

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM  
Tuesday, August 8, 2023**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Regular Session on **Monday, August 8, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.** in the La City Commission Meeting Room, La Feria, Texas 78559. The purpose of said meeting was to consider and take action on those items of City Business as was duly posted by agenda in accordance with State Open Meetings Law. The following City Commission members were present at said meeting.

**3. DETERMINE QUORUM PRESENT AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER - MAYOR**

Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

The following staff members were present at said meeting:

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Olga H. Maldonado	Mayor	Present
Maricela Zuniga	Commissioner	Present
Michael Martinez	Commissioner	Present
Julian Guevara, Jr.	Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner	Absent
Esmeralda Lozano	Commissioner	Present
Donato Garcia	Commissioner	Present

Juan Ortiz, Planning Director  
Frank Rios, Finance Director  
Amanda Morales, City Secretary  
Cesar Diaz, Police Chief  
Alfonso Rodriguez, Public Works Director

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public during this item.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA:**

a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD JULY 25, 2023.**

b. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD JULY 31, 2023.**

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve the items under consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

**6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSED TAX RATE CALCULATION FOR TAX YEAR 2023 (FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024) AND SET DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING.**

Mr. Rios explained that the tax rate will remain the same as the previous fiscal year. Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve the proposed tax rate and set a public hearing for September 15, 2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

**7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CHANGE ORDER #1 WITH GMC TRANSPORT, LLC FOR WATER PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.**

The change order represents a \$23,070 decrease in the contract amount. Commissioner Garcia made a motion to approve change order #1 with GMC Transport, LLC for water plant improvement project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano and passed unanimously.

**8. CLOSED SESSION:**

a. **CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.074, TEXAS GOV'T CODE, REGARDING TEMPORARY SALARY**

**ADJUSTMENT FOR INTERIM CITY MANAGER.**

- b. **CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR ATTORNEY CONSULTATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071, TEXAS GOV'T CODE, TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE AND COUNSEL REGARDING THE CITY COMMISSION'S RIGHTS, DUTIES, PRIVILEGES, AND OBLIGATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE HIRING PROCESS FOR A CITY CHARTER-APPOINTED CITY MANAGER AND RELATED LEGAL ISSUES.**

Mayor Maldonado called the meeting into closed session at 6:35 pm.

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:**

The meeting was reconvened in open session at 7:12 pm.


9. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A TEMPORARY SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER.**

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to adjust the salary of the interim City Manager to \$105,000, retroactive to July 31, 2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

10. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Lozano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez and passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

  
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Olga H. Maldonado, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Amanda Morales, City Secretary