

# The City of Galena Park

## City Commission Meeting

Date: February 2, 2016

A regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Galena Park was held at City Hall in the Council Chambers, Tuesday evening at 6:00 P.M. on February 2, 2016.

Present were:	Esmeralda Moya	Mayor
	Danny Simms	Commissioner
	Cruz R. Hinojosa, Jr.	Commissioner
	Maricela Serna	Commissioner
	Juan Flores	Commissioner
	Mayra Gonzales	City Secretary
	Robert Pruet	City Administrator
	Jim DeFoy	City Attorney

Item # 1- Mayor Moya called the meeting to order.

Item # 2- Mayor Moya called on Mr. Patton for the invocation.

Item # 3- Comments from audience.

Mr. Cotton, a citizen, stated that there were three woman on 15<sup>th</sup> St. that bother him. Mr. Cotton stated that one of the woman dumped washing machine water into the yard between their houses. Mr. Cotton stated that he has been treated unfairly by the woman and he is sick of it. He stated that he has been lied to by the code enforcement officer and the police dispatch.

Mr. Xavier Herrera with the Harris County District Clerks office introduced himself and stated that if there are any issues that come up in the clerk's office to please allow him to be the point of contact. He thanked everyone for their service.

Ms. Dawn Fisher, a citizen, stated that she did not have a stroke and she is fine.

Mr. Jerry Patton, a citizen, stated that about 6 months ago he brought to the councils attention the trees growing over the power lines and the street lights. Mr. Patton stated that they had done something about the street lights, but nothing has been done about the trees over the power lines. Mr. Patton stated that he would like to see that taken care of. Mr. Patton stated that it has been 6 months and he is upset that the four commissioners and the city administrator have not done anything. Commissioner Serna stated that the Mayor has not done anything neither.

Ms. Dorothy Harding, a citizen, stated that she had a concern about the marquee. Ms. Harding stated that she called city hall about putting a friend's condolences on the marquee and was told that it could not be done, because the city secretary was on vacation. Ms. Harding stated that she gave the information to the Mayor and the Mayor said it would get done. Ms. Harding stated that on Friday it was still not on the marquee. Mr. Pruet stated that a family member needs to be the one to call that stuff in, not a friend. Mr. Pruet stated that the city secretary was out with a sick baby at the time. Mayor Moya stated that it was put on the marquee the following day after she spoke to Ms. Harding. Ms. Harding stated that she has never been told that it needs to be a family member who request information to be placed on the marquee. Mr. Pruet stated that they need the blessing of a family member so that way the city doesn't upset the family, in case they did not want the deceased name on the marquee. Ms. Harding stated that anytime she was ever told by any Mayor something

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was going to get done in this community it was done. Mr. Pruettt stated that it was his understanding that it did get done.

Mr. Jack Brown, a citizen, stated that he heard what had happened about the marquee. Mr. Brown stated that the point is that Ms. Harding was told that the only one that could put anything on the marquee was the city secretary and if that is the case, there must be someone that can do it. Ms. Gonzales stated that she apologizes for that happening and she will make sure that does not happen again.

A citizen stated that he had a question for the Mayor. The citizen asked if someone wants to run for council do they bring to the Mayor background check request. Mayor Moya asked what exactly was he asking. The citizen stated background checks. Mayor Moya stated that the commissioners do not submit anything to her, the citizens get to decide who they vote for to be commissioner. Commissioner Flores stated that what he is asking is if any candidate that runs for office has a background check done. Mayor Moya stated that no one submits anything to her, that everything is submitted to the city secretary.

Item # 4- Consider approving the minutes of regular meeting on January 5, 2016, Workshop on January 4, 2016, special meeting on January 8, 2016, and regular meeting on January 19, 2016. Commissioner Hinojosa moved to approve the minutes of regular meeting on January 5, 2016, Workshop on January 4, 2016, special meeting on January 8, 2016. Commissioner Flores, 2<sup>nd</sup>... Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried. Commissioner Simms asked why they did not vote on the meeting minutes of January 19, 2016. Commissioner Hinojosa stated that he was going to abstain from voting because he did not attend the meeting on January 19, 2016. Commissioner Serna stated that Commissioner Hinojosa had read the minutes. Commissioner Hinojosa stated that he did, but he did not attend the meeting and therefor does not know if the meeting minutes are correct. Commissioner Simms moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 19, 2016. Commissioner Flores, 2<sup>nd</sup>...Vote: 4 Ayes (1 Abstain- Commissioner Hinojosa) Motion Carried.

Item # 5-Consider ratifying accounts payable through February 2, 2016. Commissioner Flores moved to approve ratifying accounts payable through February 2, 2016. Commissioner Hinojosa 2<sup>nd</sup>...Vote 5 Ayes...Motion Carried

Item # 6- Consider approving the audit engagement letter from Belt, Harris, and Pechacek for the year ending September 30, 2016. Commissioner Simms moved to approve the audit engagement letter from Belt, Harris, and Pechacek for the year ending September 30, 2016. Commissioner Serna, 2<sup>nd</sup>... Commissioner Hinojosa asked the city attorney if the agreement was pretty standard. Mr. Defoyd stated that it is exactly what they did last year and nothing has changed. Mr. Defoyd stated that he recommends that they approve the agreement. Vote: 5 Ayes...Motion Carried.

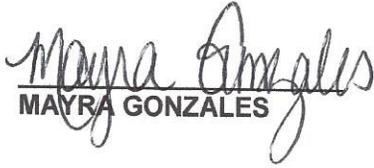
Item # 7-Consider approving the part time employment of Rebekah Donaldson- Firefighter/EMT-Intermediate. Commissioner Hinojosa moved to approve the part time employment of Rebekah Donaldson- Firefighter/EMT- Intermediate. Commissioner Flores, 2<sup>nd</sup>...Motion Carried.

Mayor Moya asked for Announcements.

Mr. Robert Clowers, a citizen, stated that he had a request. Mr. Clowers asked why the citizens cannot get a copy of the bills that are being payed and voted on. Mr. Clowers stated that most cities provide them for the citizens that attend the meetings. Mayor Moya stated that it is a good point and they would look into it.

Commissioner Simms made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hinojosa, 2<sup>nd</sup>.... Vote: 5 Ayes... Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

  
MAYRA GONZALES

  
APPROVED