

**Written Minutes for the
Regular City Council Meeting
Held on June 14, 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 June 14, 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	Present
Alderman Place 4	Richard B. Rodriguez	Absent
Alderman Place 5	Linda Pena Ortiz	Present

Also, present City Administrator Cody Dailey, City Secretary Roxanne De Leon, Chief Marco Pena, and Officer Palomo.

Citizens Participation

No citizens for participation.

II. Swearing In Ceremony – swearing in of Mayor & Aldermen elected May 5th 2018 to wit:

- Mayor – Michael J. Gonzales
- Alderman Place 3 – Polo Maldonado
- Alderman Place 5 – Linda Pena Ortiz

City Administrator Cody Dailey performs the swearing in of Mayor Mike Gonzales. Mayor Mike Gonzales then performs the swearing in of Aldermen Polo Maldonado and Linda Pena Ortiz.

III. Mayor and City Council Comments.

No comments

IV. 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 May 10, 2018.
2. Approval of the previous month's bills paid and financial reports.

Alderman Ortiz motions to approve all four (4) General Business – Consent Agenda items. Alderman Anderson seconds and a vote is called.

Yay	Nay	Abstain
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Alderman Riojas		
Alderman Anderson		
Alderman Maldonado		
Alderman Ortiz		

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

V. General Business – Individual Consideration

3. Discuss and possible action regarding the selection of Mayor Pro-Tem.

Alderman Anderson motions to select Alderman Maldonado as Mayor Pro-Tem. Alderman Riojas seconds and a vote is called.

Yay	Nay	Abstain
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Alderman Riojas		
Alderman Anderson		
Alderman Maldonado		
Alderman Ortiz		

The motion to select Alderman Maldonado as Mayor Pro-Tem is passed on a unanimous vote with all four (4) councilmembers in favor.

4. Discuss and possible action regarding a variance request from Howard Snoga regarding the age restrictions on manufactured homes in the Elmendorf Code of Ordinances limiting placement of manufactured homes to only those that are 5 years old or newer. Mr. Snoga's manufactured home is a 2005 model.

Alderman Riojas motions to extend six (6) months for Howard Snoga to remove the manufactured home placed on Cassiano Road and place a manufactured home no older than five (5) years old or the city will revert the property back to a R-1 zone. Alderman Maldonado seconds and a vote is called.

Alderman Maldonado asks if this motion is possible. Alderman Anderson says the map amendment already passed so believes the variance should be approved by City Council and move things along. Alderman Maldonado states the City Council already took a step back when voting to amend the map from R-1 (residential) zone to MHS (manufactured home subdivision) zone and feels they would be taking another step backward if they allow this variance. Mr. Snoga vows he will make the home and property pristine and the age of the home will not show.

The vote dies as further discussion determines the agenda item does not include language for reverting the zoning amendment.

Alderman Riojas motions to deny the age restriction variance on the current manufactured home in place on Cassiano Road and to re-evaluate in six (6) months to allow time for Howard Snoga to place a newer home for the purpose of rezoning.

The vote dies without a second.

Alderman Anderson motions to approve a variance request from Howard Snoga regarding the age restrictions on manufactured homes in the Elmendorf Code of Ordinances limiting placement of manufactured homes to only those that are 5 years old or newer. Alderman Ortiz seconds and a vote is called.

Yay	Nay	Abstain
	Alderman Riojas	
Alderman Anderson		
	Alderman Maldonado	
Alderman Ortiz		

The motion calls for a tie breaker with two (2) in favor and two (2) against.

Mayor Gonzales states because he knows the Mr. Snoga and he knows the way his other properties look, he will vote to approve this motion.

Yay	Nay	Abstain
	Alderman Riojas	
Alderman Anderson		
	Alderman Maldonado	
Alderman Ortiz		
Mayor Gonzales		

The motion to approve a variance request from Howard Snoga regarding the age restrictions on manufactured homes in the Elmendorf Code of Ordinances, limiting placement of manufactured homes to only those that are 5 years old or newer is passed on a unanimous vote with three (3) councilmembers in favor and two (2) against.

Citizen George Dziuk comments that he questions the City Council competency and it is very hard for a property owner to wonder how they will be dealt with by City Council.

5. Discuss and possible action regarding Ordinance 6-14-2018-1, amending Chapter 34 – Traffic and Vehicles, Article III.P Stopping, Standing and Parking; by adding regulations for parking on West 1st Street; providing a penalty; providing a severability clause; providing for the repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for publication and providing an effective date.

Mayor Gonzales states he added this to the agenda as he had been approached with complaints. Mayor Gonzales would like handicap parking added and the area to be designated for park attendees only. Alderman Ortiz would like The Hideaway and Toby’s Repair Shop to be notified of the new law.

Alderman Ortiz motions to approve Ordinance 6-14-2018-1, amending Chapter 34 – Traffic and Vehicles, Article III.P Stopping, Standing and Parking; by adding regulations for parking on West 1st Street; providing a penalty; providing a severability clause; providing for the repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for publication and providing an effective date. Alderman Riojas seconds and a vote is called.

Yay	Nay	Abstain
Alderman Riojas		
Alderman Anderson		
Alderman Maldonado		
Alderman Ortiz		

The motion to approve Ordinance 6-14-2018-1, amending Chapter 34 – Traffic and Vehicles, Article III.P Stopping, Standing and Parking; by adding regulations for parking on West 1st Street; providing a penalty; providing a severability clause; providing for the repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for publication and providing an effective date is passed on a unanimous vote with all four (4) councilmembers in favor.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding paying the mayor and city council members on a monthly basis for their duties as elected officials.

Alderman Maldonado presents a proposal to the City Council of the stipend he would like to see paid to the members of council. Alderman Maldonado states that the position of City Council is a 24/7 job and feels the members of Council should be compensated for attending one regular council meeting a month. The stipend proposed would be \$200.00 a month for councilpersons and \$250.00 for the mayor

Alderman Maldonado motions to pay \$200.00 a month for councilmembers and \$250.00 for mayor. Alderman Anderson seconds and a vote is called.

Alderman Ortiz states she has been doing this for a long time and doesn't feel her duties were something to be compensated for. Alderman Ortiz further comments that much of a stipend shouldn't only be for attending the one regular meeting a month but the City Council should also attend special meetings, city functions, and public hearings. There are so many events that the City Council doesn't attend. Alderman Riojas feels what she does as a councilmember isn't little as she does a lot of research and has been head of the park committee for a number of years.

Citizen Tommy Hicks comments that this is a civic duty and you don't ask for money to sit in that seat. It is misplaced to vote this for oneself. Mr. Hicks further states that the people would be better served if they are given the opportunity to choose for themselves. It would cost \$15,000.00 a year to pay the City Council and it can be used for other things. Citizen Minnie Slaughter asks if this was included in the budget. Mayor Gonzales responds it was not in the budget and there would have to be an amendment. Citizen Laura Wright-Wallace appreciates what the City Council does but they chose to be in this position and if they feel it is too much, they should step down. It seems really wrong and this vote needs to go to the people. Ms. Wright-Wallace further comments that she has seen the City Council nickel and dime when it comes to other things such as police department equipment and the animal control facility so she feels it is so wrong how easily the City Council will pass such an item. Alderman Maldonado states maybe this could encourage Ms. Wright-Wallace to run against him. Ms. Wright-Wallace said if she did plan to run, she wouldn't be doing it for the money. She suggests to Alderman Maldonado that if he wants to get paid as a councilman, he should go to a big city because she doesn't feel this little town should be giving a stipend. Alderman Maldonado doesn't understand why there is a negative

outlook on paying the city council and points out that he has researched what other city administrators are paid and Mr. Dailey is being compensated more than other city administrators in bigger cities. Alderman Maldonado states other cities are being grateful to their City Council and then reads a letter he received from Congressman Henry Cuellar congratulating him on his re-election. Alderman Ortiz states those letters are sent out to everyone. Alderman Ortiz comments it is like pulling teeth when it comes to employee salary increases but this item comes so easy when it comes to paying themselves.

Yay	Nay	Abstain
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Alderman Riojas		
Alderman Anderson		
Alderman Maldonado		
	Alderman Ortiz	

The motion to pay \$200.00 a month for councilmembers and \$250.00 for mayor is passed on a majority vote with three (3) councilmembers in favor and (1) against.

Alderman Maldonado asks why this item has to be brought to the agenda again. City Administrator Cody Dailey states this would need to be officially passed by ordinance. Alderman Maldonado asks if this vote was just a waste of time. City Secretary Roxanne De Leon explains this item has directed staff to draft the ordinance and create a budget amendment.

VI. Adjournment


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

Yay	Nay	Abstain
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Alderman Riojas		
Alderman Anderson		
Alderman Maldonado		
Alderman Ortiz		

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: **7:55 PM**

The minutes were passed and approved on: July 12, 2018



 Mayor Mike Gonzales

Attest: 

 City Secretary Roxanne De Leon