

**MINUTES
CITY OF VON ORMY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 4TH, 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 7:02 p.m. on the 4th day of March, 2009, in the Parish Hall of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 13466 IH 35 South, 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 Catholic Church Von Ormy.

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

4) CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: There we no citizens to be heard

5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR PRIOR MEETINGS: Motion made by Councilman James Sweeney, seconded by Councilman Leonard Ruiz to approve the February 18th, 2009 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 5 to 0.
Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Alex Quintanilla, seconded by Councilman Sammy Martinez to approve the February 23rd, 2009 Special City Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 5 to 0.

6) INTRODUCTION OF MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT FOR GRANT WRITER:
Mayor introduced Lucila Lagace of Lagace Consulting as our Grant Writer.

7) ANNOUNCE BULK ORDER OF CITY OF VON ORMY FLAGS:
Mayor announced that any citizen wanting to purchase a City of Von Ormy Flag can do so by contacting Julia Hernandez City Clerk

8) DISCUSSION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS: VON ORMY SPRING CLEANING:
Mayor announced if any citizen is interested in participating in this event they may by contacting Julia Hernandez City Clerk.

9) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A NAME FOR OUR ANNUAL TRASH CLEAN UP DAY.
Mayor and City Council Members announced that the City needs a name for the Annual Trash Clean Up Day, and are asking citizens to submit there ideas for a name.

10) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ISSUING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING.

Mayor and City Council Members decided to have the Infrastructure Task Force issue request for proposals for the collection and disposal of solid waste and recycling.

11) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD/FEMA FLOOD INSURANCE:

Mayor and City Council Members agreed to re-enter into the FEMA Flood Program.

12) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ESTABLISHING PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ORDINANCE AND SELECTION OF CONTRACT INSPECTOR.

Mayor and City Council Members announced that the State of Texas is the City of Von Ormy Public and Environmental Health Service at this time. The task force for this service is still open for bids.

13) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ALTERING ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACT WITH BEXAR COUNTY FOR THE CONDUCT AND/OR EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO CONDUCT THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 9, 2009

Motion made by Councilman Sammy Martinez, seconded by Councilman James Sweeney to accept the altered election service contract. Motion carried 5 to 0.

14) EXECUTIVE SESSION: Discussion authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001:

551.071 – consultation with attorney: private consultation with the City Attorney regarding possible acquisition of real property described as CB 4231B BLK 3 LOT 7 & S IRR 945.34 FT OF 7 (17.30) and CB 4231 P-8 ABS 372.

Executive Session was moved for a Special Meeting to be held on March 6th, 2009.

15) TASK FORCE REPORTS:

1. Infrastructure – Councilman Sweeney, Chair
2. Traffic Task Force
3. Emergency Services Task Force

1. Councilman James Sweeney, Chair of Infrastructure Task Force announced they continue to have meetings every fourth (4th) Thursday of the month to discuss sewer planning.

2. Councilman Sammy Martinez announced that a cable had been installed at the IH 35 South 141 Exit. Also, it was decided that meetings will be held every third (3rd) Thursday of the month for the Traffic Task Force.

3. Emergency Services Task Force

Mayor Pro Tem Alex Quintanilla asked for discussion and consideration to apply for a TECLOS Agency Number to be placed on next meeting agenda.

16) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF FIREWORK TASK FORCE ON THE SALE AND USE OF FIREWORKS:

No action was taken.

17) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ESTABLISHING A ZONING COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF VON ORMY:

This zoning commission was turned over to the City Traffic Task Force.

18) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CITY LIMIT SIGNS DESIGN AND PLACEMENT:

Mayor and City Council decided to let citizens know they would like their suggestions on city limit signs design and placement.

19) ADJOURN

Motion made by Councilman Sammy Martinez, seconded by Councilwoman Verna Hernandez to adjourn meeting. Motion carried 5 to 0.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 18th, DAY OF MARCH, 2009.


ART MARTINEZ DE VARA,
MAYOR

ATTEST:


JULIA ANN HERNANDEZ,
CITY CLERK