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BOARD OF ALDERMEN

REGULAR MEETING

September 9, 2014



NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING
TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 9, 2014
6:00 P.M.

NOTICE is hereby given of a REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD OF ALDERMEN of the TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS, to be held on SEPTEMBER 9, 2014 at 6:00 P.M., in the TOWN MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 3301 CARMEN AVENUE, RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS to consider the following items:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Invocation and Pledge
4. Public Comment
5. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting- August 12, 2014, Special Meeting- August 26, 2014, Special Meeting- September 2, 2014
6. Presentation by Diane Garza on Resaca
7. Consideration/Appointment of Member to the Beautification Committee
8. Consideration/Adoption of Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015
9. Consideration/Ratification of the Property Tax (Revenue) Increase Reflected in the Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015
10. Consideration/Adoption of Ordinance to Establish Ad Valorem Tax Rate to Provide for Budget Expenses for Fiscal Year 2014 - 2015
11. Consideration/Action on Extension of Bank Depository Contract with International Bank of Commerce
12. Announce Event "Meet Fred" - September 20, 2014
13. Public Comment
14. Adjourn

Fred Blanco, Town Administrator

1. Call to Order by Mayor Hager

2. Roll Call

by Isabel Perales

Alderwoman Carr

Alderwoman Guerrero

Alderwoman Rathbun

Alderwoman Truan

Alderman Vera

Legal Counsel, Daniel Rentfro, Jr.

Town Administrator, Fred Blanco.

3. Invocation and Pledge

The pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag:

“I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

And the pledge of allegiance to the Texas State Flag is,

“Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.”

4. Public Comment

5. Approval of Minutes -
Regular Meeting - August 12, 2014,
Special Meeting - August 26, 2014,
Special Meeting - September 2, 2014

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO
AUGUST 12, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas was held on August 12, 2014, 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 Jean Hager at 6:00 P.M. Roll call was made by Isabel Perales, Assistant Town Secretary. Members present at the meeting were:

Mrs. Lupita Carr
Mrs. Maribel Guerrero
Mrs. Cyndie Rathbun
Mrs. Bitty Truan
Mr. Javier Vera

A quorum was present at the meeting.

Legal Counsel, Daniel Rentfro, Jr. was present at the meeting and Fred Blanco, Town Administrator was also present at the meeting.

Those present in the audience were:

Chief M. Cruz, Jr.
Vicente Perez

Russ St. Peter

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:

Alderswoman Carr led the group in the invocation and pledge of allegiance to the American and Texas flags.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Police Chief Cruz gave an update on the July 2014 Police Report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING - JULY 15, 2014, SPECIAL MEETING - JULY 16, 2014, SPECIAL MEETING - JULY 22, 2014, SPECIAL MEETING - JULY 31, 2014 AND SPECIAL MEETING - AUGUST 5, 2014:

Motion was made by Alderswoman Carr, seconded by Alderman Vera, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 15, 2014 as written.

Motion passed with the following vote:

AYES: Alderswoman Carr, Alderswoman Guerrero, Alderswoman Truan, Alderman Vera

NAYES: None

ABSTAINING: Alderswoman Rathbun

Motion was made by Alderswoman Guerrero, seconded by Alderman Vera, to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on July 16, 2014 as written.

Motion passed with the following vote:

AYES: Alderswoman Carr, Alderswoman Guerrero, Alderswoman Truan, Alderman Vera

NAYES: None

ABSTAINING: Alderswoman Rathbun

Motion was made by Alderwoman Carr, seconded by Alderwoman Guerrero, to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on July 22, 2014 as written.

Motion passed with the following vote:

AYES: Alderwoman Carr, Alderwoman Guerrero, Alderwoman Truan, Alderman Vera

NAYES: None

ABSTAINING: Alderwoman Rathbun

Motion was made by Alderwoman Carr, seconded by Alderman Vera, to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on July 31, 2014 as written.

Motion passed with the following vote:

AYES: Alderwoman Carr, Alderwoman Truan, Alderman Vera

NAYES: None

ABSTAINING: Alderwoman Guerrero, Alderwoman Rathbun

Motion was made by Alderwoman Rathbun, seconded by Alderwoman Carr, and unanimously carried, that the Minutes of a Special Meeting held on August 5, 2014, be approved with the following corrections: under Adjournment to add that motion was made by Alderwoman Guerrero and seconded by Alderwoman Rathbun.

CONSIDERATION/ACTION ON ENGINEERING CONTRACT AND SCHEDULE OF RATES:

Mr. Rentfro mentioned there were a few suggestions on wording of the contract, this would not change any rates.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Carr, seconded by Alderman Vera, and unanimously carried, to approve the contract with minor potential changes to wording after Mr. Rentfro, Town Attorney, and Ambiotec's attorney review; and to authorize Mayor Hager to sign the contract and also have a second signature from Alderwoman Guerrero or Alderman Vera for final approval.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR COMMON AREA MAINTENANCE:

One bid was received at the Common Area Maintenance bid opening on July 25, 2014. The bid was from our current contractor, Complete Landscape Management in the amount of \$3,750.00 per month to include the specifications as described in the Advertisement for Bids for Common Area Grass Cutting and Maintenance.

After discussion and review with Complete Landscape Management there were some modifications to the mowing specifications to lower the maintenance costs. In The Bend Subdivision the entrance and mini cul-de-sacs to be changed to be maintained every 2 weeks, in the Rancho Nuevo Subdivision entrance to be changed to be maintained every 2 weeks and at the Town Hall property and one adjacent lot to be maintained every 2 weeks. Alderwoman Rathbun and Alderwoman Truan did not agree with the modifications.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Carr, seconded by Alderwoman Guerrero, to approve the contract, with Complete Landscape Management with the modifications for a new total monthly charge of \$3,535.00.

Motion passed with the following vote:

AYES: Alderwoman Carr, Alderwoman Guerrero, Alderman Vera

NAYES: Alderwoman Rathbun, Alderwoman Truan

ABSTAINING: NONE

CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO DESIGNATE AN AUDITOR FOR SEPTEMBER 30, 2014:

Motion was made by Alderwoman Rathbun, seconded by Alderwoman Guerrero, and unanimously carried, to table this item.

PRESENT/DISCUSS PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2014 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2015:

Mayor Hager presented the proposed budget for the fiscal year October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015. There were several items highlighted on the proposed budget.

PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC NOTICE OF DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2014 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2015:

Motion was made by Alderwoman Guerrero, seconded by Alderwoman Rathbun, and unanimously carried, to schedule a Public Hearing on the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015 on August 26, 2014 at 6:00 P.M., at the Town Municipal Office, 3301 Carmen Avenue, Rancho Viejo, Texas.

DISCUSS PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX RATE AND CONSIDERATION/ACTION ON PROPOSAL FOR TAX RATE INCREASE:

Motion was made by Alderwoman Carr, seconded by Alderwoman Truan, that it is the intent of the Board of Aldermen to increase the total tax revenue with a proposed ad valorem tax rate for 2014 not to exceed \$0.419907 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Motion passed with the following vote:

AYES: Alderwoman Carr, Alderwoman Guerrero, Alderwoman Rathbun, Alderwoman Truan,

NAYES: Alderman Vera

ABSTAINING: NONE

PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC NOTICE OF DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR TAX RATE INCREASE:

Motion was made by Alderwoman Guerrero, seconded by Alderwoman Rathbun, and unanimously carried, to schedule the first Public Hearing on the ad valorem tax rate increase for August 26, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. and the second public hearing to be scheduled for September 2, 2014 at 6:00 P.M., both meetings will be held at the Town Municipal Office, 3301 Carmen Avenue, Rancho Viejo, Texas.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: PURSUANT TO THE FOLLOWING SECTION OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT
CODE: SECTION 551.074 TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS:

Motion was made by Alderwoman Guerrero, seconded by Alderwoman Rathbun, and
unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session: Pursuant to the following Section of the Texas
Government Code: Section 551.074 to discuss Personnel Matters at 7:21 P.M.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:05 A.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments from the audience.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Alderwoman Guerrero, seconded by Alderman Vera, and unanimously
carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 P.M.

BY: _____
Fred Blanco, Town Administrator

APPROVED: _____
Jean Hager, Mayor

DATE: _____

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO
AUGUST 26, 2014

A Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas was held on August 26, 2014, 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 Jean Hager at 6:00 P.M. Roll call was made by Isabel Perales, Assistant Town Secretary. Members present at the meeting were:

Mrs. Lupita Carr
Mrs. Cyndie Rathbun
Mrs. Bitty Truan
Mr. Javier Vera

Those absent were:
Mrs. Maribel Guerrero

A quorum was present at the meeting.

Legal Counsel, David Irwin was present and Town Administrator, Fred Blanco was also present at the meeting.

Those present in the audience were:
Chief M. Cruz, Jr.
Nancy Vera

Xavier Montemayor

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:

Alderwoman Carr led the group in the invocation and pledge of allegiance to the American and Texas flags.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2014 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 (THE FINAL APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET IS SET FOR SEPTEMBER 9, 2014):

Mayor Hager opened the public hearing. Mayor Hager went over some of the highlight items of the budget. Each Board member commented on different items to be reevaluated. The landscape maintenance specifications were discussed and will be reevaluated in March.

There were no comments from the audience. After everyone was given an opportunity to speak on the matter, Mayor Hager closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX REVENUE INCREASE:

Mayor Hager opened the public hearing. Mrs. Nancy Vera commented on and expressed her concerns on the proposed budget and tax rate increase.

After everyone was given an opportunity to speak on the matter, the public hearing was closed.

ESTABLISH DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE:

It was noted that the meeting to vote on the proposed budget and the ad valorem tax rate was scheduled for September 9, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Municipal Office, 3301 Carmen Avenue, Rancho Viejo, Texas.

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by Alderwoman Carr, seconded by Alderwoman Truan, and unanimously carried to adjourn then meeting at 6:31 P.M.

BY: _____
Fred Blanco, Town Administrator

APPROVED: _____
Jean Hager, Mayor

DATE: _____

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO
SEPTEMBER 2, 2014

A Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas was held on September 2, 2014, 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 Jean Hager at 6:00 P.M. Roll call was made by Isabel Perales, Assistant Town Secretary. Members present at the meeting were:

Mrs. Maribel Guerrero
Mrs. Cyndie Rathbun
Mrs. Bitty Truan
Mr. Javier Vera

Those absent were:
Mrs. Lupita Carr

A quorum was present at the meeting.

Legal Counsel, David Irwin was present, Town Administrator, Fred Blanco was also present at the meeting.

Those present in the audience were:

Xavier Montemayor
Jorge de la Garza

John T. Edge
Luke Fruia

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:

Mayor Hager led the group in the invocation and pledge of allegiance to the American and Texas flags.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX REVENUE INCREASE:

Mayor Hager opened the second public hearing on the proposed ad valorem tax revenue increase. Each Board member commented on items of interest on the proposed budget. Mr. Xavier Montemayor, Mr. Luke Fruia, Mr. John T. Edge and Mr. Jorge de la Garza all commented on how the Town can work on a master plan for the overall improvement of the Town's assets.

After everyone was given an opportunity to speak on the matter, the public hearing was closed.

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by Alderwoman Guerrero, seconded by Alderwoman Rathbun, and unanimously carried to adjourn then meeting at 6:44 P.M.

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BY: _____

Fred Blanco, Town Administrator

APPROVED: _____

Jean Hager, Mayor

DATE: _____

6. Presentation by Diane Garza on Resaca

7. Consideration/ Appointment of Member to the Beautification Committee

Alderwoman Carr will recommend Maggie Perkild as a member to the Beautification Committee.

AUGUST 13, 2014

TO: LUPITA CARR

CHAIRPERSON, BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

I AM MAGGIE PERKILD, MARRIED TO JESPER PERKILD FOR 7 YEARS. WE HAVE 4 SONS, 3 FROM MY PREVIOUS MARRIAGE AND 1 FROM HIS PREVIOUS MARRIAGE, AGES 30, 27, 26 AND 20.

I WAS EMPLOYED BY CAMERON COUNTY, WHERE I WORKED FOR A JUDGE AND A COUNTY COMMISSIONER FOR 9 YEARS. I HAVE BEEN RETIRED FOR 9 YEARS, SINCE 2012. MY HUSBAND IS EMPLOYED BY MEARSK DRILLING USA.

WE HAVE RESIDED AT 713 ESCANDON AVENUE SINCE JUNE 2013. WE FEEL SO BLESSED TO HAVE MOVED TO THIS WONDERFUL PLACE WE CALL HOME, AND ARE HOPING TO BECOME INVOLVED AND DO WHAT WE CAN TO MAKE THIS TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO A FANTASTIC PLACE THAT ALL RESIDENTS CAN BE PROUD OF AS MUCH AS WE ARE. I AM VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF YOUR BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE AND BE A PART OF GREAT THINGS TO HAPPEN.

SINCERELY,

MAGGIE PERKILD

maggieperkild@hotmail.com

956 466-2433

8. Consideration/Adoption of Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015

ORDINANCE NO.

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 2014-2015

WHEREAS, the law requires the Mayor to submit a proposed
financial budget for the ensuing fiscal year, and;

WHEREAS, the Mayor has timely filed a proposed financial
budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, with the
Town Secretary on August 8, 2014, which is 30 days in advance of
adopting the tax rate for the tax year 2014.

WHEREAS, notice of a Public Hearing on the proposed
financial budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015,
was published in the San Benito News on August 17, 2014.

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2014 the Board of Aldermen held the
Public Hearing on the proposed financial budget for the fiscal
year ending September 30, 2015, at 6:00 P.M., at the Town
Municipal Office, 3301 Carmen Avenue, Rancho Viejo, Texas.

WHEREAS, such proposed and estimated Budget, after due
hearing and consideration, should be adopted:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF
THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS:

That the Budget as prepared and submitted by the Mayor for
various departments of the Town of Rancho Viejo for the fiscal
year beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015, be
and the same is hereby in all respects approved and adopted, and
a true and correct copy of said budget being attached to this
ordinance.

This ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this the 9th day of September,
2014.

Jean Hager, Mayor

ATTEST:

Fred Blanco, Town Secretary

2014-2015 BUDGET

This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$87,657 or 9.935988%, and of that amount \$13,174 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the roll this year.

	2013	2014
Effective Rate	.391506	.387240
Effective M&O Rate	.365098	.369792
Rollback Rate	.411964	.419907
Debt Rate	.017659	.020532
Adopted Rate	.391934	

Debt Obligations Secured By Property Tax (2014)	\$47,424
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BOARD OF ALDERMEN VOTE

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSTAINING:
PRESENT AND NOT VOTING:

PROPOSED 8 14 14
TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO
BUDGET
2014- 2015

	APPROVED(2) BUDGET 2013/2014	PROPOSED BUDGET 2014-2015
REVENUES:		
1820.0000 Adm. Cost Recovered	5,000.00	10,000.00
1810.2005 Ad Val. Tax 2005	100.00	0.00
1810.2006 Ad Val. Tax 2006	100.00	100.00
1810.2007 Ad Val. Tax 2007	100.00	100.00
1810.2008 Ad Val. Tax 2008	100.00	100.00
1810.2009 Ad Val. Tax 2009	400.00	100.00
1810.2010 Ad Val. Tax 2010	4,500.00	400.00
1810.2011 Ad Val. Tax 2011	8,500.00	3,000.00
1810.2012 Ad Val. Tax 2012	14,000.00	9,500.00
1810.2013 Ad Val. Tax 2013	855,129.00 (1)	18,000.00
1810.2014 Ad Val. Tax 2014		940,775.00 (3)
2090.0000 Discount on Taxes	(22,000.00)	(19,000.00)
1920.0000 P&I on Taxes	19,000.00	17,000.00
1830.0000 Alcohol & Beverage Tax	3,900.00	4,500.00
1840.0000 Building Permits	32,000.00	18,000.00
1850.0000 Citations & Fines	105,000.00	105,000.00
1851.0000 MC Tech Fund	2,500.00	2,500.00
2090.5000 State Costs & Fees	(38,000.00)	(38,000.00)
1870.0000 Franchise - Electrical	64,000.00	66,000.00
1880.0000 Franchise - Telephone	7,500.00	7,500.00
1890.0000 Franchise - Cable TV	34,000.00	38,000.00
1900.0000 Franchise - Gas	800.00	800.00
1905.0000 Franchise - Solid Waste	1,000.00	1,000.00
1910.0000 Interest from Investments	800.00	800.00
1921.0000 Lien Revenue	6,000.00	6,000.00
1930.0000 Sales Tax	60,000.00	65,000.00
1963.0000 Police Fund Income	100.00	100.00
Total Revenues	\$1,164,529.00	\$1,257,275.00

(1) BASED ON TAX RATE OF \$.374275 for M&O Tax Rate
\$.017659 Debt Service Tax Rate
for a TOTAL TAX RATE of \$.391934 per \$100.00 Taxable Value and 97% Collections
RANCHO VIEJO'S TAXABLE VALUE FOR 2013/2014 IS \$224,929,703

(2) AS APPROVED AT 9/10/13 MEETING

(3) BASED ON TAX RATE OF \$.399374 for M&O Tax Rate
\$.020532 Debt Service Tax Rate
for a TOTAL TAX RATE of \$.419906 per \$100.00 Taxable Value and 97% Collections
RANCHO VIEJO'S TAXABLE VALUE FOR 2014/2015 IS \$230,973,465

EXPENSES:	APPROVED(2) BUDGET 2013/2014	PROPOSED BUDGET 2014-2015
Administration:		
2100.0000 Travel-Admin.	1,000.00	1,500.00
2110.0000 Seminar & Edu. - Admin.	330.00	630.00
2150.0000 Payroll - Admin.	116,917.00	116,050.00
2160.0000 Retirement - Admin.	10,442.00	10,277.00
2161.0000 S.S./Medicare - Admin.	7,535.00	7,813.00
2170.0000 Insurance Medical - Adm.	9,890.00	10,044.00
2180.0000 Insurance Life - Admin.	140.00	140.00
2190.0000 Ins. Workman's Comp	200.00	200.00
2200.0000 Part Time Labor - Admin.	9,000.00	15,000.00
Total Administration:	\$155,454.00	\$161,654.00
General:		
3140.0000 Telephone	3,250.00	3,300.00
3150.0000 Electricity Office	8,000.00	7,000.00
3160.0000 Insurance Liability	24,496.00	24,714.00
3170.0000 Legal Notices	3,000.00	3,000.00
3190.0000 Printing	300.00	0.00
3200.0000 Office Supplies	4,500.00	5,370.00
3220.0000 Postage	1,800.00	1,200.00
3230.0000 Dues & Publications	1,260.00	1,260.00
3240.0000 Appraisal & Tax Collection	16,875.00	16,875.00
3250.0000 Water	900.00	900.00
3260.0000 Election Costs	4,000.00	4,000.00
3270.0000 Building/Yard Maintenance	9,303.00	9,303.00
3280.0000 Cameron Co. Court Costs	800.00	400.00
3300.0000 Public Relations	2,000.00	2,000.00
3320.0000 Office Equip. Maint.	11,100.00	12,000.00
4220.0000 Municipal Court Supplies	200.00	200.00
6300.0000 Signs & Safety Markers	1,500.00	2,000.00
Total General:	\$93,284.00	\$93,522.00
General Service:		
5650.0000 Fire Dept.	12,800.00	20,000.00
5660.0000 Fire Protection Contract	29,500.00	29,500.00
5661.0000 Fire Hydrants	0.00	8,000.00
Total General Service:	\$42,300.00	\$57,500.00

	APPROVED(2) BUDGET 2013/2014	PROPOSED BUDGET 2014-2015
Professional:		
5100.0000 Legal Fees	26,250.00	31,500.00
5200.0000 Audit Fees	7,300.00	7,800.00
5400.0000 Building Inspection	15,500.00	15,500.00
5500.0000 Municipal Judge	10,842.00	12,042.00
Total Professional:	\$59,892.00	\$66,842.00
Police General:		
4140.0000 Clothing - Police	4,000.00	3,000.00
4150.0000 Payroll - Police	334,030.00	371,859.00
4160.0000 Police Ret & Empl. Tax	29,811.00	32,881.00
4161.0000 Medicare & S.S.	15,283.00	14,800.00
4170.0000 Ins. Medical	34,437.00	40,176.00
4171.0000 Ins. Medical Dependant	7,925.00	8,717.00
4180.0000 Ins. Life	475.00	544.00
4190.0000 Ins. Workman's Comp	9,500.00	9,748.00
4200.0000 Cleaning of Uniforms	2,500.00	2,500.00
4210.0000 Office Supplies	3,500.00	3,500.00
4210.5000 Printing	600.00	600.00
4230.0000 Travel - Police	1,600.00	1,600.00
4240.0000 Seminar & Education - PD	3,000.00	3,000.00
4250.0000 Auto Repairs	6,500.00	7,000.00
4260.0000 Auto Fuel	32,600.00	30,600.00
4291.0000 Fire Prevention/1st Aid Police	300.00	300.00
4300.0000 Radio Equipment Maint.	1,000.00	1,000.00
4310.0000 Police Part Time Labor	34,000.00	0.00
4330.0000 Dispatch	7,630.00	7,632.00
4331.0000 Police Investigation	9,535.00	8,322.00
4333.0000 Drug Testing	450.00	450.00
4291.6220 Hurricane Preparedness	3,600.00	3,600.00
6710.0000 Mosquito Spraying	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total Police General:	\$547,276.00	\$556,829.00

	APPROVED(2) BUDGET 2013/2014	PROPOSED BUDGET 2014-2015
Public Works:		
6500.0000 Lighting Expenses	45,050.00	45,050.00
6600.0000 Lot Mowing	3,000.00	2,000.00
6640.0000 Common Area Maint.	40,820.00	45,320.00
6700.0000 Comm Area Water&Elec.	11,100.00	12,950.00
6660.0000 Beautification Project	5,000.00	5,000.00
6660.0002 Community Alert System	1,800.00	1,800.00
6660.0003 Animal Control	2,591.00	2,051.00
6660.0004 Security Device Reserve	750.00	750.00
6705.0001 Security Device Maint.	7,444.00	7,444.00
Total Public Works:	\$117,555.00	\$122,365.00
Street:		
6000.0000 St. Rehab.	40,000.00	40,000.00
6200.0000 St. Rehab. Engineer	20,000.00	20,000.00
Total Street Expense:	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
Capital Outlay:		
3210.0000 Office Equipment	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total Capital:	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Security Device/Vehicle Loan:		
Scheduled Principal	19,980.00	3,305.00
Interest Payable	625.00	140.00
Total Loan:	\$20,605.00	\$3,445.00
Total Operating Expense:	\$1,101,366.00	\$1,127,157.00
Town Hall Debt Service Account:		
Interest Payable	9,790.00	19,219.00
Scheduled Principal	30,000.00	30,000.00
Total TH Debt Service:	\$39,790.00	\$49,219.00
Total All Expenses:	\$1,141,156.00	\$1,176,376.00
Total Revenues:	\$1,164,529.00	\$1,257,275.00
To General Fund:	\$23,373.00	\$80,899.00

9. Consideration/Ratification of the Property Tax (Revenue) Increase Reflected in the Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015

This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$87,657 or 9.935988%, and of that amount \$13,174 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the roll this year.

I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .419906, which is effectively a 8.435595 percent increase in the tax rate

10. Consideration/Adoption
of Ordinance to Establish Ad
Valorem Tax Rate to Provide
for Budget Expenses for Fiscal
Year 2014 - 2015

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE AD VALOREM AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE TAX YEAR 2014, 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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS:

Section 1. There is hereby established a tax rate for the tax year 2014:

\$.399374 Maintenance & Operation Tax Rate
\$.020532 Debt Tax Rate
\$.419906 Total Tax Rate

for each \$100.00 of assessed valuation of all ad valorem and personal property taxable under the laws of this State by the Town of Rancho Viejo.

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 7.999632 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$29.58.

Section 2. There is hereby established an assessed valuation of one hundred (100%) percent of the fair market value of all real and personal property according to the certified tax rolls of the Town of Rancho Viejo.

Section 3. There is hereby granted a homestead exemption to qualified homeowners at the level of \$5,000 on the ad valorem tax for the tax year 2014.

Section 4. There is hereby granted a discount for early payment of the 2014 taxes which discount shall be equal to and the same as that granted by CAMERON COUNTY, the agency under contract to collect the taxes of this Town, said discount all being pursuant to State law.

Section 5. Any payment not timely made shall bear such penalty and interest as is provided by State law.

Section 6. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, or provision of the Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as whole or any part or provision thereof, other than the part so decided to be invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 7. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this the 9th day of September, 2014.

Jean Hager
Mayor

ATTEST:

Fred Blanco
Town Secretary

11. Consideration/Action on Extension of Bank Depository Contract with International Bank of Commerce

On August 9, 2011 the Board of Aldermen approved a Depository Contract with International Bank of Commerce (IBC), effective October 1, 2011, for two years with the possibility of three one year extensions at the Town's option.

Mayor Hager recommends that the Board approve the second one year extension with IBC, effective October 1, 2014.

12. Announce Event "Meet Fred" – September 20, 2014

Rancho Viejo

Community Party

Come Meet
Our New Town Administrator



Sat. Sept. 20th 5pm to 8pm
on the

Town Hall Lawn

Free Food	Music
TIPTON GRILL	Family Fun
OBSTACLE COURSE	Face Painting

R.S.V.P. by Sept. 16
956-350-4093 or iperales@ranchoviejotexas.com
Come Celebrate Our Awesome Town

Come Meet Fred

Fred Who? Not Fred Flintstone, Fred Astaire nor Fred MacMurray but our very own, Alfredo (Fred) Blanco our new Town Administrator.

Come and join us at a TOWN PARTY on the Town Hall Lawn on **Saturday September 20th from 5-8 pm**. Jim Tipton, a resident, Valley MUD Director and President of the Rancho Viejo Volunteer Fire Department has graciously offered to man the grill assisted by sous chef Alderman and volunteer fireman Javier Vera and the other Volunteer firemen. Mayor Jean Hager, Alderwomen Maribel Guerrero, Lupita Carr, Cyndie Rathbun and I will serve the sides and non-alcoholic beverages.

This will be a great opportunity for the community to connect, MEET FRED, visit with Isabel Perales our long time town secretary, Chief Cruz, the policemen/policewoman, Fire Chief Russ St Peter and the volunteer fire department. We are also inviting the MUD and Club staff as we feel that all the entities need to know each better and work together for a better Town.

Since parking is limited around Town Hall (AND IF YOU ARE ABLE) walk, ride your bike or golf cart over (don't forget your reflective vest) or ride with a neighbor/friend. Dress very casual but wear your dancing shoes. We'll have plenty of music and you can hit the dance floor or just sit and watch and visit.

We expect a huge turnout to "MEET FRED TOWN PARTY" and recommend you RSVP "repondez s'il vous plait" meaning "please respond" by **September 16th** by calling Town Hall at 956-350-4093 or emailing iperales@ranchoviejotexas.com

Let's Party!

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Alderwoman, Mayor Pro-Tem

13. Public Comment

14. Adjourn