

**MINUTES
CITY OF VON ORMY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16th, 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 Wednesday the 16th day of September, 2009. Meeting was held in 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, Councilmember James Sweeney, and Councilmember Verna Hernandez. All were present.

2) INVOCATION: Invocation made by Charlie Brown.

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

4) CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: There was one citizen heard.

5) APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2009 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

Motion made by Councilman Sammy Martinez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alex Quintanilla to accept September 2nd, 2009 Minutes. Motion carried 5 to 0.

6) PRESENTATION BY US CENSUS BUREAU REPRESENTATIVES, LUPE G.OCHOA, PARTNERSHIP SPECIALIST AND ISAAC GERAMI, ASSOCIATE:
Representatives of the US Census Bureau explained plan and procedure for the collection of the 2010 Census.

7) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CITY CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORT:

Motion made by Councilman Leonard Ruiz, seconded by Councilwoman Verna Hernandez to accept Financial Report as read. Motion carried 5 to 0.

8) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER OFFICIAL CITY PHOTO TO BE TAKEN OCTOBER 7, 2009:

Official City Photos will be taken October 7, 2009, individual photos will be taken at 6:00 P.M. before regular council meeting.

9) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PETITION TO RENAME OLD QUINTANA ROAD:

This item tabled to be discussed at next meeting.

10) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ORDERING AND INSTALLATION OF STREET SIGNS: This item tabled to be discussed at next meeting.

11) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF CITY MARSHAL:

Motion made by Councilman James Sweeney, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alex Quintanilla to adopt ordinance with amendments made to Section 2 and Section 5. Motion carried 5 to 0.

12) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PURCHASE OF AMERICAN AND TEXAS FLAG SETS:

Motion made by Councilman Sammy Martinez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alex Quintanilla to appoint Councilman Leonard Ruiz to order American and Texas flags from American Legion Emblem Sales. Motion carried 5 to 0.

13) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AGENDA ITEMS THAT ARE SUBMITTED TO CITY CLERK BY COUNCIL MEMBERS, TIMELINESS, CONTENT, AMBIGUITIES SO THAT EVERYONE IS ON THE SAME PAGE:

Agenda items submitted to City Clerk will continue to be submitted as previously ordered with no changes.

14) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WHAT TO TELL CITIZENS WHO ASK FOR THE LOCATION OF OUR CITY HALL:

Citizens should be told that the City of Von Ormy has no City Hall at the present time. Two options are available; to visit the City Web Site for information, or call the City Clerk and arrangements can be made to meet at a local business for permits applications, forms, etc.

15) TASK FORCE REPORTS:

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

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

- 1) §551.072 Discuss and consider proposals for purchase of land for community center/city hall.
- 2) §551.072 Discuss and consider lease of property for council meetings in FY 2010.
- 3) §551.074 *Discuss and consider trash removal Contract*

Council retired to Executive Session at 8:16 P.M. and convened Regular meeting at 8:56 P.M.

17) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No motions made in executive session.

18) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FY2010:

This item tabled to be discussed at next meeting.

19) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SETTING THE AD VALOREM (PROPERTY) TAX RATE FOR 2010:

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Alex Quintanilla, seconded by Councilman James Sweeney to accept tax rate to remain at .39 per cent for 2010. Motion carried 5 to 0.

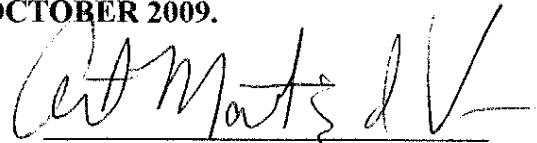
20) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUDGET FOR 2010:

Motion made by Councilman Sammy Martinez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alex Quintanilla to adopt budget presented with an amendment made to subtract from the general fund \$750.00 and add to fund the City Archaeologist. Motion carried 5 to 0.

21) ADJOURN:

Motion made by Councilman Leonard Ruiz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alex Quintanilla to adjourn meeting. Motion carried 5 to 0.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 7TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2009.


ART MARTINEZ DE VARA,
MAYOR

ATTEST:


JULIA ANN HERNANDEZ,
CITY CLERK