



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
HITCHCOCK CITY COUNCIL
HITCHCOCK CITY HALL
7423 HIGHWAY 6, HITCHCOCK, TEXAS
April 19, 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
Dustin Pruitt, Police Sergeant
Natalie Wilson, Environmental Investigator
Darron Ray, Fire Marshall
Leroy Thomas, Public Works Superintendent
Ivan Robidoux, Water Plant Operator
David O'Callaghan, Meter Reader

2. Invocation by John Elliott
3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Citizen Comments:

Helberd Phillips addressed his concern for the condition of Phillips Lane street repair and drainage improvements.

Dorothy Childress explained the application process of hiring a new Hitchcock Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) Director. She informed the Council of the actions taken by the HEDC board and expressed her support for the person chosen to fill the position.

Clay Burton encouraged the Council to increase community outreach for the youth of Hitchcock.

5. David O'Callaghan was recognized for his 5 years with the City of Hitchcock by Mayor Randy Stricklind.
6. Mayor Randy Stricklind read a proclamation proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Hitchcock.
7. Mayor Randy Stricklind presented a proclamation proclaiming May 2 through May 8, 2021 as City Secretary Week in the City of Hitchcock.

8. Mayor Randy Strickland presented a proclamation recognizing May 9 through May 15, 2021 as National Police Week in the City of Hitchcock.

9. Consent Agenda Items (A-D):

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 March 15, 2021.

(B) Approval of Investment Report for the month ending March 31, 2021.

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

(D) Approval of First Quarter Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2020.

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

Items for Individual Consideration:

10. Report from the Hitchcock Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) on economic development activities.

Fred Welch, Interim Director HEDC and Jack Click, HEDC Board President presented the annual report of the HEDC. Fred Welch also introduced Tyler Robert as the newly hired Director of the Hitchcock Economic Development Corporation. Tyler then spoke regarding his plans for moving forward with the HEDC.

11. Discussion and appropriate action approving an agreement with Huntington Securities, Inc. for the purpose of providing Municipal Advisory Services to the City of Hitchcock.

Chris Armacost made the motion to approve an agreement with Huntington Securities, Inc. for the purpose of providing Municipal Advisory Services to the City of Hitchcock. Wayne Newton seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

12. Discussion and appropriate action approving an Ordinance of the City Council of Hitchcock, Texas, amending Title VII entitled Traffic Regulations by adding Subsection (E) to Section 70.03 entitled "Definitions"; providing for severability; providing a cumulative clause; and providing an effective date.

Andre Perkins made the motion to approve an Ordinance of the City Council of Hitchcock, Texas, amending Title VII entitled Traffic Regulations by adding Subsection (E) to Section 70.03 entitled "Definitions"; providing for severability; providing a cumulative clause; and providing an effective date. Wayne Newton seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

- 13. Discussion and appropriate action approving an Ordinance of the City Council of Hitchcock, Texas, amending Title VI entitled Traffic Regulations by amending Section 70.01 entitled “Establishment of Fire Lanes” by adding Subsection (C); Markings and Signs”; providing for severability; providing a cumulative clause; and providing an effective date.**

Chris Armacost made the motion to approve an Ordinance of the City Council of Hitchcock, Texas, amending Title VI entitled Traffic Regulations by amending Section 70.01 entitled “Establishment of Fire Lanes” by adding Subsection (C); Markings and Signs”; providing for severability; providing a cumulative clause; and providing an effective date. Wayne Newton seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

- 14. Discussion and appropriate action approving an agreement with Maguire Iron Work, Inc. for the purpose of maintaining Water Storage Tanks in the City of Hitchcock.**

Ivan Robidoux explained that the agreement with Maguire Iron Work, Inc. was a 10-year agreement to upgrade, repair and maintain 4 storage tanks in the City.

Andre Perkins made the motion to approve an agreement with Maguire Iron Work, Inc. for the purpose of maintaining Water Storage Tanks in the City of Hitchcock. Wayne Newton seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

- 15. Report on the Spring Clean-up held on March 27, 2021.**

Chief Wilmon Smith gave a report on the Spring Clean-up held March 27, 2021. He reported that 88 vehicles came through filling 8 roll offs.

- 16. Discussion and appropriate action approving an Ordinance amending the FY 2020-2021 City of Hitchcock Adopted Budget for the purpose of adding one additional full-time police officer position.**

Andre Perkins made the motion to approve an Ordinance amending the FY 2020-2021 City of Hitchcock Adopted Budget for the purpose of adding one additional full-time police officer position. Wayne Newton seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Executive Session:

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 6:58pm.

- 17. 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.**

- 18. Reconvene into Open Session at 7:09pm.**

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

No action taken

- 20. Mayor and City Council Requests/Comments. None**

- 21. Announcements: None**

22. Adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.



Randy Strickland, Mayor

Attest: 

Ruth Ann Sorrell, City Secretary