



**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
HITCHCOCK CITY COUNCIL  
HITCHCOCK CITY HALL  
7423 HIGHWAY 6, HITCHCOCK, TEXAS  
December 21, 2020, 6:00 P.M.**

1. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Chris Armacost at 6:00pm.

**Members Present:**

Mayor – Pro Tem Chris Armacost  
Council Member Mary Combs Demby  
Council Member Wayne Newton  
Council Member Andre Perkins  
Marie Gelles, City Manager

Ruth Ann Sorrell, City Secretary  
Kyle Dickson, City Attorney  
Wilmon Smith, Chief of Police  
Leroy Thomas, Public Works Superintendent  
Candie Serna, Code Enforcement

**Members Absent:** Mayor Randy Strickland

2. Invocation by Sam Collins.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Citizen Comments:**

Clay Burton expressed his concerns about the City contracting out Police Dispatch to Galveston County.

Paul Roach spoke about the need to pay the Police Officers a higher salary.

Don Johnson requested that the City Council appoint him to the Houston/Galveston Subsidence District Board.

Sam Collins spoke in favor of the Comprehensive Plan and stated that there are several grants and loans listed in the plan that the City has not applied for.

5. **Proclamations/Recognitions:**

Video Presentation of the APA-Texas 2020 Planning Excellence Award presented by Jamie Hicks-Masterson, TAMU Texas Target Communities.

6. **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 Commission Meeting dated November 16, 2020.

(B) Approval of Investment Report for the month ending November 30, 2020.

(C) Approval of Accounts Payable Report for the month ending November 30,2020.

Wayne Newton made the motion to approve all consent items. Mary Combs Demby seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

**Items for Individual Consideration:**

**7. Discussion and appropriate action awarding the bank depository contract and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.**

Marie Gelles, City Manager explained the review process of the bank depository bids and recommended Prosperity Bank be awarded the bank depository contract.

Wayne Newton made the motion to award Prosperity Bank with the bank depository contract and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents. Andre Perkins seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

**8. Discussion and appropriate action awarding a contract for the CDBG-DR, GLO Contract Number 20-065-042-C128 drainage and sewer improvements projects.**

DeWayne Davis with Kaluza, Inc. explained the review process of the bids and advised the contract be awarded to King Solutions, LLC.

Chris Armacost made the motion to award a contract for the CDBG-DR, GLO Contract Number 20-065-042-C128 drainage and sewer improvements projects to King Solutions, LLC. Wayne Newton seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

**9. Discussion and appropriate action approving a Resolution authorizing the award of professional service provider contract for the 2021-2022 Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), Phase II, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.** Mary Demby mad the motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the award of professional service provider contract to GrantWorks for the 2021-2022 Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), Phase II, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Wayne Newton seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

**10. Discussion and appropriate action authorizing the purchase of Cloud VT SCADA system in the amount of \$56,636.**

Leroy Thomas expressed the need for a new SCADA system for the water and wastewater for the City. Kenneth Sessun Sr. and Dusty O'Day with Cloud VT SCADA spoke about the quality of the service and the financial saving it can create.

Wayne Newton made the motion to authorize the purchase of Cloud VT SCADA system in the amount of \$56,636. Mary Combs Demby seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

**11. Discussion and appropriate action approving a Resolution declaring certain items and vehicles owned by the City as surplus items for auction.**

Andre Perkins made the motion to approve Resolution declaring certain items and vehicles owned by the City as surplus items for auction. Mary Combs Demby seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

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

Wayne Newton mad the motion to approve an Ordinance amending the FY 2020-2021 City of Hitchcock Adopted Budget. Andre Perkins seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

**Executive Session:** None

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

**14. Announcements:**

City Hall will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas Holiday and January 1<sup>st</sup> for the New Year Holiday.


**15. Adjourn.**

Wayne Newton made the motion to adjourn. Mary Combs Demby seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:37pm.



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Randy Strickland, Mayor



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Ruth Ann Sorrell, City Secretary