

**Written Minutes for the
Regular City Council Meeting
Held on February 8, 2018
7:00 PM
Elmendorf City Hall
8304 FM 327
Elmendorf, Texas 78112**

At any time during the City Council Meeting, the City Council may meet in executive session for consultation concerning attorney-client matters (real estate, litigation, contracts, personnel, and security).

I. City Council will convene for a Regular City Council Meeting at the Elmendorf City Hall at 7:00 pm February 8, 2018.

Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Gonzales.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

by Chaplain David Kirk.

Roll Call

Mayor	Michael J. Gonzales	Present
Alderman Place 1	Tracy Riojas	Present
Alderman Place 2	R.M. "Andy" Anderson	Present
Alderman Place 3	Hipolito "Polo" Maldonado	Absent
Alderman Place 4	Richard B. Rodriguez	Present
Alderman Place 5	Linda Pena Ortiz	Present

Also, present City Administrator Cody Dailey, City Secretary Roxanne De Leon, City Attorney Mike Guevara, and Police Chief Marco Pena. Water Operator/Animal Control Officer Shawn Cooper, Chaplain David Kirk, Officer Palomo, Officer Subramaniam, and Officer De Leon were also present.

Citizens Participation

Leo Pacheco

Mr. Pacheco is a candidate for the House District 118 Democratic Primary. He wanted to visit Elmendorf and introduce himself. He gives his background stating he is from the Southside and grew up in the Harlandale area and hopes to serve the community.

II. Mayor and City Council Comments.

No comments

III. General Business – Consent Agenda

The items under the consent agenda are deemed by the City to be routine in nature and will be approved by one motion adopting the staff findings and recommendation as part of the approval. The items on the consent agenda will not be discussed. Any member of the City Council desiring to discuss an item on the consent agenda may request that it be removed and placed on the individual consideration agenda to be heard at the beginning of that section of the agenda. Similarly, members of the public may also request that any item on the consent agenda be discussed in the individual consideration section by noting the item they want moved on the public comments sign-up sheet located at the front of the hall.

1. Adoption and approval of the city council minutes from January 11, 2018.
2. Approval of the previous month's bills paid and financial reports.

3. Approval of Ordinance 2-8-2018-1, calling and ordering a general election to be held on May 5, 2018, for the purpose of electing the Mayor and two (2) aldermen, each to serve for a term of two years, establishing the location for voting on election day for early voting by personal appearance.
4. Approval of a contract between the City of Elmendorf and Bexar County for the provision of election services related to the May 5, 2018 election and authorizing the City Administrator to execute same.
5. Approval of Ordinance 2-8-2018-2, amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Article II. Offenses against Public Safety by amending Sec. 24-36 to prohibit the sale, storage, use, explosion, possession or manufacturing of fireworks during periods of active burn ban established by the Mayor; providing a severability clause; providing for the repeal of Ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing an effective date.

Alderman Ortiz motions to approve the five (5) items from the General Business – Consent Agenda. Alderman Riojas seconds and a vote is called.

Yay	Nay	Abstain
Alderman Riojas		
Alderman Anderson		
Alderman Rodriguez		
Alderman Ortiz		

The motion to approve the five (5) items from the General Business – Consent Agenda is passed on a unanimous vote with all four (4) councilmembers in favor.

IV. General Business – Individual Consideration

6. Receive presentation from Mary Rodriguez of MAR Financial, discuss and possible action regarding the provision of health insurance to full time employees of the City of Elmendorf.

Alderman Rodriguez asks why the city pays 100% for an employee’s medical insurance. City Administrator Cody Dailey states the City Council had voted this benefit many years ago. Citizen Laura Wright-Wallace says the citizens are the employer and the City Council needs to look at the whole picture. Every employer needs to consider the vacation, sick leave, and benefits that you will be offering a quality employee to make the job more attractive. Alderman Ortiz is disappointed that the councilmembers do not remember voting to cover employees 100%. The statements being made insinuate that the employees have gotten rich off their salaries. They do not get paid that much.

Alderman Riojas motions to continue with Humana 17 Silver; option 12 Gold to be paid by employee. Alderman Rodriguez seconds and a vote is called.

Yay	Nay	Abstain
Alderman Riojas		
Alderman Anderson		
Alderman Rodriguez		
Alderman Ortiz		

The motion to continue with Human 17 Silver; option 12 Gold to be paid by employee is passed on a unanimous vote with all four (4) councilmembers in favor.

7. Discuss and possible action regarding an amendment to the wholesale water service contract between the City of Elmendorf and the San Antonio Water System, reducing the contracted commitment from 350-acre feet of water to 280-acre feet of water.

This year \$158,000.00 was paid to SAWS for water that was not used. The change in the management structure has provided the opportunity to cut back the bill by \$70,000.00 a year. Mayor Gonzales states the increased SAWS water rates is what kicked off the water project. Citizen Bill Lloyd asked if the savings would allow for a decrease in rates. City Administrator Cody Dailey states not likely as the water rates from SAWS remain the same. The funds could be used for the water project or operational costs.

Alderman Ortiz motions to amend the wholesale water service contract. Alderman Rodriguez seconds and a vote is called.

Yay	Nay	Abstain
Alderman Riojas		
Alderman Anderson		
Alderman Rodriguez		
Alderman Ortiz		

The motion to amend the wholesale water service contract is passed on a unanimous vote with all four (4) councilmembers in favor.

8. Discuss and possible action regarding the determination of future use of the newly acquired building and property at 8420 FM 327.

Mayor Gonzales believes it would be good to use the building for animal control in order to be in compliance even if it's just for a limited time. Some of the equipment purchased can be transferred to a new facility if the council chooses to build a new facility. There are times when the City of Selma is not accepting dogs due to not having room. Also, if it is late in the day, the city is unable to transport the dogs so they are held overnight even though the city does not have a proper facility. Mr. Dailey understands that the building would not be a permanent structure the council may not want to keep forever but, in the meantime, it could be utilized.

Alderman Ortiz motions for city staff to provide the costs of utilizing the building at property 8420 FM 327 as a temporary animal control facility. Alderman Riojas seconds and a vote is called.

Yay	Nay	Abstain
Alderman Riojas		
Alderman Anderson		
Alderman Rodriguez		
Alderman Ortiz		

The motion for city staff to provide the costs of utilizing the building at property 8420 FM 327 as a temporary animal control facility is passed on a unanimous vote with all four (4) councilmembers in favor.

9. Discuss and possible action regarding acceptance of the appraiser's valuation of the land for the Fire Department. The foregoing agenda item (#9) is specifically identified for a potential closed session in

accordance with TOMA section 551.071 (litigation and certain consultation with attorney) and/or section 551.071 (deliberations about real property).

Fire Chief Bobby Hogan brought the new engine that will service this area. It carries 800 gallons of water with four-wheel drive. The truck was bought especially for this area and it will be the engine that will go into the new fire station. There are plans for developing a 60 x 80 fire station.

Alderman Ortiz motions to go into closed session to discuss Item #9. Alderman Anderson seconds and a vote is called.

Yay	Nay	Abstain
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Alderman Riojas		
Alderman Anderson		
Alderman Rodriguez		
Alderman Ortiz		

The motion to go into closed session to discuss Item #9 is passed on a unanimous vote with all four (4) councilmembers in favor.

City Council adjourns for closed session at 8:22 PM.
City Council reconvenes for open session at 8:37 PM.

Alderman Riojas motions to approve the appraisal and move forward with the transfer of the land. Alderman Ortiz seconds and a vote is called.

Yay	Nay	Abstain
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Alderman Riojas		
Alderman Anderson		
Alderman Rodriguez		
Alderman Ortiz		

The motion to approve the appraisal and move forward with the transfer of the land is passed on a unanimous vote with all four (4) councilmembers in favor.

Citizen Bill Lloyd asks what the particulars of this vote consisted of. Mayor Gonzales explains that the City Council just approved the property appraisal value of \$270,000.00 for the location of the fire department.

V. **Adjournment**

Alderman Ortiz motions for adjournment of the City Council Meeting. Alderman Riojas seconds, and a vote is called.

The motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting is passed on a unanimous vote with all four (4) councilmembers in favor.

Regular City Council Meeting is adjourned at: **8:39 PM**

The minutes were passed and approved on:

March 15, 2018



Mayor Mike Gonzales

Attest:



City Secretary Roxanne De Leon