

MINUTES FROM A REGULAR MEETING ON JUNE 25, 2024

The Government Body of the City of Rio Hondo, Texas met in a Regular Meeting on June 25, 2024, at 6:00 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- Present, Olga Gallegos- Present, and Jose Cavazos- Present

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

INVOCATION: By Commissioner Juan Garza

Regular Agenda:

Call meeting to Order. Mayor Olivares

1. Mayor's and Commissioners' Reports. No Reports given.
2. Reports: Administrator, Library, Public Safety, Public Works. The Library Director reports on monthly attendance and the Summer Reading Program. The Public Safety Director reports on Police staffing and violations and the fire request for assistance. The Public Works Director reported that grass was being mowed throughout the city and the water and sewer plants.
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 not on the agenda. Mrs. Josefa Hernandez approached the Commission and discussed a zoning violation on Bullis Street. A mechanic shop is doing business at 109 Bullis Street. She stated that this was a residential subdivision and that her research confirmed that the machinic shop is on the internet. Mr. Fernando Madrigal read a letter to the Commission that the area was residential and was opposed to the mechanic shop. He provide a letter and a plat. No Action was taken.*
4. Consideration and Action to approve the May 28, 2024, City Commission Meeting Minutes. This item was tabled, motioned by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, and passed unanimously.
5. Discussion and Acknowledgement of the 2024 Rio Hondo Property Tax Valuations Mr. Medina explained 2024 Tax Valuation for Rio Hondo provided by the Cameron County Tax Collector. The total valuation for the City of Rio Hondo is \$99,098,310, of which \$82,599,534 will be used to compute the city's tax revenue and budget. No action was taken.
6. Discussion and Acknowledgement of the Financial Report. Mrs. Lucy Garza, the Finance Manager, reviewed the month's revenues and expenditures. No Action was taken
7. Consideration and Action approving the payment to the Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the City of Rio Hondo Regulatory Permit Number SWG-2024-00179 for a water line crossing under the Arroyo Colorado. Mr. Medina explained that the permit for the second water crossing at the Arroyo Colorado River has been processed and needs payment. This permit has taken five years for the US Army Corp of Engineers to process. Commissioner Perez motioned to approve the payment to the US Army Corps of Engineers, seconded by Commissioner Bocanegra, and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Consideration and Action accepting the Texas Buy Board price of \$321,039 from Park Place Mircle Play Structures for City-County Park. Commissioner Perez motioned to approve the Park Place Mircle Play Structure for a price of \$321,039, seconded by Commissioner Gallegos, and the motion was carried unanimously.
9. Status Report on Boat Ramp Park Project. Mr. explained that the contractor needed to pave the trail, but rain had delayed the work. The play structure is complete, and the bathrooms will begin construction. No Action was taken.
10. Discussion and Action on renaming Boat Ramp Park. After lengthy discussions and several names for the park by Commissioner Bocanegra and Commissioner Cavazos, the City Commission agreed to name the park Spotted Seatrout Park. Commissioner Perez made the motion, which was Seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, and the motion passed unanimously.
11. Status Report on the Bridge-Fest Celebration. The Mayor stated that the Bridge fest celebration is scheduled for August 17, 2024. The Music is being selected by the committee. The committee has started selling chicken plates as a fund-raising project. It is expected that over 800 plates will be sold. No Action was taken.
12. Adjournment Commissioner Perez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. And passed unanimously.

Gustavo Olivares
Mayor of the City of Rio Hondo

Ben Medina, Jr. City Administrator