



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
HITCHCOCK CITY COUNCIL
HITCHCOCK CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
7423 HIGHWAY 6, HITCHCOCK, TEXAS
Monday, August 21, 2023, 6:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Armacost at 6:01 pm.

Members Present:

Mayor Chris Armacost	Debbie Nesbitt, City Secretary
Councilmember Mary Combs Demby	Leroy Thomas, Public Works Director
Councilmember Morris Tuck	Monio Mark, II, Finance Director
Councilmember Andre Perkins	Arnold Cross, Jr. Comm. Dev. Director
Councilmember Shawn Kadlecek	

Members Absent:

Marie Gelles, City Manager

Invocation led by Councilwoman Mary Combs Demby

4. Citizen Comments:

Vance Webb: 9 Little Torch; expressed his concerns with the burned-out building in the Harborwalk neighborhood, the safety issues the building has for the neighborhood, the children. Would like the city to do something to help.

Kevin Mulholland: 10 Little Torch; expressed the safety issues with the condemned burned structure at 1301 Harborwalk, and it impacts the values of homes in that subdivision, asked the city to give its full support in getting something done.

Justus Tiemann: 14 Half Moon; expressed concerns with the burned building in Harborwalk, explained people are accessing the underneath the building in the evenings by the water to fish, and noticed people grilling in the evenings from under the burned structure. Also voiced his concerns about the safety issues of flying debris, and it is hurricane season, and the patio furniture is everywhere, broken glass and debris everywhere and someone could get hurt.

Proclamations and Recognitions

5. Presentation of a Proclamation recognizing the Hitchcock Highschool Bulldogs as Defending Champions, Division II, 7 on 7 State Champions. (Coach Randy Williams)

Mayor Armacost presented Coach Randy Williams and the Hitchcock High School 7 on 7 State Champions with a proclamation from the City Council and the City of Hitchcock.

6. 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 July 31, 2023.
- (B) Approval of minutes for Special City Council Meeting dated August 7, 2023.
- (C) Approval of Investment Report for the month ending July 31, 2023.
- (D) Approval of Financial Report for the month ending July 31, 2023.
- (E) Approval of Accounts Payable Report for the month ending July 31, 2023

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

Items for Individual Consideration:

7. Performance Services, Inc. progress report on the Leachate issues at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. (David Craig, Performance Services, Inc.)

David Craig with Performance Services reported on the TCEQ issues on the Leachate program at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, TCEQ had stopped us taking third party leachate at this time, we must create a major amendment to the program and submit it to TCEQ for approval, which could take up to twelve months, we are hopeful it will be sooner.

8. Discussion and appropriate action approving a Resolution re-adopting the City of Hitchcock Investment Policy. (Marie Gelles, City Manager)

Finance Director, Monio Mark presented a Resolution re-adopting the City of Hitchcock Investment Policy. Councilmember Tuck made the motion to approve a Resolution re-adopting the City of Hitchcock's Investment Policy. Seconded by Councilwoman Demby. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Discussion and appropriate action approving a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Hitchcock, authorizing the City Manager to sign the Seismic Survey License Agreement with Discovery Acquisitions Services, LLC. (Arnold Cross, Jr., Community Development Director)

Councilmember Kadlecek made the motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign an agreement between the City of Hitchcock and Discovery Acquisitions Services, LLC. for a Seismic Survey. Seconded by Councilwoman Demby. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Discussion and appropriate action approving an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Hitchcock, Texas amending the Code of Ordinances Title IX entitled "General Regulations," Chapter 95 entitled "Mass Gatherings," Section 95.11 application procedures. (Wilmon Smith, Chief of Police)

Councilmember Tuck made the motion to approve an Ordinance amending the Code or Ordinances titled IX entitled "General Regulations," Chapter 95 entitled "Mass Gatherings", section 95.11 application procedures. Seconded by Councilwoman Mary Combs Demby. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Budget Workshop (Utility Fund)

Finance Director, Monio Mark opened the workshop on the Utility Fund, presented the revenue sources and expenditures within the fund, reported on the enhancements made within the FY 2023-2024 budget, and reminded Council of the public hearing set for September 12, 2023, and passing the FY 2023-2024 Budget and Tax Rate on September 18, 2023.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

11. 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 settlements, and Section 551.072 deliberation regarding real property.

Entered Executive Session at 6:30 pm.

12. Reconvene into Open Session:

Reconvened back in open session at 6:57 pm.

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

No action was taken.

15. Adjourn:

Mayor Christopher Armacost adjourned the meeting at 6.58 pm.



Christopher Armacost, Mayor

Attest:



Debbie C. Nesbitt, City Secretary