

MINUTES FROM A REGULAR MEETING ON July 09, 2024

The Government Body of the City of Rio Hondo, Texas met in a Regular Meeting on July 09, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, with Mayor- Gustavo Olivares Presiding- Present, Mayor Pro-Tem- Margaret Perez- Absent and Commissioners, Juan Garza- Present, Esteban Bocanegra- Present, Olga Gallegos- Present, and Jose Cavazos- Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –Led by Mayor Olivares at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION: By Commissioner Garza

Regular Agenda:

1. Mayor's and Commissioners' Reports Mayor and Commissioners reports. **None**
2. Reports: Administrator Mr. Medina stated updates on the grass cutting and the play structure at the park.
3. Pursuant to Texas government Code Section 551.0415, the City Commission, without having provided notice, may take reports about items of community interest if no action is taken and possible action is not discussed regarding the information provided in the report.
4. 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 not on the agenda.* Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Peterson address the commission regarding the exit to the park. The headlights would be shining on their house. They request if anything could be done to mitigate this situation. Mr. Medina stated that he would look at a gate with a screen. Mr. Scheiner was also present.
5. Consideration and Action to approve the May 28, 2024, and the June 25, 2024, City Commission Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Garza motioned to the table and seconded by Commissioner Gallegos.
6. Consideration and Action on September 1, 2023, to October 1, 2024, City of Rio Hondo Financial Audit. (Manual Garcia, CPA and City Administrator, Finance Department). Item Tabled.
7. Discussion Hurricane Preparedness. (Mayor Olivares and City Administrator). The mayor stated that Cameron County was requesting a memorandum of understanding between the Rio Hondo School District and the city. It is the responsibility of the city to evacuate citizens and take them to the San Benito High School. The mayor asked for the MOU to be placed on the agenda as soon as possible, no action necessary.
8. Consideration and Action approving a Declaration of Disaster for the City of Rio Hondo caused by Hurricane Beryl and Tropical Storm Alberto. (Mayor and City Administrator). Medina explained that this was necessary and required by Cameron County to meet the disaster threshold of 1 million dollars.
9. Discussion to develop a use plan for the Rio Hondo Old High School. (Commissioner Bocanegra, and City Administrator). Mr. Medina showed the study done on the condition of the old High School. Commissioner Bocanegra discussed a Brownfield meeting he attended hosted by Rep. Janie Lopez. He was recommending that we look into using the Brownfield program for the High School property on the Port of Harlingen property. No action taken.
10. Acknowledgment of American Rescue Act funds in the sum of \$347,000. To be used for Spotted Trout Park. (City Administrator) Mr. Medina explained that the \$347,000 was already being approved for the Boat Ramp. The mayor confirmed by stating that a negotiation had been approved in December.

11. Status Report on Boat Ramp Park Project. (City Administrator) Mr. Medina explained that the grass is being cut. The rain has prevented the work on the park.
12. Status Report on the Bridge-Fest Celebration. (City Administrator and Mayor). Mr. Medina discussed that three music bands had been contracted and that on Saturday, July 20, 2024 the committee will be having a chicken pate fundraiser.
13. Status Report on Zoning projects and violations. (City Administrator and Public Safety Officer). Mr. Medina explained that the 301 Bullis Mechanic shop would relocate to Robertson Street. No action was taken.

14. Adjournment.

Attest:



Ben Medina, City Administrator



Gustavo Olivares
Mayor of the City of Rio Hondo