

MINUTES FROM A REGULAR MEETING ON APRIL 9, 2024

The Government Body of the City of Rio Hondo, Texas met in a Regular Meeting on April 9, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, with Mayor- Gustavo Olivares Present, Mayor Pro-Tem- Margaret Perez - Present, Commissioners Juan Garza- Present, Esteban Bocanegra- Absent, Olga Gallegos- Present , and Jose Cavazos- Present

Also Present: Ben Medina, City Administrator
Robert Drinkard, City Attorney
Caryoln Dawson
Ana Hernandez
Jessica Gonzalez

William Bilokury Police Chief
Lucy Garza, Finance Director
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

UNITED STATES PLEDGE

INVOCATION: Led by Commissioner Mayor Olivares

Call meeting to Order by Mayor Olivares

Regular Agenda:

1. Mayor's and Commissioners' Reports No reports were given by City Commissioners.
2. Reports: Administrator, Library, Municipal Court, Senior Center, Public Safety, Public Works. All reports are attached.
3. Public Comment Period: *Please Note- The Public Comment Period is designated for hearing concerns regarding City of Rio Hondo Public Policy or City of Rio Hondo business that is or is not on the agenda or items listed on the agenda.* Mr. Jesse Izaguirre approached the City Commission to discuss the status of the RHYSL at the City County Park. Mr. Jeremy Hinojosa approached the City Commission to invite the Mayor to a special tournament at the City County Park. He gave the Mayor over 100 rings to distribute to players at the tournament. The RHYSL staff had no comment. The Mayor advised staff to count the rings and have them available if the tournament was to happen. Other citizens present relating to this are Eddie Guerra, Antonio Cuevas, Carlos Perea, Liz Rodriguez, Leslie Hinojosa.
4. Consideration and Action to approve the March 26, 2024, City Commission Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Perez made a motion to approve the March 26, 2024 minutes seconded by Commissioner Gallegos and the motion passed unanimously.
5. Discussion with the Texas Department of Transportation regarding sidewalk project and a scheduled Public Hearing regarding FM 509. (TXDOT Staff). Item Tabled
6. Status Report on Boat Ramp Park Project. (City Administrator). Mr. Medina advised the City Commission that the Boat Ramp Park project was about 60% complete. The Pavilion was started and would complete in the following week. The pier has been completed and walkways are under construction.
7. Financial Report (City Administrator and Finance Manager). Mrs Lucy Garza gave a financial report with all expenses and checks written and is attached.
8. Presentation on the renaming process for Boat Ramp Park. (Mayor and City Administrator). The Mayor advised the City Commission that he was meeting with the 3 schools to invited classes to provide names of plants, bushes or animals to name the park. He directed staff to coordinate with the school.

9. Public Hearing and Action on 1st Reading on Ordinance No. 2024-02 replacing Ordinance No 375 and providing for publication of and ordaining other matters related to the forgoing. (City Administrator and Public Safety Officer). William Bilokury told the Commission that this addition to the ordinance was necessary. That it would be illegal for a citizen to feed a stray animal. The strips store is has to many stray dogs that are being fed by customers that is now a health risk to the city.

10. Adjournment Commissioner Perez motioned to adjourn.

Gustavo Olivares
Mayor of the City of Rio Hondo