

MINUTES FROM A REGULAR MEETING ON August 27, 2024

The Government Body of the City of Rio Hondo, Texas met in a Regular Meeting on August 27, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, with Mayor- Gustavo Olivares Presiding- Present, Mayor Pro-Tem- Margaret Perez , Present and Commissioners, Juan Garza- Present, Esteban Bocanegra- Absent, Olga Gallegos- Present, and Jose Cavazos- Present
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –Led by Mayor Olivares at 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION: By Commissioner Margaret Perez

Regular Agenda:

1. **Mayor's and Commissioners' Reports** Commissioner Jose Cavazos reported drain issues inside the park were still not fixed. Mr. Medina stated it is currently being worked on.
2. **Reports: Administrator** Mr. Medina stated the City of Rio Hondo Newsletter is available for viewing on the city's Facebook page and the city's web page. Mayor Olivares proposed the newsletter be mailed to residents to reach those who did not have internet.
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.* Citizen Steve Flores stated concerns of easement being part of his lot.
4. **Consideration and Action to approve July 23, 2024, City Commission Meeting Minutes.** Tabled. A motion by Commissioner Perez was made to the table and seconded by Commissioner Gallegos. Motion passed unanimously.
5. **Consideration and Action to approve the City of Rio Hondo Spotted Sea Trout Park user fees.** Fees were discussed and agreed upon and is ready for ordinance. The Commission recommended the following fees. All users pay five dollars, RV will be 30 dollars per day or two hundred dollars per a two week for a two week maximum. Overnight camping will be for twenty dollars per night. No action was taken
6. **Presentation of the 2024 Tax rate Calculation Tax Worksheet.** Mr. Medina went over tax rates for the past three years, which have remained the same. Mr. Medina mentioned how property values are increasing and suggests decreasing the tax rate to keep the city's revenue balanced. Mr. Medina recommended a lower tax rate of 0.804012 vs. the 0.812207. The budget was set at the 2024 Voter Approval Rate. No action was taken.

7. Budget workshop for October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025, Fiscal Year. Departments went over budget and proposed budget. The Municipal Court, Library, Senior Center and the Public Safety presented their budgets. No action was taken.
8. Consideration and Action on having Special Meetings on September 17, 2024. This item was motioned by Commissioner Perez and seconded by Commissioner Garza and passed unanimously.
9. Status report on the Bridge-Fest Celebration. Mayor Olivares declared Bridge-Fest Celebration a success and mentions the additional funds remaining will be utilized for next year's event. The Mayor mentioned that over thirteen thousand dollars had been raised for the event from sponsors.
10. Executive Session to consult with the City Attorney under Section 551.071 of the Texas Local Government Code regarding the process to designate city-owned land as surplus land. No action was taken.
11. Adjournment


Approved



Gustavo Olivares, Mayor

Date: _____

Attest:



Ben Medina, City Administrator.