



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
HITCHCOCK CITY COUNCIL
HITCHCOCK CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
7423 HIGHWAY 6, HITCHCOCK, TEXAS
Monday, July 31, 2023, 6:00 P.M.**

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Armacost at 6:00 pm.

2. Invocation was led by Councilwoman Mary Combs Demby

Members Present:

Mayor Chris Armacost
Councilmember Mary Combs Demby
Councilmember Morris Tuck
Councilmember Andre Perkins
Councilmember Shawn Kadlecek

Debbie Nesbitt, City Secretary
Kyle Dickson, City Attorney
Arnold Cross Jr., Comm. Dev. Director
Stacey Baker, Comm. Dev. Specialist
Monio Mark, II, Finance Director
Wilmon Smith, Police Chief

Members Absent:

Marie Gelles, City Manager

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Citizen Comments:

David Dunn: 201 Harborwalk Blvd.; spoke to the council about his concerns about the high cost of water and sewer, his rates have doubled in the last several months and asked council to look over the rate increase on commercial business.

Ricky Isaacs: 7015 Backstrom; expressed his concerns about Joe Moore Community Park in front of his house, he hoped the city would start taking care of the park and to build it up so the community could enjoy the park and he would be able to take his family and enjoy it.

5. Public Hearing:

- a. Public hearing on a Specific Use Permit request submitted by Terry Gordon with Discovery Acquisition Services (Serenity 3D) to perform a seismic study utilizing explosive devices within the City of Hitchcock, Galveston County, Texas. (Arnold Cross, Jr., Community Development Director)

Mayor Armacost opened the public hearing at 6:10 pm. with no comments, closed the hearing at 6:12 pm.

- b. Public hearing on Planned Development District Zone (Arnold Cross, Jr., Community Development Director)

Mayor Armacost opened the public hearing at 6:12 pm. with no comments, closed the hearing at 6:13 pm.

Recognitions:

- 6. Present Certificates of Appreciation to summer Interns. (Arnold Cross, Jr. and Stacey Baker, Community Development, Wilmon Smith, Police Department)
 - a. Kendall McCardell
 - b. Samantha Nava
 - c. MarKayla Eleam

Arnold Cross, Jr., Community Development Director and Stacey Baker, Community Development Specialist presented Kendall McCardell a certificate of appreciation for all her hard work during her internship with the city and told her how much they appreciated her and would miss her smiling face, wished her the best in her senior year of high school.

Samantha Nava - rescheduled for August 21, 2023.

Wilmon Smith, Chief of Police presented MarKayla Eleam with her certificate of appreciation for her hard work and dedication and to the police department, and Markayla had expressed a career in criminal justice and coming to work for the police department after she graduates.

7. Consent Agenda Items (A-E):

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 June 26, 2023.
- (B) Approval of minutes for Special City Council Meeting dated July 5, 2023.
- (C) Approval of Investment Report for the month ending June 30, 2023.
- (D) Approval of Financial Report for the month ending June 30, 2023.
- (E) Approval of Accounts Payable Report for the month ending June 30, 2023.

Councilman Perkins made the motion to approve consent agenda items A - E. Seconded by Councilman Kadlecsek. Motion passed unanimously.

Items for Individual Consideration:

- 8. Presentation and appropriate action on proposed Eagle Scout Projects. (Shaylee

DeWitt and Stacey Baker, Community Development Specialist)

Stacey Baker, Community Development Specialist introduced Shaylee Dewitt and turned the presentation over to Shaylee who introduced herself and explained she was a scout with the Eagle Scout Troop # 715 out of League City, Texas and wanted to do a volunteer project in the City of Hitchcock and become an Eagle Scout. Shaylee presented her proposed project to council, and explained she'd been working with the fire department, fire marshal and public works department to determine the most needed locations throughout the city that she could place 250 blue reflectors on the roads to help first responders locate water lines and fire hydrants. Shaylee reported she would be putting a committee together to help her determine the cost of her project, she would accept, and will be looking for donations, anything would greatly be appreciated, the project would take approximately 6 months to complete.

Councilman Tuck made the motion to approve the proposal from Shaylee DeWitt for her Eagle Scout project. Seconded by Councilwoman Demby. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Performance Services, Inc. project progress report. (Davis Craig, Performance Services, Inc.)

David Craig, project manager with Performance Services gave the City Council an update on the progress on replacing all water meters within the city, and reported they only have three large meters left to replace. The entire project should be completed by October 24, 2023.

10. Discussion and appropriate action on a Specific Use Permit request submitted by Terry Gordon with Discovery Acquisition Services (Serenity 3D) to perform a seismic study utilizing explosive devices within the City of Hitchcock, Galveston County, Texas. (Arnold Cross Jr., Community Development Director)

Councilman Perkins made the motion to approve the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission. Seconded by Councilman Kadlecek. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Discussion and appropriate action approving an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Hitchcock, Texas amending the Code of Ordinances Title XV entitled "Land Usage," Chapter 152 entitled "Flood Hazard Areas" and providing for publication and an effective date. (Arnold Cross, Jr., Community Development Director)

Councilman Tuck made the motion to approve an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances Title XV entitled "Land Usage", to add "Flood Hazard Area's". Seconded by Councilman Kadlecek. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Discussion and appropriate action approving an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Hitchcock, Texas amending the Code or Ordinances Title XV entitled "Land Usage", article IV entitled "Zoning Districts" by amending Section 156.76 entitled "Planned Unit Development District" and providing for publication and an effective date. (Arnold Cross, Jr. Community Development Director)

Councilwoman Demby made the motion to approve an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances Titled XV entitled "Land Usage", by amending Section 156.76

entitled "Planned Unit Development District". Seconded by Councilman Tuck. Motion passed unanimously.

13. Discussion and appropriate action approving a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Hitchcock, Texas adopting a Planned Development District Policy; and providing that this Resolution shall become effective from and after its passage and adoption and providing for publication and an effective date. (Arnold Cross, Jr., Community Development Director)

Councilman Perkins made the motion to approve a Resolution adopting a Planned Development District Policy. Seconded by Councilwoman Demby. Motion passed unanimously.

14. Discussion and appropriate action regarding a Resolution by the City Council of the City of Hitchcock, Texas authorizing the submission of a grant application for Operation Lone Star Grant Program from the Office of the Governor for Homeland Security Operations. (Wilmon Smith, Chief of Police)

Item was tabled.

15. Discussion and appropriate action regarding a Resolution by the City Council of the City of Hitchcock, Texas authorizing the submission of a grant application for the Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program from the Office of the Governor. (Wilmon Smith, Chief of Police)

Councilman Perkins made the motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to apply for a grant for Bullet-Resistant Shields from the Office of the Governor. Seconded by Councilman Kadlecek. Motion passed unanimously.

16. Discussion and appropriate action approving a Resolution by the City Council of the City of Hitchcock, Texas amending authorized representatives for TEXPOOL, an investment service for public funds. (Monio Mark, Finance Director)

Councilman Kadlecek made the motion to approve a Resolution amending and authorizing Monio Mark, Finance Director to be added to the TexPool Investment Account for the City of Hitchcock. Seconded by Councilman Perkins. Motion passed unanimously.

17. Presentation on the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Proposed Budget. (Marie Gelles, City Manager)

Monio Mark, II presented the FY 2023-2024 proposed budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

18. Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Armacost at 6:48 pm.



Christopher Armacost, Mayor



Debbie C. Nesbitt, City Secretary