

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
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MAY 7, 2013

The Waelder City Council met for a regular called meeting on Tuesday, May 7th, 2013 at 7:05 p.m. at Waelder City Hall. Those present were Rocky Quintero, Valentino Hernandez, and Peggy Blackmon. Mayor Mike Harris did preside. Alfred Thompson and Robert Tovar were absent.

The meeting was called to order and a quorum was established.

Open Forum: Lyria Mendez' son Valentine Mendez spoke about the raid that had just happened to him and said he didn't like the way the Waelder police department treated them during the ordeal and how they weren't read their Miranda rights.

Richard Cedillo asked the Council when the suggestion box at City Hall would be opened to see what the citizens thoughts were on putting up a fence at the park. He said when they decided on a date if they could please inform the public so they would know when that would be taking place.

Max Childers informed the Council about loud music in his neighborhood going on all the time at all hours of the night as late as 4 a.m. He asked what could be done about it since he was told we didn't have an ordinance in effect for that. He wanted to know if the Police could at least issue citations for that. Police Chief Jimmy Taylor was on hand and told Mr. Childers there actually is something that could be done and that he would work with him on that complaint.

Anostasio Orosco spoke to the Council wanting an answer on the cemetery matter. Mayor Mike Harris and Valentino Hernandez informed Mr. Orosco that he was actually on the agenda for that matter and could speak then.

A motion was made by Peggy Blackmon, seconded by Rocky Quintero, Jr., to approve (consent items) the April 2, 2013 Regular minutes, and April 18, 2013 Special Called meeting minutes, payment of the bills, and approving Financial Reports for March 2013* Motion carried unanimously. Rocky Quintero, Jr., spoke about the peddlers permit fees and said they are still low and if the City could come up with different ways to raise that amount, and also if they could work on lowering cell phone fees.

A motion was made by Rocky Quintero, Jr., with no second to not approve temporary maintenance from the city on the Hispanic cemetery with Anostasio Orosco. Motion failed. A motion was made by Valentino Hernandez, second by Peggy Blackmon to approve temporary maintenance on the Hispanic cemetery for \$100 each time the City cuts it with a time limit of 3 months only. Motion carried. Rocky Quintero, Jr., opposed.

No action was taken upon helping the Fire Department with monetary assistance on the new fire station and parking lot with Karl Hutton and Adam Ramirez. Mayor Mike Harris and Karl Hutton will go to Lone Star Bank and gather more information on a loan and bring it back to the Council.

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A motion was made by Peggy Blackmon, seconded by Rocky Quintero, Jr., to accept the responsibilities of violations along with a fine assessment of \$13,125.00 from TCEQ- Texas Commission on Environmental Qualities to the City of Waelder. Motion carried unanimously. The Council also discussed selecting SEP's- Supplemental Environmental Projects with Gene Kruppa.

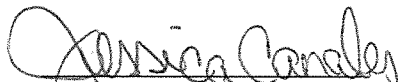
A motion was made by Valentino Hernandez, seconded by Peggy Blackmon to purchase triversal medians for each railroad crossing. They will use the railroad money and get help from TxDOT, Gene Kruppa will help with this and also get pricing for this project. Motion carried unanimously.

No Executive Session.

A motion was made by Valentino Hernandez, seconded by Rocky Quintero, Jr. to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.


Mike Harris-Mayor-City of Waelder


Jessica Canales-City Secretary