

**MINUTES
CITY OF VON ORMY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 21, 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 7:07 p.m. on the 21st 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 Deacon Larry Contreras of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, Von Ormy, Texas.

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 Councilman Sammy Martinez seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alex Quintanilla, to approve the January 7th, 2009 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 5 to 0.

5) CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:
No Citizens to be heard.

6) TASK FORCE REPORTS:

- a. Emergency Services – Mayor Pro Tem Alex Quintanilla
 - i. Fire Station Update, some discussion, more up date at next meeting.
 - ii. ACOG Mutual Aid Agreement, Attorney Killen and Consultant Uresti explained at meeting what ACOG Mutual Aid represented.
 - iii. Municipal Police Department Update, some update reported, will be discussed further at next meeting.
- b. Infrastructure – Councilman James Sweeney
 - i. Sewer Update – Upcoming S A W S Meeting, Council announced that they are to meet with S A W S CEO on Thursday February 5, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. at S A W S Headquarters.
 - ii. Septic Inspections and Permitting, more up date at next meeting.
 - iii. Health Inspections, Councilwomen Verna Hernandez volunteered for this task and will report back at next meeting.
- c. Economic Development, Charlie Brown not available to present a report.

7) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MAYOR'S NOMINATION FOR CITY ENGINEER:
Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Alex Quintanilla and seconded by Councilman James Sweeney to table this nomination until next meeting.

8) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RECEIVED BIDS FOR BANKING SERVICES:

Motion made by Councilman Leonard Ruiz and seconded by Councilman Sammy Martinez to accept the bid from Texas Community Bank at 19401 Somerset Road, in Somerset, Texas. Motion carried 4 to 0 to 1 oppose Mayor Pro Tem Alex Quintanilla.

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

Discussed presentation, no action.

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

Discussed presentation, no action.

11) DISCUSS FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT ON BENTON CITY ROAD AT LIVE OAK SLOUGH.

City Council is to contact Bexar County Flood Control Office to meet for an up- date of this project.

12) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BECOMING A MEMBER OF AACOG (ALAMO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS)

Council tabled this consideration for next meeting.

13) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MAY SALES TAX ELECTION:

After some discussion City Council decided that paper ballots would be sufficient for this Sales Tax Election, rather than electronic voting system. Council was informed by Attorney Killen that the Bexar County Election Official will need to be notified in writing by February 9, of Councils choice of voting, also find out what Bexar County's fee to the City will be for the paper ballots.

14) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUDGET FOR 2009.

Mayor Art Martinez de Vara presented to the Council the Proposed budget for 2009.

15) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SETTING AD VALOREM (PROPERTY) TAX RATE FOR 2009:

After discussion Council agreed that the .39cents on \$100.00 of property value stays as previously discussed.

Council went into an executive session meeting at 8:27 p.m. to discuss agenda items 9 and 10 returned at 8:39 p.m. at which time motion was made by Councilman Leonard Ruiz and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alex Quintanilla to adjourn meeting.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 4th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2009.


ART MARTINEZ DE VARA,
MAYOR

ATTEST:


JULIA ANN HERNANDEZ,
CITY CLERK