

**MINUTES
CITY OF VON ORMY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2009**

1) CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Art Martinez de Vara called the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Von Ormy to order at 7:00 p.m. on the 7th day of January, 2009, in the Parish Hall of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 13466 IH 35 S, Von Ormy, Texas

THOSE PRESENT INCLUDED: Mayor Art Martinez de Vara, Mayor Pro Tem Alex Quintanilla, Councilmember James Sweeney, Councilmember Sammy Martinez, Councilmember Leonardo Ruiz and Councilmember Verna Hernandez.

2) INVOCATION: Invocation made by Pastor Myra Orr, of Southwest Community Church of Faith, Hope and Love.

3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Art Martinez de Vara led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR PRIOR MEETINGS: Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Alex Quintanilla, and seconded by Leonard Ruiz to approve the December 17, 2008 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 5 to 0.

5) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTING A RESOLUTION OF GUIDELINES FOR CITIZENS PUBLIC COMMENTS AT CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

Motion was made by Councilman Sammy Martinez and seconded by Councilman James Sweeney to Adopt Guidelines for Public Comments at City Council Meeting:

Each Citizen must sign in fifteen (15) minutes prior to City Council Meeting on a list that is provided for those who wish to make comments to the City Council;

Each Citizen has three (3) minutes to address the council;

Comments made to the City Council that involve more than one citizen will have nine (9) minutes to be heard;

Comments presented to the City Council that are not on the agenda for that meeting will only be heard, and if needed, will be added to next meetings agenda.

6) CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

There were only six (6) citizens heard.

7) TASK FORCE REPORTS

a. Emergency services:

Mayor Pro Tem Alex Quintanilla reported that he is working on getting bids for City's Public Safety.

b. Infrastructure:

Councilman James Sweeney reported working with Saws to establish guidelines for a Utility Agreement. Councilman Sammy Martinez reported discussing with Saws its interest in extending their sewage lines to service the City of Von Ormy, also their emphasis for the City to hire an engineer for this project.

c. Economic Development:

Charlie Brown was not available to present a report.

8) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING APPROXIMATELY 1.0 ACRES OF LAND FROM PHILLIPS PROPERTIES FOR MUNICIPAL AND/OR EMERGENCY SERVICES USE:

Motion made by Councilman James Sweeney and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alex Quintanilla to appoint Mayor Art Martinez de Vara to negotiate with property owner as to terms of conveyance and establish committee including City of Von Ormy and volunteer fire department for future use. Motion carried 5 to 0

9) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER EXECUTING AN OPTION CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS CB 4014 ABS 617 P-53F 2.0 AC.

Motion made by Councilman Sammy Martinez and seconded by Leonard Ruiz to appoint Mayor Art Martinez de Vara to negotiate with property owner for option contract as discussed in executive session. Motion passed 4 to 0 to 1 abstained Councilwomen Verna Hernandez

10) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE.

Motion made by Councilman Leonard Ruiz and seconded by Councilman James Sweeney to adopt the 2006 Ordinance of the IBC code. Motion carried 5 to 0.

11) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE.

Motion made by Councilman Sammy Martinez and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alex Quintanilla to adopt the 2006 Ordinance of the International Fire Code. Motion carried 5 to 0.

12) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUDGET FOR 2009.

Attorney Melissa C. Killen, (for the budget) prepared and delivered to the City Council the Proposed Timeline for the City of Von Ormy.

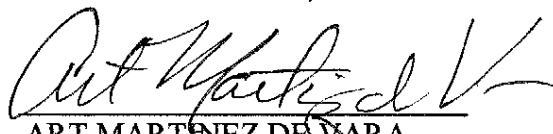
City Management/Consultant Mr. Albert Uresti picked up from Sylvia Romo Bexar County Tax Assessor/Collector the Official Tax Roll for the City of Von Ormy, and delivered to Mayor Art Martinez de Vara.

13) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SETTING AD VALOREM (PROPERTY) TAX RATE FOR 2009.

Council did have some discussion of the ad valorem (property) tax.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Alex Quintanilla and Seconded by Councilman James Sweeney to adjourn the meeting.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 21ST DAY OF JANUARY, 2009.



ART MARTINEZ DE VARA,
MAYOR

ATTEST:



JULIA ANN HERNANDEZ,
CITY CLERK