

MINUTES FROM A REGULAR MEETING ON January 28, 2025

The Government Body of the City of Rio Hondo, Texas met in a Regular Meeting on January 28, 2025 at 6:03 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- Absent, and Jose Cavazos- Absent

ALSO PRESENT: Ben Medina - City Administrator, Ana Hernandez - Assistant City Administrator, Robert Drinkard - City Attorney, Lucy Garza – Finance Director, Carolyn Dawson – Library Director, Murl Kemmerling – Public Works Director, Melanie Wilson with Twin Palms

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –Led Commissioner Garza

INVOCATION: By Commissioner Juan Garza

Regular Agenda:

1. Mayor's and Commissioners' Reports

- No reports from Mayor nor Commissioners

2. Reports: Administrator

Mr. Medina:

- The Christmas Parade was a success
- MOU for Mayor to sign
- Contracted with Express Employment for 2 general laborers.
- In the process of acquiring tables, benches, trash cans
- Water line crossing permit approved by Army Corps of Engineer; project should be complete mid February
- Letter received this morning CDBG and Federal Funding on Hold
- Sidewalk moving along very fast

Ms. Dawson: Library Report

- Reported on Angel Tree with 35 families
- Twin Palms supported this event
- Christmas meal for a Family

- Clothing Drive in Partnership with RHHS Student Council
- Use of Meeting Rooms by Women's Study Group, Girl Scouts, Dungeons & Drangons, and Friend of the Library
- Saturday classes will resume in January 2025

Murl Kemmerling – PW Director

- Repaired 2 submersible pumps
- Electrical work at water plant for elevated storage and ground storage tank
- TCEQ inspection waiting on results
- Removed Fence on North Robertson at the Trailer Park
- Mayor expressed concerns with Murl about him not picking up his phone and he also told him to fix whatever needed to be fixed.

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.*

- Melanie Wilson addressed the council regarding some concerns with Twin Palms and the sidewalk

4. Consideration and Action to approve the Minutes of the December 10, 2024, City Commission minutes.

Commissioner Perez made a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 10, 2024, City Commission Meeting. Commissioner Bocanegra seconded the motion, all voted "aye" to approve; motion carried.

5. Consideration and Action on City of Rio Hondo Spotted Sea Trout Policies.

- Ana Hernandez reviewed Park Policies with council members
- Mayor had an issue with the drinking not being allowed; drinking allowed except for playground area.

Commissioner Perez made a motion to approve the Spotted Sea Trout Policies with recommended changes. Commissioner Garza seconded the motion, all voted "aye" to approve; motion carried

6. Status Report on the Spotted Sea Trout Park Project.

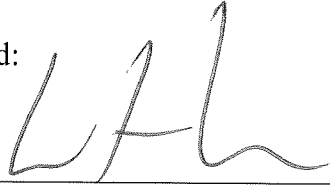
- Need some plants
- Staff upkeeping the park
- The arm should be in place by the end of February
- Signage being worked on

- Lights need to stay on overnight
- Sign will be on Harris Rd
- Park is technically open will schedule ceremony for the end of February

7. Adjournment

Commissioner Perez made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:51 pm. Commissioner Garza seconded the motion; all voted “aye to approve”, motion carried.

Approved:



Gustavo Olivares, Mayor

Date: 03/25/2025

Attest:

Ben Medina, City Administrator.