

**MINUTES  
CITY OF VON ORMY  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 1st, 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 1st day of April, 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 Sammy Martinez, Councilmember Leonardo Ruiz and Councilmember Verna Hernandez. Absent was Councilman James Sweeney.

**2) INVOCATION:** Invocation made by Pastor George Ruiz of Highway to Heaven Church.

**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 Mayor Pro Tem Alex Quintanilla, seconded by Councilman Leonard Ruiz to approve the March 18th, 2009 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 4 to 0.

**6) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PROPOSED FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH AT & T FOR COMMUNICATION SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY OF VON ORMY.**  
This item tabled for next council meeting.

**7) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR TELEPHONE SERVICE FOR THE CITY CLERKS OFFICE.**  
This item tabled for next council meeting.

**8) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER DESIGNATING A DEADLINE FOR AGENDA ITEMS:**  
Motion made by Councilman Sammy Martinez, seconded by Councilwoman Verna Hernandez, that agenda items deadline be one week prior to meetings. Motion carried 4 to 0.

**9) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR PROCEDURE TO PURCHASE POSTAGE AND OFFICE SUPPLIES:**  
Motion made by Councilman Leonard Ruiz, seconded by Councilwoman Verna Hernandez to approve an amount of \$250.00 to be available to purchase office supplies and postage. Motion carried 4 to 0.

**10) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MAYOR'S NOMINEE FOR THE CITY OF VON ORMY HEALTH INSPECTOR:**  
This item tabled for next council meeting.

**11) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACCEPTING FUNDS TO IMPROVE THE UNION PACIFIC RAIL ROAD CROSSING ON BENTON CITY ROAD:**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Alex Quintanilla, seconded by Councilman Sammy Martinez to not accept funds, therefore allowing Tex Dot to upgrade the Rail Road Crossing at Benton City Road at Quintana Road. Motion carried 4 to 0.

**12) TASK FORCE REPORTS:**

- a. Zoning, Planning, and Traffic Task Force – Councilman Martinez, Chair
- b. Emergency Services Task Force – Councilman Quintanilla, Chair
- c. Infrastructure Services Task Force – Councilman Sweeney, Chair

**13) EXECUTIVE SESSION: DISCUSSION AUTHORIZED BY THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.001:**

No action taken at executive session.

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

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Alex Quintanilla, seconded by Councilman Sammy Martinez to move that the council adopt and approve the ordinance for the sale, use, and manufacture of fireworks within the City limits of Von Ormy as presented with the revisions as discussed in executive session and shall be executed by the Mayor. Mayor comments the ordinance was passed for the safety and welfare of the community. We are going to allow the existing firework stands, but no new ones, because they are too dangerous. Our main concern is the protection and safety of the residence. Motion carried 4 to 0.

**15) ADJOURN**

Motion made by Councilman Sammy Martinez, seconded by Councilwoman Verna Hernandez to adjourn meeting. Motion carried 4 to 0.

**PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 15th, DAY OF April, 2009.**

  
ART MARTINEZ DE VARA,  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
JULIA ANN HERNANDEZ,  
CITY CLERK