



**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
HITCHCOCK CITY COUNCIL  
HITCHCOCK CITY HALL  
7423 HIGHWAY 6, HITCHCOCK, TEXAS  
March 15, 2021 at 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

Wilmon Smith, Police Chief

Darron Ray, Fire Inspector

2. Invocation by John Elliott

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. **Citizen Comments:**

Earl Tottenham presented his invention "The Emergency Home and Business Indicator."

5. Mayor Randy Stricklind read a Proclamation recognizing April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month in the City of Hitchcock.

6. Mayor Randy Stricklind presented a Proclamation proclaiming March 17, 2021 as William M. Johnson Day in the City of Hitchcock.

7. **Consent Agenda Items (A-F):**

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 February 22, 2021.

(B) Approval of Investment Report for the month ending February 28, 2021.

(C) Approval of Accounts Payable Report for the month ending February 28, 2020.

- (D) Approval of a Resolution designating the Galveston Daily News as the official newspaper in the City of Hitchcock.
- (E) Approval of an Order of the City of Hitchcock cancelling the May 1, 2021 election due to all open positions being unopposed.
- (F) Accepting the resignation of Kimberly Jenkins from the Hitchcock Economic Development Board.

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

**Items for Individual Consideration:**

**8. Presentation on the FY 2019-2020 annual financial audit and acceptance.**

Chris Armacost made the motion to accept the FY 2019-2020 annual financial audit. Wayne Newton seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

**9. Discussion and appropriate action approving a Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a 2021-2022 Texas Community Development Block (CDBG) Program-Community Development Fund Grant of up to \$350,000 to construct water utility improvements and designating the Mayor or City Manager as the City's authorized signatories.**

Andre Perkins made the motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a 2021-2022 Texas Community Development Block (CDBG) Program-Community Development Fund Grant of up to \$350,000 to construct water utility improvements and designating the Mayor or City Manager as the City's authorized signatories. Mary Combs Demby seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

**10. Discussion and appropriate action adopting a Citizen Participation Plan and Citizen Complaint Procedures to be followed during application and implementation of the Texas Development Block Grant Program under the Texas Department of Agriculture.**

Chris Armacost made the motion to adopt a Citizen Participation Plan and Citizen Complaint Procedures to be followed during application and implementation of the Texas Development Block Grant Program under the Texas Department of Agriculture. Wayne Newton seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

- 11. Discussion and appropriate action approving a Resolution of the City of Hitchcock, Texas, authorizing the approval of a contract for collection services providing for the collection of delinquent taxes and court fines and fees with Linebarger, Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP; and making certain findings associated with Texas Government Code §2254.1032; and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract; making various findings and provisions related to the subject; and providing for an effective date.**

Wayne Newton made the motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Hitchcock, Texas, authorizing the approval of a contract for collection services providing for the collection of delinquent taxes and court fines and fees with Linebarger, Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP; and making certain findings associated with Texas Government Code §2254.1032; and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract; making various findings and provisions related to the subject; and providing for an effective date. Andre Perkins seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

- 12. Discussion and appropriate action adopting an Ordinance amending Title XI entitled Business Regulations by adding Chapter 121 entitled Alarms, providing for severability; providing a cumulative clause; and providing an effective date.**

Andre Perkins made the motion to adopt an Ordinance amending Title XI entitled Business Regulations by adding Chapter 121 entitled Alarms, providing for severability; providing a cumulative clause; and providing an effective date. Chris Armacost seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1.

- 13. Discussion, and appropriate action approving a Resolution for the City of Hitchcock to participation in The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS).**

Mary Combs Demby made the motion to approve a Resolution for the City of Hitchcock to participation in The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS). Wayne Newton seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

- 14. Report on the Surplus Item Auction results.**

Ruth Ann Sorrell presented the results of the Surplus Items Auction held January 22, 2021 through February 22, 2021. \$72,482.00 was received from auctioned items.

- 15. Discussion and appropriate action approving a Police Training Reimbursement Policy.**

Wayne Newton made the motion to approve a Police Training Reimbursement Policy. Andre Perkins seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

#### **Executive Session:**

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 6:48pm.

- 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, Section 551.072 Real Estate, and Section 551.074 (a) (1) Personnel Matters.**

- 17. Reconvene into Open Session at 7:15pm.**

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

No action taken

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

**20. Announcements:** None

**21. Adjourn.**

Chris Armacost made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mary Combs Demby seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

  
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Randy Strickland, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Ruth Ann Sorrell, City Secretary

