



**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
HITCHCOCK CITY COUNCIL  
HITCHCOCK CITY HALL  
7423 HIGHWAY 6, HITCHCOCK, TEXAS  
January 11, 2021, 6:00 P.M.**

1. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Randy Stricklind at 6:00pm.

**Members Present:**

Mayor Randy Stricklind  
Councilmember Chris Armacost  
Councilmember Mary Combs Demby  
Councilmember Wayne Newton  
Councilmember Andre Perkins

Marie Gelles, City Manager  
Ruth Ann Sorrell, City Secretary  
Kyle Dickson, City Attorney  
Tim Underwood, Police Captain  
Candie Serna, Code Compliance

2. Invocation by John Elliott
3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. **Citizen Comments:**

John Elliott spoke in appreciation of the forward movement the City and City Council had made recently. He also encouraged the Council to speak clearly and loudly for the recording he does for Facebook Live.

Chelsea Wick with the Hitchcock Chamber of Commerce spoke in favor of the growth of Hitchcock and shared the success of the Christmas programs that were hosted by the Chamber in December 2020.

5. **Proclamations/Recognitions:**

Monica Cantrell, Hitchcock High School Cheerleading Coach, gave a presentation commending the Hitchcock High School Cheerleading Squad.  
Proclamation for "Hitchcock High School Cheerleading Day"

**Public Hearing**

6. Public Hearing on 2021-2022 Texas Department of Agriculture Texas Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program began at 6:31pm. Kelle Odom, GrantWorks, explained two grants the City is eligible to apply for this year. They are the Community Development Fund and the Downtown Revitalization Grant.

Public Hearing closed at 6:45pm.

## **7. Consent Agenda Items (A-C):**

All consent items listed are considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items, unless a Council Member so requests, and if such a request is made, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in a normal sequence on the agenda.

- (A) Approval of minutes for Regular City Council Meeting dated December 21, 2020.
- (B) Approval of Investment Report for the month ending December 31, 2020.
- (C) Approval of Accounts Payable Report for the month ending December 31, 2020.

Wayne Newton made the motion to approve all consent items listed. Andre Perkins seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

## **Items for Individual Consideration:**

- 8. Discussion and appropriate action approving an Order calling a General Election to be held by the City of Hitchcock on Saturday, May 1, 2021 for the purpose of electing a Mayor, Council Member District 1, and Council Member District 2.**

Chris Armacost made the motion to approve an Order calling a General Election to be held by the City of Hitchcock on Saturday, May 1, 2021 for the purpose of electing a Mayor, Council Member District 1, and Council Member District 2. Mary Combs Demby seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

- 9. Discussion and appropriate action approving a contract with Galveston County Election Administration to hold the May 2021 General Election.**

Mary Combs Demby made the motion to approve a contract with Galveston County Election Administration to hold the May 2021 General Election. Andre Perkins seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

- 10. Discussion and appropriate action approving a Joint Election Agreement with the Hitchcock Independent School District (ISD).**

Wayne Newton made the motion to approve a Joint Election Agreement with the Hitchcock Independent School District (ISD). Andre Perkins seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

- 11. Discussion and appropriate action approving the Knox Box Standards.**

Darron Ray, Fire Inspector explained that a Knox Box is a locked box located at the front door of a commercial building, residential home, or gate that contains a key so that emergency personnel can enter the premises without use of force.

Andre Perkins made the motion to approve the Knox Box Standards. Wayne Newton seconded the motion. Motion passed. 5-0.

**12. Discussion and appropriate action approving a revised Employee Pay Plan.**

Marie Gelles explained the revision to the Employee Pay Plan. The revision is to increase the pay scale for Police Department positions.

Wayne Newton made the motion to approve the revised Employee Plan. Chris Armacost seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

**13. Discussion and appropriate action approving an Ordinance amending the FY 2020-2021 City of Hitchcock Adopted Budget.**

Chris Armacost made the motion to approve an Ordinance amending the FY 2020-2021 City of Hitchcock Adopted Budget. Wayne Newton seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

**Executive Session:**

Executive Session began at 7:01pm.

**14. Executive Session: Adjournment to Executive Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1) (A) to consult with the City Attorney to seek his advice on contemplated litigation, Section 551.072 Real Estate, and Section 551.074 (a) (1) Personnel Matters.**

**15. Reconvene into Open Session.**

Reconvened into Open Session at 7:10pm.

**16. Consider possible action or give direction on items legally discussed in Executive Session. None**

**17. Mayor and City Council Requests/Comments. None**

**18. Announcements:**

- a. Winter E-Cycling Event on Saturday, January 16, 2021, 9:00am-1:00 pm, at the City Barn, 8401 Schiro.
- b. City Offices will be closed Monday, January 18, 2021 for MLK Holiday

**19. Adjourn.**

Wayne Newton made the motion to adjourn. Chris Armacost seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

  
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Randy Strickland, Mayor

  
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Ruth Ann Sorrell, City Secretary