



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
HITCHCOCK CITY COMMISSION
HITCHCOCK CITY HALL
7423 HIGHWAY 6, HITCHCOCK, TEXAS
November 16, 2020, 6:00 P.M.**

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

2. Invocation

Invocation by John Elliot

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Citizen Comments:

Victoria Grogan expressed her concern with the lack of maintenance of the Mainland Cemetery and the poor condition of Memorial St.

Clay Burton congratulated the City on a job well done for the Veteran's Day Celebration held on November 11, 2020. He also gave his thanks to the City Council and City Manager for all the work they have done to improve the City of Hitchcock.

5. Mayor Randy Strickling recognized the Charter Review Members and presented those present with a Certificate of Appreciation.

6. Consent Agenda Items (A-C):

All consent items listed are considered routine by the City Commission and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items, unless a Commission 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 Commission Meeting dated October 19, 2020.

(B) Approval of Investment Report for the month ending October 31, 2020.

(C) Approval of Accounts Payable Report for the month ending October 31,2020.

Wayne Newton made the motion to approve all consent items. Chris Armacost seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Items for Individual Consideration:

7. Discussion and appropriate action approving an Ordinance amending the Comprehensive Fee Schedule.

Mark Cook made the motion to approve an Ordinance amending the Comprehensive Fee Schedule. Wayne Newton seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

8. Discussion and appropriate action rescheduling the regular City Council Meeting on January 18, 2021, Martin Luther King Holiday to January 11, 2021.

Wayne Newton made the motion to reschedule the regular City Council Meeting on January 18, 2021, Martin Luther King Holiday to January 11, 2021. Mary Combs Demby seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

9. Canvassing the returns of the General and Special Election held on November 3, 2020 Election and declare results.

Chris Armacost made the motion to canvas and approve the results of the General and Special Election. Mary Combs Demby seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

10. Discussion and appropriate action approving a Resolution declaring the results of the November 3, 2020 General Election of the City of Hitchcock.

Mary Combs Demby made the motion to approve a Resolution declaring the results of the November 3, 2020 General Election of the City of Hitchcock. Chris Armacost seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

11. Discussion and appropriate action approving a Resolution declaring the results of the November 3, 2020 Special Election of the City of Hitchcock.

Wayne Newton made the motion to approve a Resolution declaring the results of the November 3, 2020 Special Election of the City of Hitchcock. Mary Combs Demby seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

12. Discussion and appropriate action adopting an Ordinance of the City of Hitchcock, Texas, ordering and declaring the 2020 Charter amendments adopted.

Mark Cook made the motion to adopt an Ordinance of the City of Hitchcock, Texas, ordering and declaring the 2020 Charter amendments adopted. Chris Armacost seconded the motion. Motion passed. 5-0.

13. Mayor Randy Strickland recognized outgoing City Commissioner Mark Cook and presented him with a plaque from the City of Hitchcock.

14. Swearing in of new City Council Members by Judge M. Douglas Rotenberry:

- a. Mary Combs Demby City Council Member District 1
- b. Wayne Newton City Council Member District 3
- c. Andre Perkins City Council Member District 4

15. Discussion and appropriate action on the appointment of a Mayor Pro Tempore for the City Council of the City of Hitchcock.
Wayne Newton made the motion to appoint Chris Armacost as Mayor Pro Tempore. Mary Combs Demby seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 6:30pm.

- 16. 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 and, Section 551.072 Real Estate.**

- 17. Reconvene into Open Session at 6:43pm.**

- 18. Consider possible action or give direction on items legally discussed in Executive Session.**

Wayne Newton made the motion to authorize the City Manager enter into an agreement to purchase the real properties located at 6801 Delaney Road and Highway 6 in for a total amount not to exceed \$340,000 (\$250,000 plus 85,800 plus expenses) and under terms and conditions approved by the City Attorney. Andre Perkins seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

- 19. Mayor and Commissioner Requests/Comments.**

Mayor Randy Strickland spoke regarding the excellent Veteran's Day Celebration that was held on 11/11/2020.

- 20. Announcements:**

City offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday November 26 & 27, 2020.
City offices will be closed for the Christmas Holiday December 24 & 25, 2020.

- 21. Adjourn.**

Chris Armacost made the motion to adjourn. Wayne Newton seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
Meeting adjourned at 6:49pm.

Reception



Chris Armacost, Mayor Pre-Tem



Ruth Ann Sorrell, City Secretary