

**Written Minutes for the
Regular City Council Meeting
Held on October 17, 2019
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 October 17, 2019.

Call to Order			
	The meeting is called to order at	7:00 PM	by Mayor Michael J. Gonzales
Pledge of Allegiance			
Invocation			by Chaplain James R. Stirneman.
Roll Call			
Mayor	Michael J. Gonzales		Present
Councilmember Place 1	Tracy Riojas		Present
Councilmember Place 2	Dario Guerra		Present
Councilmember Place 3	Hipolito "Polo" Maldonado		Present
Councilmember Place 4	Manuel Decena		Present
Councilmember Place 5	Linda Pena Ortiz		Present

Also, present City Administrator Cody Dailey, City Secretary Roxanne De Leon, City Attorney Mike Guevara, Police Chief Marco Pena, Water Supervisor Stephen Mayfield, City Engineer Garry Montgomery, and Reserve Officer Eduardo Corona.

Citizens Participation

- Minnie Slaughter** Inquires why the water rate increase is so high and if the rate will decrease when water well project is completed. City Administrator Cody Dailey states the goal is to decrease the rates and that is the purpose for the project. San Antonio Water System (SAWS) has been raising the water rates on the City of Elmendorf for years.
- Esther Maldonado** To SAWS and San Antonio City Council: How can they so blatantly pass this to their community? This is totally uncaring and greedy and immoral. How do you justify 9% for one community to 25% to another? Pleads they think about it and do the right thing.
- Frank Reynolds** Felt he was being followed by an officer.
- Jesse Palomo** Inquires how long it will take for water well project to be complete. Mr. Dailey states at the end of 2020. Mr. Palomo would not want to raise the rent on his tenants as he is competing against other RV parks. Mr. Dailey does not feel it is fair for the citizens to pay for the entire increase and suggests the City Council review how much it is possible for the city to absorb.
- Bill Lloyd** When will there be a status report on the water well project? Mayor said city engineer will go over that in Item #7.

II. Mayor and City Council Comments

Mayor Gonzales

SAWS has the city over a barrel but hopes for the best. His personal water bill last month was \$305.00. Mayor Gonzales ensures the public that the City Council will work together to figure this out.

III. General Business – Consent Agenda

1. Adoption and approval of the city council minutes from September 19, 2019.
2. Approval of the previous month's bills paid and financial reports.
3. Reappoint expiring term members for the Citizens Complaint Review Board (CCRB) for another year. All current members are desirous of continuing their role on the board including, Tommy Hicks, Laura Wright-Wallace, Minnie Slaughter, Linda Pena Ortiz, Tony Trevino, Roxanne De Leon, and Erik De Leon.
4. Appoint members to expiring term places 2 and 4 of the Planning and Zoning Commission Board for a two-year term. Place 2 – Tommy Hicks. Place 4 – Peggy Stephens.
5. Approve placement of a streetlight at the intersection of FM 327 and S. 4th Avenue on pole #258799.

Councilmember Maldonado motions to approve all five (5) items in the General Business – Consent Agenda. Councilmember Guerra seconds and a vote is called.

Yay	Nay	Abstain
Councilmember Riojas		
Councilmember Guerra		
Councilmember Maldonado		
Councilmember Decena		
Councilmember Ortiz		

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

IV. General Business – Individual Consideration

6. Introduction of 2 new Elmendorf Police Department Chaplains, James R. Stirnemann and Cheryl Kirk.

Chaplain David Kirk became chaplain in December 2014 due to the death of Police Chief Michael Pimentel. When Chaplain David Kirk heard that 3,500 new homes were coming to Elmendorf, he felt the need to recruit more chaplains. His wife, Cheryl Kirk is a chaplain with the fire department. Jim Stirneman is a chaplain and has attended extended training with Chaplain David Kirk. They have expressed their interest in serving the city by attending city events. They will be at the public groundbreaking event for the Bexar County ESD #10 Emergency Services fire station on Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 1:00 PM.

7. Discuss and possible action regarding proposed 25% wholesale water rate increase from San Antonio Water System (SAWS) including impacts, possible responses and budgetary considerations.

Councilmember Riojas feels the 25% water rate increase is unjustified. Unfortunately, SAWS spending is not in the Elmendorf City Council control. The City Council will work diligently on not passing the entire increase to the citizens. Thanks everyone for coming to this meeting.

Councilmember Guerra would like to negotiate with SAWS and try to absorb some of the rate increase. Would also like to consider possibly using the EEDC revenue to fund the rate increase.

Councilmember Maldonado wished the water well project would have started earlier to avoid this. Feels SAWS wants to take advantage of the city's last year with them.

Councilmember Decena thanks everyone in attendance. He feels their pain and frustration. SAWS has continued to attack the city with these increases without reason or justification for it. SAWS chairmen bonuses continue while citizens here suffer on fixed incomes.

Councilmember Ortiz states the contract with SAWS began in October 1996. Numerous meetings were attended to obtain good drinking water for the Elmendorf citizens. Councilmember Ortiz is thankful SAWS granted the request and the city has been their customers for all these years. The city never intended to pass big charges to the customers for obtaining SAWS service. Thankful to SAWS but disappointed with their unfair rate hikes. It seems SAWS feels the city is at their mercy and asks that they be fair across the board by increasing Elmendorf rates the same as San Antonio at 9%.

Mayor Gonzales states San Antonio annexed much of the area around the city and they don't bother to maintain it. Lots of families on fixed incomes and veterans live in the area. Mayor Gonzales is in support of the people and the City Council do whatever they can.

Citizen George Dziuk comments the city needs to try to get along with them. Councilmember Decena expresses heartache from the low turnout at this meeting. There is strength in numbers.

City Engineer Garry Montgomery is waiting on the water quality data from the labs and the wells are pumping adequately. Everything is coming together with DR Horton, the developer and the Water Development Board.

No action taken.

- 8. Discuss and possible action regarding securing funding for repair of Homewood Place Unit 1 Roads to bring them up to city code.

City Administrator Cody Dailey states the agreements have been executed by all parties. Mr. Dailey would like to fund this project without going into debt. The city's infrastructure savings account, where the city allocated \$12,000 per month, now has a balance of \$157,000.00. Mr. Dailey recommends using that infrastructure fund to correct those roads and the money will be reimbursed over time from the TIRZ reimbursement.

Councilmember Riojas motions to direct staff to use the monthly infrastructure fund to support the repair of Homewood Place Unit 1 Roads. Councilmember Decena seconds and a vote is called.

Yay	Nay	Abstain
Councilmember Riojas		
Councilmember Guerra		
Councilmember Maldonado		

Councilmember Decena		
Councilmember Ortiz		

The motion to direct staff to use the monthly infrastructure fund to support the repair of Homewood Place Unit 1 Roads is passed on a unanimous vote with all five (5) councilmembers in favor.

- Discuss and possible action regarding Ordinance 10-17-2019-1, amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 30, Article VI., Sec. 30-140. Sewage disposal regulating the construction of wastewater systems; providing a severability clause; providing for the repeal of ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing an effective date.

Councilmember Ortiz motions to approve Ordinance 10-17-2019-1, amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 30, Article VI., Sec. 30-140. Sewage disposal regulating the construction of wastewater systems; providing a severability clause; providing for the repeal of ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing an effective date. Councilmember Maldonado seconds and a vote is called.

Yay	Nay	Abstain
Councilmember Riojas		
Councilmember Guerra		
Councilmember Maldonado		
Councilmember Decena		
Councilmember Ortiz		

The motion to approve Ordinance 10-17-2019-1, amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 30, Article VI., Sec. 30-140. Sewage disposal regulating the construction of wastewater systems; providing a severability clause; providing for the repeal of ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing an effective date is passed on a unanimous vote with all five (5) councilmembers in favor.

Mayor Gonzales thanks media (San Antonio Express News & Wilson County News) for attending this meeting.

V. Adjournment

Councilmember Ortiz motions to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting. Councilmember Riojas seconds and a vote is called.

Yay	Nay	Abstain
Councilmember Riojas		
Councilmember Guerra		
Councilmember Maldonado		
Councilmember Decena		
Councilmember Ortiz		

The motion to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting is passed on a unanimous vote with all five (5) councilmembers in favor.

Regular City Council Meeting is adjourned at:

8:08 PM

The minutes were passed and approved on:

November 21, 2019



Mayor Mike Gonzales

Attest: 

City Secretary Roxanne De Leon