



**AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
HITCHCOCK CITY COUNCIL  
HITCHCOCK CITY HALL  
7423 HIGHWAY 6, HITCHCOCK, TEXAS  
March 15, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Citizen Comments:

**PLEASE NOTE: Public comments and matters from the floor are limited to 3 minutes in length. If you would like to request to speak, please do so in advance of the meeting by filling out a Request to Address Council form. All in attendance are required to remove hats and/or sunglasses (dark glasses) during meetings and to also silence all cell phones and electronic devices.**

**Speakers must address their comments to the presiding officer rather than to individual commissioners or staff. Speakers will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes to speak. Speakers making personal, impertinent, profane, or slanderous remarks will be given a warning before losing the privilege to speak or may be removed from the room. Unauthorized remarks from the audience, stamping of feet, whistles, yells, and similar demonstrations/distractions will not be permitted. No placards, banners or signs will be permitted in the Chambers or in any room in which the Council is meeting. In accordance with the Texas State Open Meetings Act, the City Council is restricted from discussing or taking action on items not listed on the agenda.**

**As authorized by Section 551.042 of the Texas Government Code, the Presiding Officer may direct a City Official to make a statement of specific factual information in response to an inquiry made by a member of the public or the City Council or a recitation of existing policy in response.**

5. Proclamation recognizing April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month in the City of Hitchcock.
6. 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.

## **Items for Individual Consideration:**

- 8 Presentation on the FY 2019-2020 annual financial audit and acceptance. (Christopher Breaux, CPA, Whitley Penn LLP)
- 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. (Marie Gelles, City Manager and Sylvia Davila, Grant Works)
- 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. (Marie Gelles, City Manager and Sylvia Davila, Grant Works)
- 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. (Marie Gelles, City Manager and Mark Ciavaglia, Managing Partner, Linebarger Goggan Blair and Sampson, LLP)

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. (Darron Ray, Fire Marshal)
13. Discussion, and appropriate action approving a Resolution for the City of Hitchcock to participation in The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS). (Leroy Thomas, Public Works Superintendent)
14. Report on the Surplus Item Auction results. (Ruth Ann Sorrell, City Secretary)
15. Discussion and appropriate action approving a Police Training Reimbursement Policy. (Chief Wilmon Smith)

**Executive Session:**

- 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.**
- 18. Consider possible action or give direction on items legally discussed in Executive Session.**
- 19. Mayor and City Council Requests/Comments.**
- 20. Announcements:**
- 21. Adjourn.**

**In order to best facilitate actions by the City Council items may be taken out of order as posted.**

**\*If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the City Council reserves the right to conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E, including but not limited to the following provisions: (1) Section 551.071 – consultation with attorney, (2) Section 551.072 – deliberation regarding real property, and (3) Section 551.074 – deliberation regarding personnel matters, and/or complaints against city personnel. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.**

**I, RUTH ANN SORRELL, CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF HITCHCOCK DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE NOTICE OF MEETING WAS POSTED AT CITY HALL IN THE CITY OF HITCHCOCK, TEXAS ON THE 12TH DAY OF MARCH 2021 AT 4:00 P.M. AT A PLACE CONVENIENT AND READILY ACCESSIBLE TO THE**

**GENERAL PUBLIC AND REMAINED SO POSTED CONTINUOUSLY FOR AT LEAST  
72 HOURS PRECEDING THE SCHEDULED TIME OF SAID MEETING.**



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**Ruth Ann Sorrell, City Secretary**