 to help improve the City of Los Fresnos. The CDC has helped with paving of streets, playground equipment in both Parks, and various other projects. Also, the CDC helps business owners with landscaping, storefront improvements, and signs.

Mr. Juarez stated that he was also the City Attorney and he swears that he has never received any type of monetary for this service.

made a motion to approve Report by Los Fresnos Community Development Corporation., seconded by the vote was .

Action Items

Consideration and ACTION to approve a request from the Friends of the Library to name the Children's Section at Ethel Whipple Memorial Library as Santos Solis Children's Section.Adopted

Mr. Milum stated that the Friends of the Library were present at the March meeting. They presented an idea to name the Children's Room at the Library in honor of Santos Solis. Mr. Milum was told to get with the Friends and bring it back to the Council for discussion and possible approval. Mr. Milum met with the Friends and asked if they had any set criteria on honoring people and they stated they did not. They prefer to look at each separately as you cannot always compare or set certain things in order to be honored.

Ms. Robin Garrett and Ms. Angie Lugo were present. Ms. Garrett stated that Ms. Solis served the Library for many years and they would like to honor her by naming the Children's Room after Ms. Solis.

Motion was made and seconded to name the Children's Room Santos Solis Children's Section.

Javier Mendez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a request from the Friends of the Library to name the Children's Section at Ethel Whipple Memorial Library as Santos Solis Children's Section., seconded by Yolanda H. Cruz the vote was [Unanimous].

Presentation, consideration and ACTION to approve support for the Lower RGV Active Transportation and Active Tourism Plan.Adopted

Mr. Milum explained that the City of Brownsville was the lead agency for the project. They have a grant to study cycling and bicycle tourism in this region. The idea is to develop a map with links throughout Cameron County for bicycling and networking Cities and tourists attractions together. They are asking each City to contribute \$10,000 toward the match for the grant.

Mr. Ramiro Gonzalez from the City of Brownsville was present and answered questions from the Council.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the participation with the City of Brownsville and to contribute \$10,000 for the project.

Javier Mendez made a motion to approve Presentation, consideration and ACTION to approve support for the Lower RGV Active Transportation and Active Tourism Plan., seconded by Gary Minton the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION on the first reading of Ordinance 466 to establish requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare; to prescribe penalties for failure to comply; and to establish an effective date.Adopted

Mr. Milum stated that he has had quite a few complaints from the citizens about pet owners letting their pet deposit their solid waste on someone else's property or on public property and then they have to deal with it. Most Cities have an ordinance requiring the pet owner to pick the waste up and properly dispose of it.

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 466 on proper disposal of pet solid waste.

Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION on the first reading of Ordinance 466 to establish requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare; to prescribe penalties for failure to comply; and to establish an effective date., seconded by Javier Mendez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to purchase vehicle for Public Works Department.Adopted

Mr. Milum explained that the Los Fresnos Ambulance Service bought a new vehicle and they are selling their old vehicle. It is a 2006 Ford F 250 Lariat Crew Cab 4 Wheel Drive Diesel Pickup with 50, 511 miles. They will let the City have it for \$12,500. The value is listed at \$23,288.

This vehicle will help us in several ways. Many times we have to have people dropped off at different locations and then go back and pick them up. This will save valuable time. It also gives us a heavy duty truck with 4 wheel drive.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the purchase of a vehicle for Public Works in the amount of \$12,500.

Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to purchase vehicle for Public Works Department., seconded by Yolanda H. Cruz the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve or reject the waiving of all sewer connection fees, water connections fees and utility expansion fees in lieu of the developer extending all utility infrastructure to the development.Adopted

Councilmember Real stated he would not speak, discuss or vote on this agenda item.

Mr. Milum explained that he had given the Council information on the new development currently under construction on East Ocean Boulevard. The owner is requesting water & sewer connections fees and the water utility expansion fees to be waived for their development. Currently Phase 1 is under construction and Phase 2 is ready to begin. Phase 1 has a cost of \$12,600 and Phase 2 has a cost of \$10,500 for the fees. There will be additional fees as the development continues in the 10 acre tract.

The engineer's estimate to extend the water and wastewater service to this property is \$165,884.00. As you can see, the developer will spend much more than the amount of the fees to extend service. The City approved to take similar action when the apartments on East First Street were developed and when the apartments on Whipple Road were developed.

The City will still receive the cost of the water meter(s) that are required, the building and construction fees and of course the monthly water, wastewater and garbage rates for actual usage along with the additional property tax change from exempt agriculture to developed property with commercial and residential dwellings.

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

Motion was made and seconded to approve waiving current fees of \$23,00 for Phase 1 and 2 and to waive fees for all phases as they are constructed.

Javier Mendez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve or reject the waiving of all sewer connection fees, water connections fees and utility expansion fees in lieu of the developer extending all utility infrastructure to the development., seconded by Polo Narvaez the vote was [Unanimous].

Update by City Manager

A. Wastewater Plant Expansion B. Los Fresnos Nature Park C. Hazard Mitigation Plan D. Certificates of Obligation - Projects E. Mosquito Control F. Community Park Parking G. TWDB Projects - Engineering H. Code EnforcementNo Action

A. Wastewater Plant Expansion - We are still reviewing the documents so we can get ready to bid. We were also purposely delaying to get our other projects out for bid and started first so we will wait until later in the summer for this.

B. Los Fresnos Nature Park - Grant is submitted. It will be a while before we know any information. As we have time we will start cleaning the property up.

C. Hazard Mitigation Plan - The group will begin meeting with H2O Partners to start the process in early June.

D. Certificates of Obligation - We will have bids for Evergreen Street, Evergreen Street Water Line Loop, along with West Ocean Lift Station and Force Main for Council to review and approve for the June Meeting. This will give us a good view of the entire costs of these projects in relation to the available funds.

E. Mosquito Control - We have slowed down our spraying but still monitoring and working diligently to get high grass mowed.

F. Community Park Parking - We still need another bid to complete the fence and concrete work. Hopefully we can get that in a few weeks.

G. TWDB Projects - Guzman Munoz Engineering continues to work.

H. Code Enforcement - They are continuing to focus on high grass, abandoned vehicles, junked vehicles and loose animals. We seem to be making progress but continue to see lots of animals running loose.

I. Recycling Trailer - The recycling trailer will be at Memorial Park each Tuesday from 7 - 11 AM, at Community Park each Thursday from 4 - 8 PM, and at City Hall each Saturday from 9 AM - 1 PM.

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

made a motion to approve A. Wastewater Plant Expansion B. Los Fresnos Nature Park C. Hazard Mitigation Plan D. Certificates of Obligation - Projects E. Mosquito Control F. Community Park Parking G. TWDB Projects - Engineering H. Code Enforcement, seconded by the vote was .

Department Head Reports

Finance Department 1. Monthly Report 2. Year-to-Date ReportNo Action

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

made a motion to approve Finance Department 1. Monthly Report 2. Year-to-Date Report, seconded by the vote was .

Public Works Report 1. Water & Wastewater Activity 2. Calls for Service 3. Building PermitsNo Action

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

made a motion to approve Public Works Report 1. Water & Wastewater Activity 2. Calls for Service 3. Building Permits, seconded by the vote was .

Police Department Report 1. Arrest 2. Offense Summary 3. IncidentsNo Action

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

made a motion to approve Police Department Report 1. Arrest 2. Offense Summary 3. Incidents, seconded by the vote was .

Municipal Court 1. Monthly ReportNo Action

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

made a motion to approve Municipal Court 1. Monthly Report, seconded by the vote was .

April 2015 Library ReportNo Action

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

made a motion to approve April 2015 Library Report, seconded by the vote was .

Fire Marshal's Report 1. Monthly ReportNo Action

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

made a motion to approve Fire Marshal's Report 1. Monthly Report, seconded by the vote was

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10. Adjournment

Mayor Narvaez adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Presiding Officer of the Council

Recorder