

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO
SEPTEMBER 11, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas was held on September 11, 2007, at the Town Municipal Office, 3301 Carmen Avenue, Rancho Viejo, Texas, the same being open to the public. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Craig B. Flood at 6:00 P.M. Roll call was made by Cheryl J. Kretz, Town Secretary. Aldermen present at the meeting were:

Mr. William Dorsett
Mrs. Maria Garza
Mr. Gene Hufford
Mrs. Carla Lootens
Mr. Miguel Salinas

A quorum was present for the meeting.

Mr. Daniel Rentfro, legal counsel, was present at the meeting.

Those present at the meeting were:

Carolyn Hufford	Chief M. Cruz, Jr.
Dona Flood	Philip C. Snyder
Chris Davis	Jan Alwes
E. J. Chaney, M.D.	Margie Chaney
Ray Downs	Martin R. Garza
Jane Rosamond	Marilyn Lindeman
Dick Lindeman	Bill Stevenson
Letty Dominguez	John Corr
Eric Valle	Edmundo Gonzalez

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:

Alderman Lootens led the group in the invocation and pledge to the flag.

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RESIDENT'S FORUM:

Mr. Eric Valle addressed mosquito spraying and notification procedures.

Dr. E. J. Chaney thanked the group that had the signs removed at the Cortez entrance and in front of the Town Hall.
He also inquired about the advertisement of the lots for sale on Enchilada.

Mrs. Jane Rosamond inquired about the status of the bird bath.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Alderman Hufford, seconded by Alderman Garza, and unanimously carried, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 14, 2007 as written.

Motion was made by Alderman Lootens, seconded by Alderman Salinas, and unanimously carried, to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on August 23, 2007 as written.

Motion was made by Alderman Hufford, seconded by Alderman Garza, and unanimously
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carried, to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on August 30, 2007 as written.

DISCUSSION OF INSTALLATION AND TYPE OF MONUMENT SIGN OR MARQUE FOR TOWN HALL:

Mayor Flood discussed installing a monument sign in front of Town Hall.

CONSIDERATION/ADOPTION OF BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2007 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2008:

Motion was made by Alderman Hufford, seconded by Alderman Salinas, and unanimously carried, to pass, adopt and approve ORDINANCE NO. 168 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS, AS PREPARED BY THE MAYOR FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008.

Mayor Flood explained the budget process.

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CONSIDERATION/RATIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2007 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2008:

Motion was made by Alderman Hufford, seconded by Alderman Salinas, and unanimously carried, to ratify that this budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$31,537 or 4.532%.

CONSIDERATION/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AD VALOREM TAX RATE TO PROVIDE FOR BUDGET EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007/2008:

Alderman Hufford moved that property taxes be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$.3600 of each \$100.00 of assessed valuation and that ORDINANCE NO. 169 - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE AD VALOREM AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE TAX YEAR 2007, SETTING THE ASSESSED VALUATION AT ONE HUNDRED (100%) PERCENT OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE, PROVIDING FOR A HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION OF \$5,000, PROVIDING FOR DISCOUNTS IN THE EVENT OF EARLY PAYMENT, AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTY AND INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY be passed adopted and approved. This motion was seconded by Alderman Garza and unanimously carried.

CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF SECTION 11 ENGINEERING FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND APPRAISAL OF LOTS ON THE CONDITION THAT 75% OF SECTION 11 PROPERTY OWNERS AGREE TO PAY UP FRONT CONSTRUCTION COSTS OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION, ENGINEERING AND APPRAISAL WITH 90% BASIS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROAD, ELECTRICAL, STREET LIGHTS, AND SIGNS AND 100% OF ENGINEERING AND APPRAISAL IF WE DON'T CONTINUE WITH PROJECT, OTHERWISE THESE WILL BE 90% ALSO. THE ROAD CONSTRUCTION INCLUDES CONCRETE SHOULDER OR CURB AND DRAINAGE AS ENGINEERED BY VMUD#2:

Motion was made by Alderman Lootens, seconded by Alderman Dorsett, and unanimously carried, to approve the engineering for road construction and appraisal of the lots in Section 11 on the condition that 75% of Section 11 property owners agree to pay up front for construction costs of road construction, engineering and appraisal with 90% basis for construction of the road, electrical, street lights, and signs and 100% of engineering and appraisal if we don't continue with project, otherwise these will be 90% also. The road construction includes concrete shoulder or curb and drainage as engineered by VMUD#2.

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CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR ROAD REHABILITATION OF CORTEZ - RAILROAD TRACKS TO PIMA AND RANCHO VIEJO DRIVE FROM ALVARADO TO ZAPATA/BALBOA AND AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS:

Motion was made by Alderman Salinas, seconded by Alderman Garza, to approve the plans and specifications for road rehabilitation of Cortez - railroad tracks to Pima and Rancho Viejo Drive from Alvarado to Zapata/Balboa and authorize advertisement for bids. This motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Alderman Salinas, Alderman Garza, Alderman Hufford,
And Alderman Lootens

NAYS: Alderman Dorsett

CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY REGIONAL INTEROPERABILITY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS/STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOP):

Motion was made by Alderman Hufford, seconded by Alderman Dorsett, and unanimously carried, to pass, adopt and approve RESOLUTION NO. 202 - A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY REGIONAL INTEROPERABILITY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS/STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SPO).

CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF BUILDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENTS:

Motion was made by Alderman Hufford, seconded by Alderman Salinas, and unanimously carried, to pass, adopt and approve ORDINANCE NO. 62 I - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 62 H REAPPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATE.

CONSIDERATION/ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 157A:

Motion was made by Alderman Lootens, seconded by Alderman Dorsett and unanimously carried, to pass, adopt and approve ORDINANCE NO. 157A - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO PROVIDING STANDARDS FOR THE ERECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF SIGNS

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WITHIN THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO AND ITS ETJ; ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR VARIANCES AND EXEMPTIONS FOR THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ORDINANCE; AND SETTING A PENALTY.

CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE FOR CODIFICATION OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO :

No action was taken on this item.

UPDATE ON PIZARRO CONCRETE SHOULDER PROJECT:

Mayor Flood noted that the work on the odd side of the street had been completed

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and they were working on the other side.

UPDATE ON MEET THE POLICE DEPARTMENT EVENT:

Mayor Flood announced that there would be a MEET THE POLICE DEPARTMENT event on October 16th at 6:30 PM at the Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Alderman Hufford, seconded by Alderman Lootens, and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

BY: _____
Cheryl J. Kretz, Town Secretary

APPROVED: _____
Craig B. Flood, Mayor

DATE: _____