

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
LA FERIA CITY COMMISSION
MEETING ROOM
Tuesday, September 19, 2023**

Be it known that the City of La Feria City Commission met in Special Session on **Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.** in the 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 Maldonado 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	Present
Esmeralda Lozano	Commissioner	Present
Donato Garcia	Commissioner	Present

Frank Rios, Interim City Manager

Juan Ortiz, Planning Director

Amanda Morales, City Secretary

4. PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE INPUT ON PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

Mayor Maldonado opened the public hearing at 6:31 pm. Stefany Bauer addressed the commission regarding what she identified as discrepancies in the budget. These included funding for the Tu Salud Si Cuenta program, elections, and improvements to City Hall and parks. She also noted that park equipment needed repair or maintenance. Mayor Maldonado closed the public hearing at 6:35 pm.

5. PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE INPUT ON PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024.

Mayor Maldonado opened the public hearing at 6:35 pm. Stefany Bauer addressed the commission and noted that surrounding cities were lowering their tax rates. Mayor Maldonado closed the public hearing at 6:38 pm.

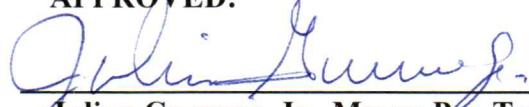
6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE ALL BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024.

Mr. Rios explained that the tax rate would remain the same as it has been for the past several years at 0.6700 per hundred-dollar property valuation. He briefly explained the voter-approval and no-new-revenue rates and how they affect the city's ability to raise revenue. Mr. Rios also addressed some of Mrs. Bauer's concerns and stated that the funding budgeted for park improvements would go toward repairs at the swimming pool. There was no funding budgeted for elections as the next City Commission election is not scheduled until May 2025. The proposed budget was prepared in June and includes funding for a program that was eliminated in August. Mayor Pro-Tem Guevara made a motion to approve all budgets for fiscal year 2023-2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously.

7. **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:



Julian Guevara, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:



Amanda Morales, City Secretary