

City Council

200 North Brazil

Los Fresnos, TX 78566

Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, September 8, 2015

6:00 PM

City Hall

Agenda

1. Call meeting to order
Mayor Pro-tem Cruz called the meeting to order at 6:16 PM.
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
Mr. Milum gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Approval or rejection of Minutes from August 11, 2015 and August 27, 2015

Meetings. Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes from August 11, 2015 meeting and August 27, 2015 Special Meeting.

Javier Mendez made a motion to approve Approval or rejection of Minutes from August 11, 2015 and August 27, 2015 Meetings., seconded by Tom Jones the vote was [Unanimous].

Approval or rejection of a Proclamation declaring the week of October 4 - 10, 2015 as Firefighters Appreciation Week and Fire Protection Week. Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve a Proclamation declaring the week of October 4 - 10, 2015 as Firefighters Appreciation Week and Fire Protection Week.

Javier Mendez made a motion to approve Approval or rejection of a Proclamation declaring the week of October 4 - 10, 2015 as Firefighters Appreciation Week and Fire Protection Week., seconded by Tom Jones the vote was [Unanimous].

Approval or rejection of a Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division. Adopted

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division.

Javier Mendez made a motion to approve Approval or rejection of a Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division., seconded by Tom Jones the vote was [Unanimous].

Visitor Remarks - To speak you must sign in with the City Secretary prior to start of meeting and you will have 3 minutes to speak.

Chief Harris presented a Citizen Appreciation Award plaque to Mr. Ruben Trevino. Mr. Trevino called in to the police department that someone was breaking into houses in his neighborhood. The Police were able to arrest the persons.

Public Hearings

Second public hearing on the proposed tax rate for tax year 2015 and announce date tax rate will be voted on.No Action

Mayor Pro-tem Cruz opened the public hearing and 6:21 PM.

Mr. Milum stated that this will be the 9th year that the tax rate will remain at \$0.715 per \$100 valuation. The Council will hold a meeting on Thursday, September 24 at 6:00 and 6:30 PM to vote on the tax rate.

Mayor Pro-tem Cruz closed the public hearing at 6:23 PM.

made a motion to approve Second public hearing on the proposed tax rate for tax year 2015 and announce date tax rate will be voted on., seconded by the vote was .

Public hearing to receive comments and suggestions on the proposed Los Fresnos Ninth Street Park.No Action

Mayor Pro-tem Cruz opened the public hearing at 6:23 PM.

Mr. Milum stated that the has a small piece of property on Ninth Street just west of Nogal Street that was donated to the City. This is a perfect place for a Pocket Park or Neighborhood Park. We would like to apply for a Small Community Park Grant for \$75,000. We will use the land as the \$75,000 match along with CDC funds. We will have a small playground, a swing, a couple of picnic tables and maybe a BBQ pit.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Pro-tem Cruz closed the public hearing at 6:24 PM.

made a motion to approve Public hearing to receive comments and suggestions on the proposed Los Fresnos Ninth Street Park., seconded by the vote was .

Action Items

Consideration and ACTION to approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a Local Parks Small Community Recreation Grant application to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Local Park Grant Program for assistance with the development and construction of the proposed Los Fresnos Ninth Street Park.Adopted

Mr. Milum stated that this Resolution authorizes him to submit an application for the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Local Parks Small Community Recreation Grant for the proposed Los Fresnos Ninth Street Park.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Resolution.

Javier Mendez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a Local Parks Small Community Recreation Grant application to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Local Park Grant Program for assistance with the development and construction of the proposed Los Fresnos Ninth Street Park., seconded by Tom Jones the vote was [Unanimous].

1519 : Agreement for Grant Writer Adopted

Mr. Milum stated that three proposals were received, one from Naismith Engineering, GrantWorks and Patty Alexander. Patty Alexander was the low bid of \$3,000 and Mr. Milum recommended Ms. Alexander be awarded the contract.

Motion was made and seconded to hire Patty Alexander as the grant writer for the Local Parks Small Community Grant.

Javier Mendez made a motion to approve 1519 : Agreement for Grant Writer, seconded by Yolanda H. Cruz the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION on a Resolution nominating a person to hold Position 9 on the Cameron Appraisal Board of Directors. Adopted

Mr. Milum explained that Mr. Ricardo Morado has been the representative on the Cameron Appraisal Board of Directors for a couple of terms. Mr. Morado is willing to serve again.

Motion was made and seconded to nominate Mr. Ricardo Morado for Position 9 on the Cameron Appraisal Board of Directors.

Tom Jones made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION on a Resolution nominating a person to hold Position 9 on the Cameron Appraisal Board of Directors., seconded by Javier Mendez the vote was [Unanimous].

Approval or rejection of a Resolution authorizing the Texas Coalition for Affordable Power, Inc. (TCAP) to negotiate an electric supply agreement for three years for deliveries of electricity effective January 1, 2018; authorizing TCAP to act as an agent on behalf of the City to enter into a contract for electricity; authorizing City Manager to execute an electric supply agreement for deliveries of electricity effective January 1, 2018 and committing to budget for energy purchases in 2018 through 2020 and to honor the City's

commitments to purchase power for its electrical needs in 2018 through 2020 through TCAP.No Action

Mr. Milum explained that he had explained during the budget meeting in August that the City electric contract expires December 31, 2017. The resolution is a 3 year agreement for the City to get power for no more than 4.3 cents. There will also be an opportunity to maybe get a lower rate in the first quarter of 2016. There is a possibility that rates will increase. The experts say that the increase is unlikely during this time. Mr. Milum read the 3 options to the Council.

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

No action was taken.

made a motion to approve Approval or rejection of a Resolution authorizing the Texas Coalition for Affordable Power, Inc. (TCAP) to negotiate an electric supply agreement for three years for deliveries of electricity effective January 1, 2018; authorizing TCAP to act as an agent on behalf of the City to enter into a contract for electricity; authorizing City Manager to execute an electric supply agreement for deliveries of electricity effective January 1, 2018 and committing to budget for energy purchases in 2018 through 2020 and to honor the City's commitments to purchase power for its electrical needs in 2018 through 2020 through TCAP., seconded by the vote was .

Consideration and ACTION to approve Boys & Girls Club Agreement.Defeated

Mr. Milum stated that the Boys & Girls Club never signed the agreement for 2014-2015. They were only paid \$500 for the year instead of the \$2,000 as stated in agreement due to not signing the agreement. United Way used to fund sports programs for the Boys & Girls Club but now they only fund educational items. This is the reason they have not been able to continue with the sports programs the City desires. Another grant they received will work with teens and it requires them to use half of the gym floor for sofas, recliners, computers, etc. They will check to see if the School District will let them use their facilities for volleyball and basketball.

Mr. Milum stated he did ask if the Boys & Girls Club would allow the City to take over the Club and we make it a department within the City. They are not in favor of that happening.

There are two agreements for Council to consider. The first is the agreement we have used in the past but they have not met the items in the agreement. The new agreement is adjusted to fit what is being done.

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

Motion was made and seconded to rescind the original agreement due to Boys & Girls Club not signing agreement and to withdraw the new agreement.

Tom Jones made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve Boys & Girls Club Agreement., seconded by Javier Mendez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve the Service Agreements for fiscal year 2015-2016 as follows: A. Los Fresnos Volunteer Fire Department B. Los Fresnos Ambulance Service C. Los Fresnos Chamber of Commerce D. Los Fresnos Boys & Girls Club Adopted

Mr. Milum stated that item D - Boys & Girls Club agreement would be pulled and not voted on.

Motion was made and seconded to approve service agreements with Los Fresnos Volunteer Fire Department, Los Fresnos Ambulance and Los Fresnos Chamber of Commerce.

Javier Mendez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the Service Agreements for fiscal year 2015-2016 as follows: A. Los Fresnos Volunteer Fire Department B. Los Fresnos Ambulance Service C. Los Fresnos Chamber of Commerce D. Los Fresnos Boys & Girls Club, seconded by Tom Jones the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to accept or reject any or all bids received for the fiscal year 2015-2016 as follows: A. Chemicals B. Lot Mowing C. Official Newspaper D. Pest Control E. Vehicle Maintenance for Tire Service F. Vehicle Maintenance for Oil Change/Maintenance G. Vehicle Maintenance for Washing Adopted

Mr. Milum stated that bids were received and he is recommending to accept the low bids.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the low bids as presented for chemicals, lot mowing, official newspaper, pest control, vehicle maintenance for flat repairs, vehicle maintenance for oil changes, and vehicle washing.

Gary Minton made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to accept or reject any or all bids received for the fiscal year 2015-2016 as follows: A. Chemicals B. Lot Mowing C. Official Newspaper D. Pest Control E. Vehicle Maintenance for Tire Service F. Vehicle Maintenance for Oil Change/Maintenance G. Vehicle Maintenance for Washing, seconded by Tom Jones the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve a Resolution designating an official newspaper for fiscal year 2015-2016. Adopted

Mr. Milum stated that by law a resolution has to be passed designating the official newspaper.

Motion was made and seconded to approve Los Fresnos News as the official newspaper. Tom Jones made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a Resolution designating an official newspaper for fiscal year 2015-2016., seconded by Yolanda H. Cruz the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to reappoint or appoint three persons to the Planning & Zoning Commission.Adopted

Mr. Milum stated the terms of Abran Ortega, Larry Meade and Javier Rodriguez will expire on October 1st. They all have done a great job and attend the meetings. The term for each is 2 years.

Motion was made and seconded to reappoint Abran Ortega, Larry Meade and Javier Rodriguez to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Javier Mendez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to reappoint or appoint three persons to the Planning & Zoning Commission., seconded by Tom Jones the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to reappoint or appoint two persons to the Park Advisory Board.Adopted

Mr. Milum stated the terms of Adan Cruz and Robert Garza will expire October 1st. They have attended meetings. The term will be for 2 years.

Motion was made and seconded to reappoint Adan Cruz and Robert Garza to the Park Advisory Board.

Yolanda H. Cruz made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to reappoint or appoint two persons to the Park Advisory Board., seconded by Javier Mendez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to reappoint or appoint three persons to the Los Fresnos Housing Authority.Adopted

Mr. Milum stated that the terms of Barbara Rodriguez, David Winstead and Manuel Abrego will expire October 1st. Mr. Abrego is willing to serve until someone else is appointed. The term will be for 2 years.

Motion was made and seconded to reappoint Barbara Rodriguez, David Winstead and Manuel Abrego to the Los Fresnos Housing Authority.

Tom Jones made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to reappoint or appoint three persons to the Los Fresnos Housing Authority., seconded by Javier Mendez the vote was [Unanimous].

Update by City Manager

A. Wastewater Plant Expansion. B. Nature Park. C. Hazard Mitigation Plan. D. Certificates of Obligation.No Action

A. Water Plant Expansion - We are still waiting on one item to be cleared up so we can bid the project.

B. Nature Park - We received the \$400,000 grant from Texas Parks & Wildlife. We will begin the process to get the project moving. We still have not heard from CIAP to determine if we can use the remaining funds for an entrance, parking area and restrooms. We did have a conference call with them to clear up some items and give us direction on what additional information they need.

C. Hazard Mitigation Plan - Since budget season is about over for everyone we should be able to do our kickoff of the project in October.

D. Certificates of Obligation - The Water Line Loop Project is nearing completion. The West Ocean Lift Station & Force Main Project is moving along well. The force main is mostly in place. The lift station work will begin in the next 2 weeks.

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

made a motion to approve A. Wastewater Plant Expansion. B. Nature Park. C. Hazard Mitigation Plan. D. Certificates of Obligation., seconded by the vote was .

Department Head Reports

Finance 1. Monthly. 2. Year-to-date.No Action

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

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

Public Works 1. Water and Wastewater Activity. 2. Calls for Service. 3. Building Permits.No Action

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

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

Police Department 1. Arrests. 2. Incidents. 3. Accidents.No Action

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

made a motion to approve Police Department 1. Arrests. 2. Incidents. 3. Accidents., seconded by the vote was .

Municipal Court 1. Monthly Report.No Action

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

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

Fire Marshall 1. Monthly Report.No Action

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

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

Budget Workshop**Budget Workshop for fiscal year 2015-2016.No Action**

Mr. Milum stated that there were no changes in the budget that was presented to the Council in previous budget meetings.

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

made a motion to approve Budget Workshop for fiscal year 2015-2016., seconded by the vote was .

10. Adjournment

Mayor Narvaez adjourned the meeting at 7:41 PM.

Presiding Officer of the Council

Recorder